

ADMISSION SELECTIVITY GUIDE

Colleges vary in size, cost, and admission policies. Below is a chart with general guidelines to follow in determining admission eligibility. Factors to consider are coursework, grades trends, GPA, test scores, major, talents, school participation, special circumstances, community activities, letters of recommendation, writing samples and related career exploration.

The following information is not absolute—these are general guidelines to consider in selecting a category for the college search.

**Schools in the Most Selective Category are followed by the specific admission percentage.*

ADMISSION CATEGORY	EXAMPLE UNIVERSITIES	SAT RANGE	ACT RANGE	GPA (Approximate weighted minimum)
Most Selective (Admit fewer than 33%)	Ivy League schools, Military Academies, Stanford (5%), University of Chicago (9%), Vanderbilt (12%), Northwestern (13%), Wash U in St. Louis (17%), Notre Dame (20%), Michigan (26%)	1410-1600	31-35	4.1
Highly Selective (Admit 33% to 50%)	Baylor, BYU-Provo, Dayton, Macalester College, Minnesota-Twin Cities, Ohio State, Wisconsin-Madison	1290-1500	27-33	3.9
Selective (Admit 50% to 75%)	Augustana, Bradley, DePaul, Illinois, Indiana, Loyola, Marquette, Miami-Oxford, Nebraska	1180-1360	24-29	3.48
Traditional (Admit 75% to 85%)	Arizona State, Illinois State, Iowa, Iowa State, Missouri, Northern Illinois	990-1220	19-25	3.1
Flexible/Less Selective (Admit more than 85%)	Ferris State, Lincoln College, Southern Illinois-Carbondale, Western Illinois	Varies	Varies	Varies
Open/Noncompetitive (Admit 98% or more; High school graduate)	2 year/Community Colleges, College of DuPage, Arkansas-Little Rock, Nebraska-Kearney	Usually not required	Usually not required	Varies
Specialized	Art, Music Theater Columbia College, Berklee School of Music	Varies Portfolio or audition may be required	Varies Portfolio or audition may be required	Varies