

Saint Louis Christian College

Admissions
Information



Admission to Saint Louis Christian College

Saint Louis Christian College seeks students who share our vision and love our mission. (Please review the College Profile section of this catalog). If you are a good “institutional fit”, we want to get to know you! The process of becoming a student at SLCC consists of moving through three stages: Application, Acceptance, and Enrollment.

You must meet specific requirements at each stage of the process.

Application

Prospective students may submit an application online at www.slconline.edu/admissions/apply. Inquiries also may be made to:

Office of Admissions
Saint Louis Christian College
1360 Grandview Drive
Florissant, Missouri 63033
314-837-6777 ext. 8110
admissions@slconline.edu

Academic Admissions Requirements

(High School GPA** and ACT Score for recent High School graduates*)

ACT/GPA	High School GPA 1.00-1.49	High School GPA 1.50-1.99	High School GPA 2.00-2.66	High School GPA 2.67-3.66	High School GPA 3.67-4.00
ACT Score 29-36 (SAT Score 1940-2390)	<i>Partially Meets</i>	<i>Partially Meets</i>	Meets	Meets	Meets
ACT Score 25-28 (SAT Score 1710-1880)	<i>Partially Meets</i>	<i>Partially Meets</i>	Meets	Meets	Meets
ACT Score 18-24 (SAT Score 1290-1650)	<i>Partially Meets</i>	<i>Partially Meets</i>	Meets	Meets	Meets
ACT Score 15-17 (SAT Score 1100-1230)	Does Not Meet	<i>Partially Meets</i>	<i>Partially Meets</i>	<i>Partially Meets</i>	<i>Partially Meets</i>
ACT Score 1-14 (SAT Score below 1020)	Does Not Meet	Does Not Meet	Does Not Meet	Does Not Meet	Does Not Meet

Meets: Meets Admissions Requirements. Your high school GPA and ACT/SAT scores satisfy the academic admissions requirements of Saint Louis Christian College. There are other nonacademic requirements that are to be met as well.

Partially Meets: Partially Meets Admissions Requirements. Your high school GPA and/or ACT/SAT scores do not satisfy the academic admissions requirements of Saint Louis Christian College. Personnel from the Enrollment Management Committee will meet to discuss your acceptance. If admitted, you will be required to take College Skills Intensive, a three day course offered prior to the start of the semester. There is a fee for the course and it is mandatory for all students accepted on probation. There may be other nonacademic requirements that are to be met as well.

Does Not Meet: Any application received in this category, (an ACT below 15 *and* a high school GPA below 1.50) will not be considered for acceptance. If you fall into this category you may appeal to the Enrollment Management Committee by submitting a letter explaining why you feel you would be a good fit for SLCC.

*Those that have not previously attended college and have graduated from high school in the last 3 years

** GPA is based on a 4.0 scale

Acceptance

Requirements for Admittance

- ◆ **Application for Admission-** (See previous section above) The process of becoming a student at Saint Louis Christian College begins by completing the online application or by requesting an application packet from the Office of Admissions. Send your application, along with a \$25 nonrefundable application fee, to the Office of Admissions. The Application provides the opportunity to make a lifestyle commitment to abide by the standards, expectations and guidelines of Saint Louis Christian College.
- ◆ **Church Reference-** The application process requires that you ask someone within your home church to act as a reference for you. The individual selected should know you well enough to provide an honest evaluation of your Christian commitment and character, motivation to ministry, and academic ability. The reference may not come from a member of your family. The completed reference form should be submitted to the Office of Admissions.
- ◆ **High School Transcript (6th semester)-** Included in the application packet is a “Request for High School Transcript” form. Complete this form and take it to your high school. SLCC requires a minimum of a 6th semester transcript in this stage of the admissions process.
- ◆ **ACT/SAT-** All applicants who have graduated from high school within three years of the term they are applying for must take the American College Test (ACT) or Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). A composite score of 18 on the ACT or a total score of 830 on the SAT is considered minimal proficiency score for acceptance at SLCC. Probationary acceptance may be granted to applicants who score below this standard. An interview with the Enrollment Management Committee may be required. Students with probationary acceptance will be placed on academic probation and will be required to take College Skills Intensive, a three day course offered prior to the start of the semester (See previous section above). Note: if it has been three or more years since you have taken the ACT you will be required to take the on-campus Compass Test to be considered for admission.
- ◆ **College Transcripts and Good Standing Reference Form-** Applicants with previous college experience should submit official transcripts from all previous colleges attended. The transcript must be in a sealed envelope mailed from the institution.
- ◆ **Good Standing Reference Form-** The Good Standing Reference form is required for any student who has attended college in the previous five years of the term for which you are applying at Saint Louis Christian College. The form is required only from the last school attended.

