Admission Requirements

Candidates for admission to the freshman class must be graduates of an approved secondary school or preparatory school or have earned their GED (General Educational Development). Families involved in home study programs are urged to contact the Director of Admissions for further information. Criteria used when making an admission decision are the transcript of academic work, rank in class, the SAT or ACT, letters of recommendation, and a personal interview.

Applicants for admission who have completed secondary school Advanced Standing Courses are encouraged to take the appropriate Advanced Placement Examinations administered by the College Entrance Examination Board. Students with an advanced placement grade of "3" or better will be excused from the appropriate introductory course and will receive credits for the course. In addition the College will grant academic credit for satisfactory performance on a number of specific subject examinations that are part of the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and the Defense Activity for Nontraditional Education Support (DANTES) program, both of which are administered by the Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ 08541. The College is officially designated as a CLEP Testing Site. Details on the College’s policy regarding CLEP may be obtained from the Mathematics Department (215) 489-2465.

The application for admission should be submitted as early as possible in the senior year, preferably by the end of the first marking period.

Subjects Required for Admission

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*Only one unit of science required for students interested in: Business Administration, Computer Information Systems Management, Criminal Justice Administration, English, or Equine Studies.

**The above are minimum requirements. Students should accumulate as many units in advanced science and mathematics as possible. Additional units may also be obtained in other subjects such as social sciences and foreign languages.

**Diagnostic Testing/Evaluation Requirements**

Diagnostic Testing/Evaluation is required for all new students at Delaware Valley College as a measure of support for students in preparing them for a successful college experience by placing them into courses and programs that match their skill level. This evaluation takes place after a student has been accepted, prior to registering for courses.

English, Mathematics, and Reading are the academic areas evaluated. The diagnostics are described below along with the requirements for each of the subject areas. Skill in English, Mathematics, and Reading is necessary in every program of study. Therefore, Delaware Valley College evaluates incoming students in English and Mathematics in much the same way as every other college or university.

It is strongly recommended that students who are required to take two or more of the developmental courses (English Essentials, Basic Mathematics, College Reading) enroll in one or more of these courses prior to coming to Delaware Valley College. These courses may be taken at Delaware Valley College during the summer or any other post-secondary institution.

**English Diagnostic Testing**

Beginning in 2007, all incoming students are required to complete the SAT Essay prior to registering for their first English course at DVC. Exceptions are as follows:

Students who have received transfer credits in English Composition from another accredited college or university

Students who have received AP Credit for English

The SAT essay is designed to assess the student’s preparedness for college-level courses in English. Based on the results of the exam, the DVC English department will recommend which course is most appropriate for the student. Because the goal of the diagnostic process is to maximize the opportunity for success, the student may not register for a course at a level higher than the
English Department’s recommendation. Students receiving a score of 06 or lower on the Essay Sub score of the SAT exam will be required to register for English Essentials (EN 0012)

Students receiving a score of 08 or higher on the Essay Sub score of the SAT exam will be required to register for English I (EN 1101). Students receiving a score of 07 on the Essay Sub score of the SAT exam and a combined Writing score of 500 or above will have the option of registering for English Essentials (EN 0012) or English I (EN 1101).

Students receiving a score of 07 on the Essay Sub score of the SAT exam and a combined Writing score of 499 or less will be required to register for English Essentials (EN 0012)

**Mathematics Diagnostic Testing**

All students who are new to the College are required to take one or more mathematics diagnostic tests prior to registering for their first mathematics course. Exceptions are as follows:

- Students who have received Advanced Placement credit for Calculus I
- Students who have received transfer credit for a mathematics course taken at another institution
- Students who have not completed Algebra II in high school (Such students must enroll in MP 0009, High School Algebra II.)
- Incoming students with less than 400 on the SATs will automatically be placed in remedial math

The diagnostic tests, which are administered during orientation programs at the College, are designed to assess the student's preparedness for college-level mathematics courses offered by the Mathematics and Physics Department. The number of tests required depends on the mathematics course in which the student hopes to begin his/her study. Based on the results of the tests taken, the Mathematics and Physics Department recommends a course for the student. The student may, for the purpose of review, choose to begin in a course at a level lower than that recommended by the Mathematics and Physics Department (for example, a student who tests for Calculus I may choose to enroll in Elementary Functions which is a prerequisite course for Calculus I); however, because the goal of the diagnostic testing process is to maximize the opportunity for success, the student may not register for a course at a level higher than the Mathematics and Physics Department’s recommendation.

**Reading Diagnostic Testing**

Entering students who earn a score of less than 400 on the SAT-Verbal section will be required to enroll in a College Reading course to elevate their reading level.

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Reading is important in any discipline to comprehend the material that supplements classroom lectures. Statistics show that students who have successfully completed the course have eliminated their deficiencies and the reading level has been elevated by as much as two years. Students who do not pass College Reading must repeat and pass the course or take and pass the Learning Strategies course prior to moving to sophomore status.

- The purpose of these procedures is to appropriately place incoming students for the fall semester. Remedial courses are not counted toward a student’s credit total for Financial Aid. If a student should need multiple remedial courses, their financial aid may be adversely affected. Therefore to help avoid Financial Aid difficulties, students needing to take more than one remedial course, will be expected to complete at least one remedial course PRIOR to their first fall semester at DVC.

- Students requiring special academic accommodations are required to provide supporting documentation to that effect. For further information and assistance, contact our Learning Support Specialist at 215-489-2490, as soon as possible

If you have any questions, please contact the Admissions Office 1-800-233-5825