



**Board of Trustees  
February 6, 2025**

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**Action Item**

**BOT – 2**      Chancellor Exception and Special Consideration Policy for First Time in College Applicants

**Background Information**

UNC System Policy 700.1.1 on Minimum Eligibility Requirements for Undergraduate Admission and UNC System Policy 700.1.1.1[R] require constituent institutions to develop a policy for evaluating applications from students who have not completed all UNC Minimum Course Requirements (MCR) and/or all UNC Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER). This policy must be approved by the campus Board of Trustees.

UNC System regulation 700.1.1.1[R] also requires that our admissions policy define what materials applicants must submit to have a complete application for admission.

In keeping therewith, the university has created a new policy that meets these requirements and memorializes the practice used for evaluating applicants. Previously, our admissions requirements were contained in a University regulation. Much of the information from that regulation has been moved into policy form in order to comply with the UNC System requirement for a BOT approved policy.

Consistent with the UNC System’s minimum requirements, the proposed policy sets forth the minimum requirements for undergraduate admission consideration at UNC Greensboro and provides that to be admitted, any student not meeting the MCR or MER must be evaluated by an admissions committee that includes UNCG faculty and must 1) demonstrate a minimum high school GPA of 2.0 or better and 2) be deemed by the responsible academic support provider to have a reasonable chance for academic success at UNC Greensboro, given available support services. The policy confirms that the Office of Undergraduate Admissions is responsible for maintaining and implementing the new policy in compliance with the UNC System policies.

Attachments:

- 2.1      Proposed Policy
- 2.2      Fall 2023 MAR MCR Exceptions Results

**Recommended Action**

That the Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro approve the proposed Chancellor Exception and Special Consideration Policy for First Time in College Applicants.

## **Chancellor Exception and Special Consideration Policy for First Time in College Applicants**

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_, [Date of Approval]

### **1. Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to establish UNC Greensboro's minimum undergraduate admissions requirements and to provide a clear, fair, and inclusive process for first-time student applicants who request any exceptions to those standards. Completion of the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to either UNC Greensboro or to a particular program of study. This Policy outlines how UNC Greensboro evaluates applications from first-time students consistent with the guidelines established by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors Policy. (Section 700.1.1 of the UNC Policy Manual).

### **2. Scope**

This policy applies to all undergraduate first-time-in-college (FTIC) applicants to The University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

### **3. Definitions and Responsibilities.**

**3.1 Admission Appeals Committee:** a faculty-driven body convened by the Director of Admissions (as a non-voting member) to review, consider, and make recommendations on university admissions appeals for undergraduate students who are denied initial admission to the university. This committee consists of six or more faculty who are nominated by their Academic Deans. The Admission Appeals Committee reviews student cases to complete recommendations on admission.

**3.2 Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER) Exception:** a limited number of annual Chancellor exceptions to first-year admissions MER, not to exceed one percent of the total number of applicants accepted as first-time undergraduates each year, or 75 students, whichever is greater. In addition, a Chancellor exception may be applied to either the SAT/ACT minimum requirement or the high school GPA minimum requirement.

**3.3. Office of Accessibility Resources (OARS):** the UNC Greensboro Office that assesses for appropriate academic adjustments and auxiliary aids and services, including assistance animals ("academic accommodations") for students with disabilities as defined and recognized under the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. OARS provides the Admissions Appeals Committee with insight regarding IEPs and 504 plans when students request those be considered in a review.

## **4. Policy**

### **4.1 UNC Greensboro Minimum Admissions Requirements**

The minimum requirements for undergraduate admissions consideration at UNC Greensboro are outlined in the “Freshmen” section of the University Catalog which is available here: <https://catalog.uncg.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/>.

### **4.2 Process for Exception to Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER)**

The Chancellor has delegated the authority to make exceptions to MERs. These exceptions are reviewed by the Admission Appeals Committee, which recommends the admission or denial to the Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management or designee.

To be considered for an exception to MER, students must demonstrate extenuating circumstances that resulted in not meeting minimum requirements and/or be deemed by the Appeals Committee to have a reasonable chance for academic success at UNC Greensboro, given available support services.

### **4.3 Process for Exception for Missing Minimum Course Requirements (MCRs)**

Further evaluation of students who have not completed the MCRs and would not otherwise be eligible for admission at the institution is conducted by the Admission Appeals Committee.

To be considered for an exception to MCR, students must demonstrate extenuating circumstances that resulted in not meeting minimum requirements and/or be deemed by the Appeals Committee to have a reasonable chance for academic success at UNC Greensboro, given available support services. As requested by an applicant, the Appeals Committee will also evaluate for admission students who have not completed MCRs with a documented Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 plan in consultation with the OARS office.

Applicants who have superior academic records in high school, as measured by grades, rank in class, test scores, or the rigor of courses taken, or who demonstrate special talents may request a waiver of some course requirements from the Admission Appeals Committee. These applicants must have completed the eleventh grade and met virtually all of the minimum course requirements as well as the requirements for high school graduation.

## **5. Compliance and Reporting**

This policy is administered by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions under the oversight of the Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management. A report of the admission of students requiring special consideration to the MCR and chancellor’s exceptions to the MER will be made annually to the board of trustees, as well as submitted to the president.

## **6. Additional Information including Approval Authority, Supporting Documents, and Related Policies**

### **6.1 Approval Authority**

- Board of Trustees

### **6.2 Supporting Documents**

- **Undergraduate Catalog:** <https://catalog.uncg.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/>

### **6.3 Related Policies and Resources**

- **UNC System Policy Manual: 700.1.1 *Policy on Minimum Eligibility Requirements for Undergraduate Admission for the University of North Carolina System***
- **UNC System Policy Manual: 700.1.1.1[R] *Regulation on Minimum Eligibility Requirements for Undergraduate Admission for the University of North Carolina System.***

### **6.3 Contacts for Additional Information and Reporting**

- **Responsible Executive:** Tina McEntire, Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management
- **Responsible Administrators:**
  - Joel Lee, Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management
  - Erin Slater, Director of Undergraduate Admissions

<b>Category</b>	<b>First-Term GPA</b>	<b>Cumulative GPA</b>	<b>First-Term Persistence</b>	<b>First-Year Retention</b>
Full 2023 FTIC Cohort	2.89	2.81	94%	78%
Fall '23 FTIC Exceptions (n=16)	2.74	2.84	81%	75%