

ADMISSIONS

General Admissions Statement

In selecting applicants for admission, Maharishi University of Management considers each prospective student's overall potential. Factors considered include not only academic accomplishment, but also maturity, motivation, and dedication to learning. Grades; extracurricular activities and work experience; recommendations from teachers, employers, and others who know the applicant well; scores on standardized tests; and other information, including answers to essay questions and personal interviews, are all considered.

An applicant's degree of commitment to the educational opportunities offered at the University — enthusiasm for learning and dedication to developing full potential — are seriously considered in the admissions process.

• Admissions Interview

An interview with a representative of the University is a required part of the application process for both undergraduate and graduate programs. When a visit to the campus is not possible, this is done over the telephone.

For those who can come, many Visitors Weekend Courses are offered each year, during the fall, spring, and summer. These courses provide a complete introduction to the University and are highly recommended for prospective students and their families.

• Application Deadline for Admissions and Financial Aid

The academic year begins in mid-August for U.S. applicants (international students see the section titled "International Student Admissions"). Most new students begin at this time; however, spring admission does occur for certain undergraduate and graduate programs. (Check with the Office of Admissions for details of program starting dates.) Special students may register for individual courses offered in one-month blocks throughout the year. (Please refer to "Special Program Admissions" in this section of the Catalog.)

**STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY ONLINE AT
<http://mum.edu/apply/online>**

Applicants who plan to enter in August should submit their completed applications by May 15. (For students applying to the master's degree cooperative programs, the deadlines may differ.) For all students planning to enter in the spring semester, the date is November 15. Applying by these dates gives applicants the best opportunity for receiving the maximum financial assistance if accepted, and helps assure space being available in the program for which they are applying. Applications received after these dates will also be considered and, in many cases, programs will be able to accommodate additional students.

To be considered for admission, prospective students should complete all aspects of the application process.

Criteria for Undergraduate Admissions

Applicants to the undergraduate programs are considered for admission after a comprehensive evaluation of their completed applications including essays, high school records (and previous college records, if applicable), SAT or ACT scores, recommendations, and an interview with an Admissions Representative.

Applicants who did not complete their high school study are required to submit one of the following: 1) General Educational Development (GED) certificate; or 2) a certificate of completion of a home-study program if the program is recognized by the student's home state, or if the program is not recognized by the student's state, the state must not consider the student to be in violation of truancy laws. Home-schooled applicants must also submit a complete home schooling record. All certificates and transcripts from high schools, colleges, and correspondence schools should be sent directly from the school or state agency to the Admissions Office.

Students whose native language is not English are interviewed for proficiency and may be required to submit a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score. A score of 550 or higher is required.

While an applicant's previous academic performance is a primary consideration, commitment to gaining maximum benefit from the educational opportunities offered at Maharishi University of Management is also an important consideration in the admission process.

• Undergraduate Application Procedures

For information regarding undergraduate application procedures, please refer to the University's application.

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

• Criteria for Graduate Admissions

Individuals who have earned a bachelor's degree, or are in their senior year of college, may apply for admission to a program of graduate study at the University. Admission decisions are based upon the applicant's academic record in undergraduate programs, other graduate programs (if applicable), graduate entrance examination scores, experience, personal qualifications, recommendations, and proposed program of study.

A grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in the third and fourth years of undergraduate study is required by the Graduate School for regular admission to graduate programs. Exemptions are granted for specific situations.

- **Acceptance Status**

Upon admission to a graduate program, a student is classified in one of two categories — full or provisional acceptance. Specific criteria for distinguishing between these categories are determined within each department for its own programs. In general, these criteria are:

- Full acceptance: Students who are considered to be fully qualified to undertake a program toward the graduate degree for which they are admitted.

- Provisional acceptance: Students of promise who need to fulfill specific provisions (such as strengthening subject matter preparation) or whose available records are incomplete. A student who is admitted under provisional status will be eligible for regular status when the specific written conditions for full acceptance have been met.

- **Graduate Application Procedures**

For more information regarding graduate application procedures, please refer to the University's application.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM ADMISSIONS

A certificate program awards a student a certificate of achievement but not a formal degree.

Applicants must have a high school diploma or the equivalent and are required to

- Complete an application;
- Submit personal recommendations;
- Have certified transcripts sent directly from their high school and any colleges they have attended (for international students, certified English translations of transcripts must accompany original transcripts).

Students whose native language is not English are interviewed for proficiency and may be required to submit a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score. A score of 550 or higher is required.

While an applicant's previous academic performance and recommendations are a primary consideration, commitment to gaining maximum benefit from the educational opportunities offered at Maharishi University of Management is also an important consideration in admission decisions.

