



MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Admission Standards

As a member of the state college system, MCLA admissions standards are set by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education (BHE). The admission standards place an emphasis on a student’s academic record as the primary indicator of success. These standards represent the minimum requirements for admission consideration and may vary depending on the applicant pool. MCLA operates on a rolling admission cycle with a recommended priority deadline of March 1st.

Freshman Admission:

Students are required to earn a state-approved diploma or GED prior to enrolling at MCLA. Acceptances to MCLA are provisional until the Office of Admission receives a final transcript indicating the award of a high school diploma and graduation date. Because Massachusetts public school graduates must pass MCAS in order to receive a high school diploma, certificates of completion and/or provisional diplomas are not considered equivalent to a state-approved diploma.

- I. **Academic Unit Requirements: 16 core courses must be successfully completed.** All courses must be College Preparatory.
- II. **English** – 4 Units, **Mathematics** – 3 Units (Algebra I, II, Geometry or Trigonometry) **Sciences** – 3 Units (including 2 courses with labs), **Foreign Language** – 2 Units (in a single language), **Social Sciences** – 2 Units (including 1 course in U.S. History); **Electives** – 2 Units (from the above subjects or from Arts & Humanities or Computer Sciences).
- III. **SAT Sliding Scale Range:** The scale represents the required SAT and GPA.

Calculated GPA	Minimum Critical Reading & Math	ACT Equivalent
3.00 – 4.00	-	-
2.51 – 2.99	920	19
2.41 – 2.50	960	20
2.31 – 2.40	1000	21
2.21 – 2.30	1040	22
2.11 – 2.20	1080	23
2.00 – 2.10	1120	24

Below 2.0: No student may be accepted to MCLA!

OR:

- III. **Grade Point Average Requirement for State Colleges: 3.0**

The grade point average requirement for admission consideration to any four-year public college in Massachusetts is 3.0. The admissions officers at each public college will calculate a grade point average based only on college preparatory courses. Calculations are weighted based on Advanced Placement or Honors courses. **Grade point average re-calculations may reflect a different cumulative average than reported by the high school.**

For more information, contact the Office of Admission at 800-969-MCLA or 413-662-5410.