A Letter of Acceptance will be sent to those students who satisfy the requirements listed above. The letter signifies that the Application stage of the admissions process is over.

Enrollment

Requirements for Enrollment

- ◆ **Complete High School Transcript or GED-** Evidence of graduation consists of submitting an official transcript from an accredited high school. Students who have not graduated from an accredited high school may submit their GED certificate in place of complete transcripts. Recognition of high school equivalency may also be given by a recognized home schooling body. Home-schooled students are likewise required to take the ACT. Plus, for federal financial aid benefits, home-schooled students from Missouri or any other state that does not issue a Certificate of Completion, must obtain a GED or pass an independently administered ability-to-benefit (ATB) test approved by the U. S. Department of Education.
- ◆ **Registration Fee-** A \$250 fee must be submitted to secure a place in the student body for the semester. This is a one-time fee and is nonrefundable.
- ◆ **Housing Form-** Students desiring to live in campus housing must complete the institutional housing form. If the dormitories on campus are full, priority consideration is given to those students who have paid their Registration Fee.
- ◆ **Health Form-** Every student planning to enroll at Saint Louis Christian College must submit a completed SLCC Health Form. There are two parts to the form: a family history and an examination made prior to the beginning of college. Both parts are to be completed and sent to the Office of Admissions by the required deadlines.
 - Commuter students must submit health forms prior to the first day of class, as listed in the Academic Calendar. Commuter students are not required to have a physical exam unless they are playing sports at Saint Louis Christian College.
 - Residential Students must submit a health form prior to moving into the dorms.

- Athletes must submit health forms prior to the beginning of practice. If the sport requires athletes to move into the dorms early, then the health form must be submitted prior to moving into the dorms.
- ◆ **Compass Placement Tests-** Once the applicant receives a Letter of Acceptance s/he may need to schedule a time to take the Compass Placement Test if needed. English and Math placement tests are not needed if ACT sub scores fall into qualifying ranges. The following chart indicates placement based on ACT sub scores:

<i>ACT English & Reading Sub Score</i>	<i>Placement</i>	<i>ACT Math Sub Score</i>	<i>Placement</i>
1—13	College English/College Reading (remedial)	1—17	Basic Math (remedial)
14—20	Compass English/Reading Placement Test Required (no fee for test)	18—20	Elementary Algebra (remedial)
21—36	English Composition I	21—25	Intermediate Algebra
		26—36	Contemporary College Mathematics

Students who feel that the recommended placement (based on their ACT sub score) is inaccurate may elect to take the Compass English or Math Placement test at SLCC, at a cost of \$25 per test.

- ◆ **Financial Aid-** Another step in this Enrollment Stage is to meet with the financial aid director to determine financial aid eligibility and scholarship opportunities. Though this step would have begun much earlier in the process, it should be completed now and all financial arrangements confirmed.
- ◆ **Attend Registered Classes-** The final step is to attend the registered classes. Once class attendance has begun, the student has completed this enrollment stage and is officially a student at Saint Louis Christian College.

International Students

International students may enroll at SLCC by meeting the following additional requirements:

- ◆ **Complete the International Student Application Form** and submit the \$25.00 application fee.
- ◆ **Demonstrate proficiency in using the English Language-** International Students must complete the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). A minimum score of 500 on the paper-based, 173 on the computer-based, or 61 on the internet-based TOEFL is required. The SLCC Code for the TOEFL is 6628.
- ◆ **Affidavit of Support-** A letter of guarantee from a person or agency for financial support is required. This financial commitment must be adequate to cover all expenses while a student at SLCC, as well as a return ticket to the applicant's native country. Names and addresses of those responsible financially must be provided. A letter must be on file affirming the commitment to provide this financial support.
- ◆ **Bank Statements-** The person or agency offering financial support must provide bank statements of their accounts showing that they have the money promised to the student.
- ◆ **Church Reference-** The church reference should be in the form of a recommendation from a church leader or missionary in the applicant's native country. This person should be able to provide an honest evaluation of personal spiritual maturity, Christian character and commitment to ministry.
- ◆ **Official Transcripts-** A copy of all educational credits earned for all high school and college work are required for all international students. These transcripts **MUST** be in English.
- ◆ **Completed I-20 Form-** Once all forms have been received, the Director of Admissions will review the student file to determine acceptance. Once an international student is accepted to SLCC an I-20 will be issued and mailed to the student. International students should not plan to attend unless an admission letter and an I-20 have been issued. *Applicants must pay a \$100 non-refundable fee for the cost of processing the I-20.*

