3.4.3 Admissions Policies

3.4.3 The institution publishes admissions policies that are consistent with its mission.

Judgment of Compliance

In Compliance

Narrative of Compliance

The University of Alabama publishes admissions policies and procedures at the undergraduate and graduate levels and for the School of Law. The policies and procedures are consistent with the University's mission, "To advance the intellectual and social condition of the people of the State through quality programs of teaching, research, and service."

The University is the flagship public institution of higher education in the State of Alabama. We thus have selective access to our programs; not all students who meet minimum admissions criteria are admitted. As an example, the General Undergraduate Admission Requirements section and on the Steps to Admission section of the Undergraduate Admission website, there are Steps to Admission for Transfer Students, and Graduate Admissions section of the print and online Graduate Catalog (See Document Library). The Graduate Catalog and Graduate School website have information about application process. The Graduate School website has a A-Z index.

The Committee on Admissions and Recruitment, evaluates admissions criteria and policies. These evaluations are guided by the leadership of the Graduate School, who keep abreast of best practices for regional and national graduate schools. Minutes of the quarterly meetings of the Graduate Council contain summaries of each admissions policy change. Two of many such examples of Admissions and Recruitment Committee actions approved by the Council are a GRE waiver for one department and reinstating the GRE for another department. Another action is the approval of a policy of accepting for graduate admission the approved 3-Year Baccalaureate Bologna Accord Degrees. Admissions and Recruitment Committee recommendations that the Graduate Council deliberates and approves are submitted to the Provost for consideration and final approval.

The School of Law Admissions Committee meets regularly to review admissions policies and procedures. In cooperation with the admissions office and in accordance with American Bar Association standards, the Committee determines International Graduate LL.M. Program also are published on the School of Law website.