

## **Admissions and Enrollment**

Tougaloo College operates on its historical commitment to providing a quality education to its students. This institution firmly believes that learning is continuous, and therefore subscribes to the notion of lifelong learning. Each student who applies to Tougaloo is reviewed carefully based on entrance requirements as defined by the College. In choosing its student body, the College does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, or personal disabilities. All students admitted to the College will be screened on placement and diagnostic measures as determined by the Office of Institutional Research, Assessment and Planning in concert with program chairs and directors in writing, reading, mathematics and other pertinent subjects.

Tougaloo has been noted in *U.S. News and World Report*, *Money Magazine*, *Chronicle of Higher Education* and other publications for its student selectivity. Tougaloo is quality-driven and has historically provided for young people to have access to higher education. It reserves the right to grant or deny admission based on recommendations from the Admissions Committee.

## **Applications, Procedures and Requirements**

Applications for admission to Tougaloo College may be secured from:

The Office of Admissions  
Tougaloo College  
Tougaloo, Mississippi 39174  
1-888-42-GALOO, or (601) 206-4086

Each student who files an application is considered for admission. Following this initial application, the process is as follows:

1. Submit evidence of high school completion.
2. Submit scores from ACT/SAT.
3. Submit evidence of 2.00 high school cumulative GPA.
4. Submit evidence of completion of required units.
5. Submit \$5.00 application fee.

First-year college students seeking admission to the College must present evidence of having graduated from an accredited high school with a "C" (2.00) or better average, and sixteen (16) units of secondary school work divided in the following manner:

### **Required Units**

English .....	3 units
History and Social Sciences .....	2 units
Mathematics .....	2 units
Science .....	2 units
Elective Units .....	7 units

### **Elective Units**

Elective units may be taken from the following list. The maximum number of additional units accepted is indicated after each subject.

Agriculture	1
Biology	1
Chemistry	1
Civics	½
Economics	½
English	1
Foreign Language	2
General Science	1
Geography	1
History	1
Home Economics	2
Hygiene	1
Mechanical Industry	2
Music	1
Physic...I Education	1
Physics	1
Physiology	½
Speech	1

Students must submit scores from the ACT or SAT examination. This score is considered along with other entrance requirements

Students without a high school diploma must show evidence of having taken the General Education Development (GED) test with a minimum score of forty-five (45) and submit scores from the ACT or SAT Examination.

**Policy on Home Schooling**

Applications for admission from students who were educated at home are generally treated like other applicants. Students should submit the following:

- 1) Application for admission;
- 2) Application fee;
- 3) Essay;
- 4) SAT or ACT score, if under 25 years of age;
- 5) Letter of reference;
- 6) High school equivalent transcript issued by agency, school, or individual overseeing the curriculum, including the official date of graduation, or GED;
- 7) Academic portfolio; and
- 8) Diploma or certificate of completion from Home Schoolers Association, if applicable.

**Early Admission**

Students on the eleventh (11th) grade level may apply for early admission to the College and may be admitted as accelerated students upon completion of the 11th grade. To be considered for admission in this category, students must submit an official copy of the high school transcript having earned a "B" (3.00) average or better in an accredited high school curriculum, and a score of 18 or better on the enhanced ACT assessment or a score of eight hundred (800) or better on the SAT.

**Transfer Agreements**

Tougaloo College has transfer agreements with the following community colleges: Hinds Community College, Raymond, Mississippi; Coahoma Community College, Clarksdale, Mississippi; Mary Holmes College, West Point, Mississippi; and St. Louis Community College, Florissant, Missouri.

Admission preferences and maximum transferability of credits are ensured for students who apply from these colleges.

### **Transfer Students**

Individuals wishing to transfer from other accredited institutions may petition for admission to Tougaloo by providing the following:

- 1) Official application;
- 2) Official copies of all previous college transcripts;
- 3) A "C" (2.00) or better grade point average; and
- 4) Evidence of good academic standing at previous institution and statement of eligibility to return.

Generally, academic credit will be awarded for transfer work where a grade of "C" or better was earned. The course work must be college level academic work. The College will accept up to 64 hours from a community or other two-year institution.

Individuals with advanced standing seeking a degree at Tougaloo must spend the final academic year in residence. During this period they must take at least 30 semester hours of credit and must achieve an average grade of "C" or higher.

### **International Students**

The College considers international students to be those individuals whose country of origin is outside the United States. International students shall meet all of the requirements as any other student who seeks admission to the College by submitting an application, proof of high school graduation, and an official record of any previous college work. At least four months in advance of the projected enrollment dates, international students must submit the following additional information:

1. Evidence of proficiency in the use of the English Language in verbal and written forms.
2. A score of five hundred (500) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) administered by Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey, or proof of passing the test given by the English Language Institute (ELI).
3. Complete and accurate information regarding sources of financial support to determine eligibility for Form I-20. This information is required by the College in order to meet the regulations of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service. International students must be financially independent and able to meet their financial obligations. Financial aid is not available to foreign students.

### **Veterans**

Veterans and military personnel may qualify for admission to Tougaloo by satisfactory passing the high school level of the General Education Development Test (GED) provided through the United States Armed Forces Institute and Veterans Testing Services of the American Council on Education.

Admission of veterans is not automatic. After receipt of the application for admission the applicant will be considered by the Admissions Committee.

### **Readmission**

Former Tougaloo College students may seek readmission to the College by requesting an application from the Admissions Office. Students who were separated from the College for a semester, summer not included, must reapply for admission. In addition to the application, students must provide an official transcript of academic work completed at other colleges, if

applicable. Former students must meet requirements for admission as prescribed by the administrative units of the College (academics, finances, citizenship).

As long as students are in continuous residence from the date of entrance they will be held accountable for the degree requirements in effect at time of entrance; however, once they drop out and return to the College they will be accountable for the degree requirements in effect at the time of return. Deviations from this policy will be permitted only upon appeal of the individual student to the Council on Academic Affairs. Such an appeal must be made within one semester after the date of return. The Council will decide each case upon its individual merits.

### **Provisional Admission**

Students who do not meet the admission requirements of the College may appeal to the Admissions and Financial Aid Committee. The students must submit three letters of recommendation from school or college officials where they matriculated. The Committee reviews all cases and considers each on its own merit and then advises the Admissions Office of its disposition. If admission is granted, the students may be admitted conditionally. The probation period is for one semester during which time the students academic progress is monitored by the Committee.

### **International Baccalaureate Credit**

The College may grant college-level credit in selected disciplines to those high school students who have completed the International Baccalaureate Program. College credit will be considered based on the IB Higher and IB Standard Level Examination scores of 5, 6, or 7, pending approval by the various Divisions at the College.

**Standard level classes:** Students may have taken IB classes for one or more years, but must earn a score on the Standard Level Examination of a 6 or 7 to be considered for college credit. **Higher level classes:** Students may have taken IB classes for two or more years before taking the examination, but must earn a score of 5, 6, or 7 to be considered for College credit.

### **Advanced Placement Credit**

The College may grant college-level credit in selected disciplines to students who have earned Advanced Placement Examination grades of 3 or higher provided the AP scores are sent to the Admissions Office, Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, MS 39174, prior to the date of matriculation.

The disciplines in which college-level credit may be granted are: Art, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, English, French, Government and Politics, History, Mathematics, Music, Physics, and Spanish.

### **Exchange Students**

Students at College have the opportunity of engaging in external collaborative relationships which allow them to advance their academic skills and career goals. For a listing of these opportunities, see the section in this catalogue entitled Academic Resources and Support Services.