Admission Classification

Acceptance- The Enrollment Management Committee grants acceptance to those applicants who exhibit Christian character, are motivated to live and study in a Christian college atmosphere, and who meet the appropriate academic requirements.

Probationary Acceptance- The Enrollment Management Committee may grant probationary acceptance to certain applicants who score below the minimum requirements for acceptance. If your ACT is between 15 and 17 you are required to take College Skills Intensive, a three day course offered prior to the start of the academic school year. There is a fee for this class, which is mandatory for all students accepted on probation at Saint Louis Christian College.

Unclassified Admittance- Students who wish to attend SLCC but do not wish to pursue a degree may be admitted as unclassified students with no transcripts required. However, an application and a church reference form must still be submitted. If you are a transfer student you will need to submit a good standing reference form from your previous college. Unclassified students may enroll for up to 9 credit hours per semester, and may earn a maximum of 24 credit hours. Should an unclassified student later decide to pursue a degree, s/he must meet all requirements for admission. Applicants who are unable to meet all acceptance and admissions requirements in time to begin classes may also be granted Unclassified Admission, if their application and church reference form have been received. Once all requirements have been met, regular admission may be granted for the following term. Non-degree-seeking students may take 000, 100, and 200 level courses without fulfilling any course prerequisites. However, many 300 and 400 level courses require prerequisites. Note: Unclassified students are not eligible for federal financial aid.

Note: Admissions material will be kept on file for one year after the start of the semester in which the prospective student was to be admitted. Students who do not enroll within that time will need to start the application process again.

Readmission

Former students of Saint Louis Christian College may simply contact the Registrar's Office to register for classes if the following conditions are met:

- ◆ You have been away for two years or less.
- ◆ You are in good standing with the College regarding academics, finances, and behavior.
- ◆ You have not attended another college in the meantime.
- ◆ You plan to resume the same degree program as before.

If these conditions are not met, then you must contact the Registrar's Office at least four weeks prior to registration and request information on reinstatement. If you have attended another college, you must request that an official transcript be sent directly to the Registrar's Office. You will also need to submit a Good Standing Reference Form from your most recent college attended.

Note: if you have been away from SLCC for more than two years you will be required to start the admissions process over.

Transfer Students

Students who have attended college previously and would like to transfer to Saint Louis Christian College should submit, along with their Application for Admission, official transcripts of credit from all colleges attended. If fewer than 24 college credit hours are earned, a high school transcript must also be submitted. Admission is based primarily upon the Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) earned at other colleges. Applicants may be required to take the Compass placement test before enrollment if their previous grades in mathematics and English are low.

Transfer students must proceed through the three-stage Admission process as explained elsewhere in this section. They must also submit a Good Standing Form.

- ◆ **Good Standing Reference Form-** Transfer students must be in good standing at all previous colleges attended in order to be considered for admission to SLCC. "Good standing" includes areas such as academics, discipline and finances. Academic, disciplinary problems, or outstanding bill at the previous college may prevent admission to SLCC. Good standing is documented by means of a special form, available from the Office of Admissions. The form should be submitted to the last college attended and completed by personnel from that institution. Note: a Good Standing Reference Form is only required if you attended college in the previous five years of the term for which you are applying.

Transfer of Credit

Students who have taken classes for credit at other institutions of higher learning may request that those credits be transferred to a degree program at SLCC. An official transcript from every college attended must be sent to the Admissions Office for review. The Registrar evaluates all transcripts and may grant credit for courses in which the final grade was a "C" or better.

