

# Alternate Criteria Process



If you do not satisfy the minimum admission requirements, you may still be eligible for admission under alternate criteria which include a combination of test scores and grade point average that indicate potential for success; special talents and/or abilities; improvement in your academic record; other evidence of potential for success; overcoming adversity or special hardship; and special circumstances.

The Faculty Senate Admissions Committee typically meets once a month to vote to overturn or affirm initial admission decisions. Visit [unlv.edu/admissions/alternatives](http://unlv.edu/admissions/alternatives) to view meeting dates. To have your file reviewed, the following materials must be received at least one week prior to the committee meeting:

- One personal statement explaining the circumstances surrounding your academic performance
- Two letters of recommendation, preferably from teachers, counselors, or an official who can address your academic abilities
- One copy of your ACT or SAT test score  
Students with a GED, homeschooled, or less than 24 transferable credits are required to submit ACT or SAT test scores. Scores can be sent by fax, mail, or e-mail to the contact information listed below. They **do not** have to be official scores sent by the testing agency. If you have more than 24 transferrable credits, it is not required to submit an ACT or SAT test score, however it is **highly** recommended.

If you are admitted, it will be with the condition that you complete at least six college credits with a minimum 2.0 GPA during your first semester at UNLV. Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of your admission and a change in status to non-degree seeking student.

If the committee denies your application, you may be permitted to appeal again during the same semester if you experience extenuating circumstance. If you are denied by committee, you are encouraged to strive to meet the UNLV transfer requirements through one of the means listed below:

1. Attend another Nevada institution, such as the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) or Nevada State College, to obtain 24 transferable college credits with a 2.5 or higher GPA.
2. If you are at least 18 years old, you can enroll as a non-degree seeking student. As a non-degree seeking student, you are not eligible for federal or state financial aid and may not register for more than eight credits per semester. No more than 24 undergraduate credits earned as a non-degree seeking student may be considered for credit toward graduation.

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