

Undergraduate General Admissions

General Requirements for Admission

- Earned or attempted 12 credits at a postsecondary institution.
- 21 years or older
- Two years of work experience

Applicants that do not meet one or more of the above-mentioned requirements can apply for admission as a regular student. They will be interviewed by the Campus Director (or his designated representative). The Director or his authorized representative will determine if the applicant can be admitted in the regular accelerated format, conditioned upon enrolling in the Puente support services program. This program is designed specifically to help the applicant acquire the needed skills to be successful in the regular accelerated program.

All students enrolled in this program will take up to 25 credits before transitioning to the regular accelerated (5 or 8 week) format. Students must take 16 credits of language courses and 9 credits in general education courses that may include 3 credits in Humanities, 3 credits of Computer Sciences, and 3 credits of Introduction of University Life. The Puente Counselor may recommend to the Campus Director the transfer of a Puente student to the regular accelerated format if the student has demonstrated academic success after one semester (12 credits) of coursework, including a GPA of 2.5 or above.

Admissions Process – all Applicants are required to:

- Attend an orientation session where the structure, policies, and procedures of the programs offered are discussed.
- Submit an admission application.
- Submit academic evidence from previous studies or degree earned.

Specific Requirements for Each Program

Students must contact the Registrar or Associate Registrar, Director of Integrated Services or Integrated Services Officer for specific requirements that the chosen program may have. Students must attend the orientation session. Every applicant to the SUAGM institutions in the State of Maryland can demonstrate compliance with the admissions requirements related to prior academic experience and/or achievement by presenting the original of any of the following documents:

- transcript of previous credits, courses or studies documenting graduation from secondary school
- a General Education Diploma (GED) or other diploma or graduation document
- certification prepared by a secondary institution or appropriate government agency, board, etc. confirming completion of secondary school or equivalent grade report

Applicants should present one or more of the original documents to the authorized institutional officer. The officer shall examine the document (s) to corroborate, in his best judgment, that it is original and has no visible alterations. If the applicant cannot leave the original document for his admission record, the officer will make a copy and certify with his initials that it is a copy from the original.

In extreme meritorious cases, the Campus Director or his designated representative may consider the admission of applicants who cannot present the evidence as described above but meet the following requirements:

1. The applicant demonstrates that he/she has no reasonable access to appropriate documentation.
2. The applicant presents a notarized declaration in which the applicant certifies that he meets the requirement of prior studies.
3. The applicant must also complete an interview with the Campus Director or authorized institutional officer to evaluate compliance with the previous requirements (Graduate Studies).
4. The applicant participates in an admission interview (Graduate Studies and Puente Program).
5. The applicant takes the placement tests in English and Spanish. (Students have previous studies at any of the SUAGM campuses in the continental US will be exempt from this requirement).

Students should contact the Office of Integrated Services for more specific information.