Admission Alternatives

If you do not satisfy the set admission requirements, you may still be eligible for admission. The information below describes alternatives for gaining admission to UNLV. Please note: If you have earned a GED or are a home-schooled student, you are required to complete one of the following three options to gain admission to UNLV.

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Option 1: Alternate criteria

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.

You may appeal to the Faculty Senate Admissions Committee by submitting:
- 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.
- A copy of your ACT or SAT test scores.

Unofficial copies are acceptable. All students are required to submit ACT or SAT test scores. If you do not have test scores or you would like to improve your score, you may take the ACT Residual at UNLV. If you have more than 24 transferable credits and are unable to submit test scores, an explanation must be included in your personal statement.

Fax, e-mail, or mail your documents and the appeals application to the attention of the Faculty Senate Admissions Committee Liaison.
Fax: 702-774-8008
E-Mail: appeals@unlv.edu
Mailing Address:
Attn: Faculty Senate Admissions Committee Liaison
4505 S. Maryland Parkway Box 451021
Las Vegas, NV 89154-1021

Option 2: Enroll as a nondegree-seeking student

You may enroll at UNLV as a nondegree-seeking student to earn a maximum of eight credits per semester. Although there is no limit to the number of credits one may earn as a nondegree-seeking student, no more than 24 credits may be applied toward a bachelor's degree at UNLV upon admission as a full-time student.

As a nondegree-seeking student, you must fulfill one of the following requirements to be admissible to UNLV:
- Freshman (with 0 to 24 college credits) must earn at least 24 college credits with a 2.5 GPA.
- Transfer (with 24 or more transferable credits) must take additional classes to earn a cumulative 2.5 GPA.

Nondegree-seeking students are not eligible for federal or state financial aid, or campus housing. Academic advising is available through the Academic Success Center. There is a $30 application fee to sign up as a non-degree seeking student.

Option 3: Enroll at another institution and transfer to UNLV
You may also choose to enroll at another institution. Once you have earned 24 or more transferable credits with a 2.5 grade point average, you can be re-evaluated for admission to UNLV.

Please Note: Students with 30 or fewer transferrable credits that attend a Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) community college are eligible to apply for a transfer agreement. This agreement guarantees admission to UNLV and transferability of all courses as outlined in the Terms of Agreement.

Additionally, applicants that earn an AA, AS, or ABA at a Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) community college with a cumulative 2.0 or higher will be automatically admissible upon application to the university.