COLLEGE COUNSELOR UPDATES 2016-2017

APPLICATION UPDATES

- UVM uses the Common Application as its only application for students applying for Fall, 2017. UVM will also begin using the Coalition Application for students applying for Fall, 2018 (in addition to the Common Application).
- The application fee is $55, and it is waived for Vermont residents applying Early Action (these students select In-state Early Action Fee Waiver on the fee waiver question in the UVM member pages). Our alumni admissions volunteers also offer application fee waivers to students they meet. Students with need-based fee waivers should select that option in the main payment section of the Common Application.
- UVM prefers that transcripts and supporting information (recommendations, mid-year grades, school reports) be sent electronically through the Common Application or Naviance. Transcripts are considered official when they are sent through this process or mailed. We cannot accept transcripts that are faxed.
- Students sending their test scores must send them directly from the testing agency.

NOTIFICATIONS AND DEADLINES

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Our deadlines are application deadlines (not completion deadlines). Supporting materials may be sent after the application deadline.

NEW SAT

- The University of Vermont no longer requires the optional essay section for the new SAT, beginning with students applying for admission spring 2017 and later. Similarly, we no longer require the optional writing part of the ACT for students applying for 2017.
- Students who took the original SAT can submit those scores for consideration as part of their application.

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

- In-state merit scholarships range from $2,000 - $7,000 annually. The university continues to offer the Green and Gold Scholarship, a full tuition award for the top graduate of each Vermont public high school (and selected Vermont independent and out-of-state border high schools) at the end of the junior year.
- Out-of-state merit scholarships range from $8,000 - $18,000 annually.
- International students are eligible for merit scholarships valued up to $18,000 annually.
- Additional merit scholarships (valued at $3,000 per year for out-of-state students and $4,000 per year for in-state students) are offered for select students majoring in Business Administration and select programs in the College of Arts and Sciences.
- UVM has partnered with Raise.Me to offer micro-scholarships that recognize everyday academic achievements and allow students to start earning money for college beginning in the 9th grade.

August 2016
• Transfer students admitted as external transfers with at least a 3.1 average cumulative GPA are awarded up to $3,000 as a Vermont resident or $6,000 for an out-of-state resident.
• 82% of admitted first-time first-year students applying for 2016 received a merit scholarship.
• There is no separate application for merit scholarships; the application for admission is the application for scholarships. Notification of merit scholarships begins in late December after the Early Action decision notification and then will continue after each subsequent notification date.
• To be considered for merit scholarships, students should apply by Jan. 15, the regular decision deadline.

NEED-BASED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
• More than $100 million was awarded to UVM undergraduate students in financial assistance in the 2015-2016 school year.
• UVM is committed to supporting Pell eligible Vermont residents by guaranteeing the cost of tuition and fees is covered by grant assistance.
• The FAFSA deadline for first-year applicants is February 1 and March 1 for transfers.
• Financial aid awards for admitted students will be available for students to view online beginning on March 3.

NEW PROGRAMS
• Food Systems is a new undergraduate major in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.
• Biomedical Engineering and Data Science are new majors in the College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences.
• A B.S. in Economics is now available, in addition to a B.A in Economics.
• New minors in International Politics, Jewish Studies, Neuroscience, Sports Management, and Writing.
• A 3+2 program has been established with Vermont Law School that allows an undergraduate student to earn a bachelor’s degree and a law degree in five years. Students are admitted to VLS and start law school in their senior year of college, and spend two years in law school. The application for this program is completed during a student’s first year at UVM and is not part of the application for admission.

NEW FACILITIES
• UVM is building a new $104 million STEM complex scheduled to open in two phases; May 2017 and May 2019. The University of Vermont’s largest-ever capital project will bring a state-of-the-art complex of laboratories, classrooms, and research facilities for physical science and mathematics departments. The project also includes renovation of Votey Hall, home to Engineering and Mathematical Sciences.
• Construction is underway for a new residence hall for first-year students located in the center of the academic campus. Opening August 2017, the new residence hall will have 700 beds, a 500-seat dining hall, a bridge/connector to Bailey/Howe Library, seminar rooms to create a living/learning environment, a fitness center, and will house our Wellness Environment.

SUMMER ACADEMY/PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS
• UVM offers a four-week summer academic experience focused on health professions and science and technology (two weeks on campus and two weeks online) as well as a study abroad option for high school juniors and seniors, sponsored by the Office of Continuing and Distance Education.
• Vermont residents may use a dual enrollment voucher. Out-of-state students who earn a B- or better in their Summer Academy course may be eligible for a $1,000 scholarship.