SLCC recognizes two levels of transfer credits:

- Those applied to an SLCC degree. Courses for which SLCC has an equivalent and which satisfy a degree requirement will be applied to the degree.
- Those generally accepted for admissions purposes, when credits have been earned for courses for which SLCC does not have an equivalent. Students are limited to 15 hours of non-applicable transfer credits for financial aid and other purposes.

Credits earned at regionally accredited or ABHE-accredited institutions are transferred without further scrutiny; credits earned at unaccredited institutions are evaluated on a case-by-case basis before being validated. There is no limit to the number of applicable transfer credits, except that a student must take a minimum of 30 credit hours at SLCC. Certain other conditions apply in cases involving special partnership programs between SLCC and other institutions; please contact the Academic Office for further information. *Note: Transfer credits are not included in the computation of students' GPA at SLCC.*

Accepting Credits from Unaccredited Colleges

Saint Louis Christian College will accept in transfer a limited number of credits from unaccredited institutions of higher education. An unaccredited institution is defined as a college or university that has no official recognition (Candidacy or Membership) with the Association for Biblical Higher Education, a postsecondary regional accrediting commission, or another accrediting association recognized by the U.S. Department of Education at the time the course work was completed. The Registrar will determine acceptance of credit based upon the following criteria:

- ◆ Student must be transferring into, and pursuing, a bachelor-degree program.
- ◆ Up to twelve (12) credit hours may be accepted if:
 - ◆ Courses to be transferred were taught by appropriately credentialed individuals.
 - ◆ Course instructional materials (textbook, syllabi, etc.) represent generally accepted collegiate standards.

Correspondence Courses

Students may also obtain college credit through the completion of correspondence courses taken at an approved and accredited institution. The maximum credit accepted for correspondence courses toward a bachelor-degree program is 9 semester hours (4 hours in associate-degree programs).

Credit by Examination

Students may be eligible for up to 30 hours of credit through participation in nationally recognized examinations. To receive credit for these examinations, the student must be enrolled at SLCC. Credit will be applied to equivalent courses in the student's degree program. Students need to be aware, however, that other colleges may have different standards for granting credit by examination. All credits accepted by SLCC may not transfer to other institutions. The college does not grant duplicate credit for subject areas covered by multiple examinations (e.g., AP credit for English and CLEP credit for English).

Advanced Placement (AP)— High school students may receive credit for Advanced Placement Examinations sponsored by the College Entrance Examination Board. Students should check with their high school counselors about taking these exams. Test scores should be sent to the Registrar's Office at SLCC. Students must assume the responsibility for taking the AP examination and requesting the scores be sent to Saint Louis Christian College. After receiving these scores, the Registrar will determine the appropriate amount and type of credit earned. College credit may be granted for scores of three or higher.

Dantes, PEP— Students enrolling at Saint Louis Christian College may secure credit through other standardized examinations. Two examples are the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Educational Support (DANTES) for courses completed during military service, and PEP (Proficiency Examination Program). Requests are handled on a case-by-case basis.

College Level Examination Program (CLEP)— Students may earn college credit by taking CLEP examinations sponsored by the College Entrance Examination Board. The score recommended by the College Board is used in determining the acceptability of CLEP for credit. Saint Louis Christian College grants credit hours equal to the SLCC course equivalent. Additional credits may then be applied to general education elective hours.

Dual Enrollment

High school juniors and seniors may select from 14 accredited online courses for which credit is awarded by Saint Louis Christian College. High school credit is awarded simultaneously. Students may earn up to 30 hours of dual-enrollment credit, the equivalent of their first year of coursework at SLCC. Qualified students enroll through either of the following online academics: Sevenstar Academy (www.sevenstaracademy.org); Bridgeway Academy (www.homeschoolacademy.com). Those interested may contact the SLCC Admissions Office for more information.

Early Admission

Students who are seniors in high school may apply for early admission. The following requirements qualify high school seniors to take classes for college credit at Saint Louis Christian College: (1) permission of parents or guardians, (2) ACT score above the national average, and (3) a cumulative high school GPA of 3.30 or higher (on a 4.0 scale). High school students are limited to taking two classes per semester while still in high school. Those interested should contact the SLCC Admissions Office for enrollment information.

Rate of Completion

Saint Louis Christian College compiles statistics regarding the rate of completion of first-time full-time college students matriculating at the institution. In compliance with “The Student Right to Know Act,” current information is available upon written request from the Registrar’s Office.