Special Requirements for Selective Majors

Architecture
Architecture applicants must submit an online application to Undergraduate Admissions and a portfolio directly to the Department of Architecture. For detailed information about portfolio submissions, visit the Department of Architecture’s website.

Art
Art applicants must submit an online application to Undergraduate Admissions and a portfolio directly to the Department of Art. For detailed information about portfolio submissions, visit the Department of Art’s website.

BDIC (Bachelor's Degree with Individualized Concentration)
This upper-division, self-designed major is not available to entering students. Applicants are encouraged to declare a major related to their planned individualized concentration.

(Business) Isenberg School of Management
Admission is highly selective. First-year applicants must have a strong academic record in math through pre-calculus. Transfer applicants may be admitted to the Isenberg School if they have a GPA of 3.2 or higher every semester and a minimum grade of B in all predictor courses (i.e. applied calculus, microeconomics, macroeconomics, and two semesters of accounting).

Computer Science
Admission is highly selective. First-year applicants with a strong academic record in math through pre-calculus are given priority. Transfer applicants must have completed prerequisite coursework in both calculus and data structures with a minimum grade of B+.

Dance
Dance applicants must submit an online application to Undergraduate Admissions and arrange an audition directly with the Department of Music & Dance. Auditions must be scheduled three weeks before the audition date. For detailed information on dance auditions, visit the Department of Music & Dance’s website.

Economics
Admission to Economics requires a strong academic record, including solid performance in math courses. Transfer applicants for Economics must also have completed pre-calculus with a minimum grade of B or calculus with a minimum grade of C, as well as microeconomics and macroeconomics.

Education
Requirements for Massachusetts teacher certification include an approved teacher education curriculum plus completion of an approved academic major (or interdisciplinary major) in the liberal arts. Admission to the Early Childhood and Elementary Education programs is selective. Secondary certification requires education coursework in addition to the academic major. Transfer applicants who intend to enter as juniors should contact the Teacher Certification Office to apply concurrently for the early childhood or elementary certification sequence, so as not to delay their graduation. Please visit the College of Education’s website for more information.

Engineering
Admission is highly selective. Majors to the College of Engineering also require a strong academic record in science, including chemistry and physics. Admitted first-year students are granted general admission to the College of Engineering and at the end of their first year, they choose a specific engineering major. Transfer applicants must have a minimum college GPA of 3.0 or higher and have earned grades of B or better in college calculus and physics/chemistry courses.
Hospitality & Tourism Management
Transfer applicants must have a 2.7 or higher cumulative college GPA and strong grades in related math and/or business coursework.

Journalism
Admission to Journalism requires a stronger academic record than the minimum required for admission.

Kinesiology
Transfer applicants must have a GPA of 2.7-3.0 or higher, as well as above-average grades in math and/or science coursework.

Music
Music applicants must submit an online application to Undergraduate Admissions and arrange an audition directly with the Department of Music & Dance. Auditions must be scheduled three weeks before the audition date. For detailed information on music auditions, visit the Department of Music & Dance’s website.

Nursing
Admission to the Nursing major is highly selective and restricted to first-year students. If first-year applicants are not admitted to Nursing, they will not be able to change their major to Nursing after enrollment. Transfer students are not considered for the Nursing major unless they are applying through Continuing & Professional Education to the RN to BSN program or as a second bachelor’s degree student.

Pre-Professional Advising Programs
Pre-health, pre-law, and pre-veterinary advising programs provide academic counseling to students interested in applying to professional schools. Pre-vet students are initially assigned the animal science major. They must achieve and maintain a grade of B- or better in select animal science courses to be considered for the pre-vet program. Students may enter the pre-vet program at any time after these requirements are met by submitting a required GPA worksheet to the appropriate advisor.

Psychology
To be competitive for admission into Psychology, transfer applicants must have earned a C or better in statistics or pre-calculus.

Science Majors
Transfer applicants must have strong grades in related math and/or science coursework.

Sport Management
Admission to the Mark H. McCormack Department of Sport Management is selective and is based on the strength of the applicant’s overall academic record and in sport management-related activities. Applicants must have a strong academic record in math through pre-calculus. Transfer applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and strong grades in math and business courses.

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The University has implemented the Exploratory Track Program for freshman students who have been accepted for admission to the University. The Exploratory Track program will assist students with their consideration and ultimate declaration of a major based on their interest, eligibility, and academic proficiency. Exploratory tracks are for freshman applicants only – transfer students are required to choose a major.