A personal or telephone interview with an Admissions Officer is required.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Maharishi University of Management welcomes qualified transfer students. For the number of units that may be transferred by undergraduate and graduate students, the

- **Academic Records**

An official copy of all records of any previous schooling (mark sheets, transcripts, diplomas, certificates, etc.) must be submitted as official certified documents directly from each institution. Any photocopies must have the signature of a school official and the school seal. These records must show courses taken and grades earned and must be translated into English if the original records are in another language. When a translation is supplied, the original record must also be included. Translations must be officially certified by a translator or interpreter. All records should be mailed to: Admissions Department, Maharishi University of Management, 1000 North Fourth St., Fairfield, IA 52557, U.S.A.

- **Visa Procedures**

Once the application for admission is approved, a University acceptance letter and a U.S. Immigration Service SEVIS I-20 form will be mailed to the applicant. A prospective international student should not make plans to enter the United States before receiving both a letter of acceptance and a SEVIS I-20 form. It will be necessary to present these documents at the U.S. Embassy/Consulate, when applying for an F-1 student visa, and again upon arrival into the United States, and finally, during registration at the University. If further documentation is needed in obtaining a student visa, please contact the Office of International Admissions.

- **Financial Statement**

International students must provide evidence of financial ability to pursue a course of study at Maharishi University of Management before the letter of acceptance and the SEVIS I-20 form can be generated and mailed. Some financial assistance may be available for those who demonstrate academic promise, financial need, and a strong commitment to develop their full potential and the potential of their nations. Students must provide a letter from their bank to the Office of International Admissions verifying the availability of funds to meet their educational expenses for at least one academic year. Using this verification, the University can then issue a SEVIS I-20 form, which is needed to obtain a student visa.

Please note that the U.S. Immigration Service strongly discourages and usually disallows international students from entering the U.S. on a Visitor visa and then attempting to change status after arrival. The only exception to this rule would be to make clear at the Port of Entry that one is coming as a “Prospective Student” and ask that this particular designation be made on the I-94 card. Otherwise, an application for Change of Status from Visitor to Student will most certainly be denied. Furthermore, a Prospective Student is not allowed to register and enroll unless and until any Change of Status application is approved (a process that can take several months). Because of these strictures, the University has a policy of only registering students who have obtained the proper student visa.

- **Health Insurance**

Due to the high cost of medical care in the U.S., all international students must purchase health insurance through the University at the time of registration. Students are exempt

from this requirement if they can show at registration that they have adequate coverage under their own insurance.

This health insurance requirement is based on our concern that our international students are (1) adequately covered in the event of accident or illness, (2) able to receive the most complete and up-to-date medical care available, and (3) not incurring large financial losses as a result of a medical emergency while in the United States.

- **English Proficiency**

Applicants whose native language is not English are interviewed for proficiency and may be required to submit a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score. A score of 550 or higher is required. Some graduate programs require a score of 600 or higher on the TOEFL.

Students may register for the TOEFL and request that their scores be forwarded to the University at the time of the test, or by writing to the Educational Testing Service, Box 592, Princeton, New Jersey 08540, or by e-mailing the contact form at www.toefl.org/contact.html. The University's college code number for this purpose is 4497.

SPECIAL PROGRAM ADMISSIONS

Special admissions procedures and requirements for the special courses and programs offered by Maharishi University of Management are described below.

- ***The Science of Creative Intelligence Course***

This course is the foundation for all University programs. The Science of Creative Intelligence course (FOR 100 or FOR 500) is the first course for any student coming to the University; however, it can be taken by any interested person (even if not enrolled in a degree program) whenever it is offered, by applying through the Office of Admissions.

- **Special Students**

Special Undergraduate Students — Anyone not seeking a degree may take regular undergraduate courses for up to one year. These individualized programs offer the advantages of a Maharishi University of Management education to those who do not wish to enroll as degree-seeking students. Credit is generally transferable to other universities. (Applicants should determine beforehand whether credit is transferable to their school.) Special undergraduate students generally begin their program of study with the Science of Creative Intelligence course (FOR 100).

Special Graduate Students — Students desiring to take additional study beyond the bachelor's degree, without intending to earn a graduate degree, may apply for admission for non-degree status. Students may transfer up to 8 units of credit earned in this non-degree status to a regular degree program with the approval of the Academic Standards Committee, the academic department, and the Dean of the Graduate School. For the master's degree, the final 40 credit units generally must be earned at the University in a

degree-seeking status. For the doctoral degree, credit units earned while in this non-degree status will be reviewed by the student's department faculty and/or advisory committee for possible acceptance as part of the requirements for the degree. Special graduate students generally begin their program of study with the Science of Creative Intelligence course (FOR 500).

