Admission to CLA Majors–Including High Demand Majors Requiring Applications

General admissions procedures for incoming first-year students: Students entering the college with fewer than 12 completed college credit hours will enter the College either as UNLA/PLAU or as a pre-major, except those students admitted into the Honors College or into the departments of the School of Fine Arts. After the completion of 12 credit hours, a student may then transfer into a CLA major, provided he or she meets the entrance criteria for the selected major. If the selected major does not have high-demand status, then he or she will automatically be transferred into it. All students must select a major by the time they have completed 45 hours.

General admissions procedures for students transferring into CLA from off-campus: Transfer students who have completed more than 12 credit hours at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university may transfer directly into the major, provided that they meet the University’s transfer standards and the department’s admission criteria.

General admissions procedures for students transferring into CLA from another AU college: Students who wish to transfer into a major within CLA that does not have high-demand status may do so once they have successfully completed 12 hours at AU. If their desired major is a high-demand program, they must have gained admission to the program prior to transfer or be eligible for UNLA/PLAU status (UNLA/PLAU status not available to students who have completed 45 hours).

High Demand Major Admission Requirements

Communication: 2.3 GPA in ENGL 1100, ENGL 1120, and Core Social Science; completion of COMM 1000; successful completion of 30 hours of AU Core Courses; 300 word essay explaining the student’s interest in the field and career goals.

Communication Disorders: Must apply to the program after minimum of 30 hours of AU Core; evaluation of GPA in best 30 hours of AU Core for initial ranking; must have minimum B average in freshman English composition sequence; evaluation of letter of intent (300 words). Top 30 applicants accepted in each of 2 admissions cycles during the year.

Health Services Administration: 2.3 GPA in ACCT2110, MATH1680 or MATH1610, and HADM3000; successful completion of 30 credit hours; submission of a statement of purpose.

Journalism: 2.3 GPA in ENGL 1100, ENGL 1120, and Core Social Science; completion of JRNL 1100 with a B or better; successful completion of 30 hours of AU Core Courses; 300 word essay explaining the student’s interest in the field and career goals.

Music: Performance audition and matching with faculty capacity.

Public Relations: 2.3 GPA in ENGL 1100, ENGL 1120, and Core Social Science; completion of JRNL 1100 with a B or better; successful completion of 30 hours of AU Core Courses; 300 word essay explaining the student’s interest in the field and career goals.

Radio, Television, and Film (Media Studies): 2.3 GPA in ENGL 1100, ENGL 1120, and Core Social Science; completion of COMM 1000; successful completion of 30 hours of AU Core Courses; 300 word essay explaining the student’s interest in the field and career goals.

Social Work: Completion of SOCY 1000, SOWO 2000, and SOWO 3910 with a minimum grade of C in each and a combined GPA of 2.5; successful completion of 30 credit hours

Theatre-B.F.A.: Performance audition (or portfolio review) before the end of the sophomore year (exact timing varies by BFA track).