

**THE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY OF THE BAHAMAS
POLICY ON ADMISSIONS**

1. General

Admission to The College/University of The Bahamas is open to persons who meet admissions requirements. Applicants may be considered for one of the following programmes:

- 1.1.1 Bachelor Degree
- 1.1.2 Associate Degree
- 1.1.3 Diploma
- 1.1.4 Certificate
- 1.1.5 Upgrading
- 1.1.6 Post-graduate programmes facilitated by The College/University in conjunction with offshore institutions

2. Admissions Criteria

Applicants whose first language is not English must provide proof of proficiency in English, such as Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or equivalent, in addition to meeting admissions requirements. Some College/University programmes have additional entry requirements such as a personal interview or portfolio; relevant Schools/Academic Units should be consulted for specific details.

2.1 Bachelor and Associate Degree Programmes

- 2.1.1 To be eligible for acceptance into a Bachelor or Associate degree programme, applicants must have achieved one of the following:
 - 2.1.1.1 Five BGCSE or equivalent passes including English and Mathematics with “C” grades or higher.
 - 2.1.1.2 Four BGCSE or equivalent passes including English, Mathematics, a Social Science and a Natural Science subject with “C” grades or higher. (See Appendix for subjects in the Social Sciences and Natural Sciences.)
 - 2.1.1.3 Three BGCSE or equivalent passes in subjects other than English and Mathematics with “C” grades or higher plus college-level placement in English and Mathematics in The College’s/University’s Placement Examination.
 - 2.1.1.4 A combined score of at least 1000 on the Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT) if taken during and prior to 2005 or a combined score of at least 1000 on the Math and Verbal components of the Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT) if taken after 2005 plus a high school transcript with a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher, inclusive of at least one term of the 12th grade or senior year.
 - 2.1.1.5 Successful completion of a college preparatory programme at The College/University of The Bahamas or an institution recognised by The College/University.
 - 2.1.1.6 Mature Student Status, that is, 25 years old or older, with BGCSE or equivalent English and Mathematics passes with “C” grades or higher.
 - 2.1.1.7 Transfer Student Status, that is, applicants who have completed at least 15 credit hours of college-level coursework with a “C” grade or higher at an institution recognised by The College/University and who are in good standing with a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or higher.

2.2 Diploma Programmes

To be eligible for acceptance into a Diploma programme applicants must have at least a Bachelor degree or professional credential in the relevant area from an institution recognised by The College/University.

2.3 Certificate Programmes

Criteria for admissions to Certificate programmes are specified by the relevant School/Academic Unit.

2.4 Upgrading Programmes

2.4.1 Applicants who have not obtained the necessary qualifications for direct entry into Bachelor or Associate Degree programmes may be considered for one of the following upgrading programmes

2.4.1.1 Basic Upgrading.

2.4.1.2 Mature Upgrading.

2.4.1.3 College Preparatory.

2.4.2 To be eligible for entry into the College Preparatory programme applicants must have at least two BGCSE or equivalent passes with “C” grades or higher and BGCSE or equivalent English and Mathematics passes with at least an “E” grade or a combined SAT score of at least 600 if taken during or prior to 2005 or a combined SAT score of at least 600 on the Math and Verbal components if taken after 2005.

2.5 Post-graduate Programmes

Criteria for admission to post-graduate programmes are specified by The College/University of The Bahamas depending on the programme.

3. Advanced Standing

Advanced Standing will be granted to students who are holders of degrees from institutions recognised by The College/University who require deficiency and/or prerequisite courses at the freshman or sophomore levels.

4. Advanced Placement

Advanced Placement will be granted to students who are holders of degrees from institutions recognised by The College/University who do not require deficiency and/or prerequisite courses at the freshman or sophomore levels.

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APPENDIX**

Bahamas General Certificate of Secondary Education

Social Science subjects: History, Economics, Religious Studies, Geography

Natural Science subjects: Geography, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Combined Science

College/University of The Bahamas Upgrading Programmes

Basic Upgrading Programme for Traditional Age Students

Traditional-aged students who have completed high school and who lack the necessary BJs, BGCSEs, SAT scores, or other criteria for direct entry into an associate or bachelor degree programme are eligible for entry into the Basic Upgrading Programme for Traditional Age Students. Upon successful completion of this programme, students are accepted into the College Preparatory Programme. Courses in the Basic Upgrading Programme include

MATH 046 – College Prep. Math I

ENG 015 – Basic English II

SOST 001 – Social Studies

SCI 070 – Introduction to General Science

COUN 001 – Student Development Seminar

Mature Upgrading Programme

Individuals who are 25 years and older are eligible for entry into the Mature Upgrading Programme (MATH 046, 047, & 048 and ENG 016 & 017). Upon successful completion of this programme, students are admitted into an associate or bachelor degree programme. Courses in the Mature Upgrading Programme include

MATH 046 – College Prep. Math I

MATH 047 – College Prep. Math II

MATH 048 – College Prep. Math III

Note: CHEM 071 and BIOL 071 must be completed by persons wishing to pursue the Degree in Nursing.

ENG 015 – Basic English II

ENG 016 – Intermediate English I

ENG 017 – Intermediate English II

College Preparatory Programme

The College Preparatory Programme is a pre-college level programme designed to offer remedial and upgrading general education courses to traditional age students who lack the academic pre-requisites for direct entry into an associate or bachelor degree programme. Upon successful completion of this programme, students are accepted into an associate or bachelor degree programme. Courses in the College Preparatory Programme include

MATH 047 – College Prep. Math II

MATH 048 – College Prep. Math III

ENG 016 – Intermediate English I

ENG 017 – Intermediate English II

And any two of the following:

GEOG 012 – College Prep. Geography

CHEM 071 – College Prep. Chemistry

BIOL 071 – College Prep. Biology

HIS 012 – Topics in 20th Century European and
World History

CIVS 001 – Bahamian Civics

PHYS 071 – College Prep. Physics

AGRI – 016/017 Principles of Plant Science