

Admission

Ripon College enrolls students who will contribute to and benefit from the academic and residential programs we provide. Ripon does not discriminate on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, race, color, age, religion, national and ethnic origin, or disability in the administration of its educational policies, admission practices, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other college-administered programs.

The faculty committee on academic standards establishes the criteria for admission. Among the factors considered are the student's secondary school record, scores on standardized tests (SAT or ACT), a personal statement, recommendations from the applicant's school, and extracurricular or community service activities. The Ripon College admission process reflects the personal attention students can expect to receive during their college experience, and applicants are encouraged to provide any additional information that they consider helpful.

Minimum Admission Requirements

The minimum requirements for admission are: graduation from an accredited secondary school (or GED equivalent), a completed application form, secondary school transcript, results of standardized tests (SAT or ACT), an essay or personal statement, and a \$30 application fee.

An applicant's secondary school course of study should be a well-rounded college preparatory program of at least 17 units including the following: English (4), math (3-4, including algebra, geometry and advanced algebra), social studies (3-4), natural sciences (3-4), and additional units of study selected from foreign languages, the fine arts, or other programs of college preparation to bring the total to at least 17.

Preference is given to students who have more than the minimum number of units.

Application Process

Students applying for fall term consideration are strongly encouraged to apply as early as possible. Notification of fall term admission will occur within two weeks of the completion of the student's application for admission, beginning September 15. Students applying for spring term consideration should submit applications by December 15, and notification will occur shortly after the application becomes complete.

Ripon College application forms are available from the Office of Admission. Ripon, along with a select group of colleges in the United States, participates in the Common Application. We are pleased to accept the on-line version or a photocopy of the Common Application form in place of our own application form. Students using the Common Application are given equal consideration in Ripon's admission review process as students using the Ripon application form. Common Applications are available in many secondary school guidance offices or on-line at www.commonapp.org. Ripon also accepts applications made through WisconsinMentor. This program and Ripon College's on-line application can be accessed from our website at: www.ripon.edu

Early Admission

Today, many high school students have opportunities to accelerate their educational programs and many are entering college after three years in secondary school.

Superior students who wish to enter Ripon at the completion of three years

of secondary school should write to the dean of admission during the first semester of their junior year. They should present a minimum of 13 units of work consisting of English (3), foreign language (2), science (2), social studies (2), algebra (1), geometry (1), and one other academic subject (1).

Transfer Admission

Ripon welcomes transfer students from both two- and four-year colleges and universities. Transfer applications are reviewed on a rolling admission basis. Students are encouraged to submit all required information to Ripon well in advance of the beginning of each semester. It is to the candidates' advantage to apply early. An applicant should present an application form, transfer reference form, transcripts from their secondary school and college, SAT or ACT results, and a \$30 application fee. Students should have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 on a 4.00 scale and be in good standing at their previous college or university. Applications from students who have been dismissed by another institution will not be considered until one semester has passed since that dismissal.

Transfer students must take a minimum of 32 credits of academic work at Ripon, including at least half the credits required for any major or minor, and must meet all the requirements for a Ripon College degree including the senior residence requirement. Credit for liberal arts and sciences work at accredited institutions will be awarded for courses in which C- or better was earned. Grades for such courses are not included in computing a student's average at Ripon. Some credit granted by another accredited institution for College Level Examination Program (CLEP) examinations will be accepted by Ripon College if 1) the credit was earned before the student entered Ripon, and 2) the student also earned, in courses, transferable credit at that

institution. The number of CLEP credits accepted when a student transfers from another institution shall not exceed the number of credits earned in courses and accepted by Ripon.

Enrollment Deposit

To confirm enrollment at Ripon, accepted candidates are required to submit a \$200 enrollment deposit, \$100 is applied to first semester expenses, and \$100 is the room deposit.

We recommend that all accepted fall term admission candidates who are notified of admission before April 20 submit the enrollment deposit by the candidates' reply date of May 1. Fall term regular admission candidates who are accepted after April 20 should submit the enrollment deposit within 10 days of notification of acceptance. The enrollment deposit for fall term is refundable until May 1st. Accepted spring term regular admission candidates will be notified of their deposit deadline in their letters of admission.

Accepted transfer admission candidates will also be notified of their deposit deadline in their letters of admission.

Deferred Admission

Students wishing to delay college entrance for a year or two after secondary school graduation should follow the normal application procedures during their senior year. In addition to the required application information, students should submit a written deferral request explaining what they plan to do and why they plan to defer admission. All deferral requests are reviewed on an individual basis and experiences such as work, travel abroad, or independent study are normally approved. Students are required to submit a \$200 non-refundable enrollment deposit after a deferral has been approved to reserve a place in the appropriate entering class.

Advanced Placement

First-year students who have completed one or more College Examination Board Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations and scored a five or above will receive credit. Application for such credit must be made before registration. Placement in course sequences and the applicability of advanced placement credit to distribution requirements, or toward the major, are subject to the approval of the appropriate Ripon College academic department.

Credit and placement are also given

to entering students who have passed the International Baccalaureate-North America courses, high level, with a grade of 5 or better. The amount of credit and placement are subject to approval by the appropriate Ripon College academic department.

Students may also be exempt from some of Ripon's distribution requirements by scoring 550 or higher on SAT II Subject Tests. More specific information is found in the Academic Policies section of this catalog.