• **Junior Year at Maharishi University of Management**

Students enrolled in degree programs at other universities are invited to attend Maharishi University of Management for their junior year and add the holistic benefits of the University's programs to their educational experience. Individually tailored, the Junior Year program generally includes some first-year courses; course work in any of the upper-division major programs; the Science of Creative Intelligence course (FOR 100); and one Forest Academy. A half-year program is available for those who cannot stay for a full academic year.

• **Special MVS Studies Program**

The Special MVS Studies program is offered by Maharishi University of Management in conjunction with the Maharishi Vedic Education Development Corporation (MVED) through reciprocal credit arrangements. Courses offered include "*Transcendental Meditation-Sidhi Course*" and "*Transcendental Meditation Program Teacher Training, Parts I and II.*" Degree-seeking students enroll in these courses under the guidance of their academic advisor. Non-degree students wishing to enroll in a Special MVS Studies course must submit a completed "Special MVS Studies Program Application/Registration" form and a nonrefundable \$50 application and registration fee to the Registrar's Office. Upon receiving verification of satisfactory completion of course work the University will enter credit on the student's permanent record.

For further details about this program, please refer to "Special MVS Studies Program" under the "Department of Maharishi Vedic Science."

• **Super Radiance in Residence Program**

This program is designed to allow individuals the opportunity to take part in both the University's Research in Consciousness program (group practice of the Transcendental Meditation and TM-Sidhi programs, RC 350, for 0.5 units per month of credit) and a special evening series entitled "Knowledge for Enlightenment." Participants in the Super Radiance in Residence (SRR) program live on campus either in the dormitories or in Utopia Park. They are required to participate in the University's Super Radiance program sessions and are entitled to attend the "Knowledge for Enlightenment" program series given each evening. Applicants should contact the Department for the Development of Consciousness at (641) 472-1212 for details on this program. Availability of this program is dependent on available housing.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR ALL APPLICANTS

• **Policies for Practice of the *Transcendental Meditation* and *TM-Sidhi* Programs**

The Transcendental Meditation program is practiced by all University faculty and staff, as well as by all students as part of their required Research in Consciousness course. Many students, faculty, and staff have learned the advanced Transcendental Meditation-Sidhi program and practice this program as part of their Research in Consciousness program. For the personal benefit of all students, faculty, and staff these technologies are practiced exclusively of other programs or procedures. There are specific policies that support the practice of the Transcendental Meditation and TM-Sidhi programs. Each element of these technologies for the development of consciousness has been carefully structured to produce maximum benefit.

In order to ensure for everyone the integrity and effectiveness of the teaching and practice of the technologies of Maharishi Vedic Science, these technologies are practiced according to the instructions of qualified teachers recognized by Maharishi University of Management, and they are practiced exclusive of other programs and procedures.

• **Drug, Alcohol and Smoke-Free Environment**

Education at Maharishi University of Management is designed to help students become more creative, alert, and awake and to develop optimum health. Therefore the following points clearly outline the University's policies on the use of tobacco, non-prescribed drugs, and alcohol:

1. Tobacco products, non-prescribed drugs, and alcohol are not allowed on campus.
2. Students are not allowed to be in the presence of others using non-prescribed drugs or alcohol on campus.
3. The use of non-prescribed drugs is not allowed on *or* off campus.
4. The use of alcohol off campus is illegal for students under the age of 21 and strongly discouraged for all students.

• **Official Acceptance Required before Arriving on Campus**

Maharishi University of Management may defer admission or readmission of a student to any program if such deferral is warranted on the basis of the application or other information. It is very important that students do not come before receiving official acceptance. International students must also have received their U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service I-20 form from the Office of Admissions before coming to the University.

• **Childcare Policy for Students with Children**

The daily academic program at the University — as at any university — is a full schedule, requiring parents to arrange child care during the day. To ensure the comfort of both parents and children, the University has developed certain childcare policies, as follows:

- It is the responsibility of student parents to provide full-time child care if their children do not attend school. Parents must either provide a nanny or provide other full-time care of the children.

- Student parents must submit a written agreement to the Office of Admissions stating that they will provide adequate child care during their stay at the University, indicating the means by which they plan to do so. This written agreement is a requirement for acceptance.

READMISSION

Former students who have officially withdrawn from the University or who have not been in attendance during the most recent semester should contact the Office of Admissions for an “Application for Readmission.” (Please refer to “Readmission” under “Registration” in the Catalog.)