## **ADMISSION**

The University of Miami is a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) and subscribes to its Code of Ethics and Professional Practices (CEPP). In addition, the University of Miami strictly adheres to the published final regulations for improving the integrity of federal student aid programs authorized by the Higher Education Act of 1965, including that institutions "will not provide any commission, bonus, or other incentive payment based in any part, directly or indirectly, upon success in securing enrollments or the award of financial aid, to any person or entity who is engaged in any student recruitment or admission activity, or in making decisions regarding the award or title IV, HEA program funds."

The University of Miami strives to enroll undergraduate students from an array of backgrounds who have demonstrated the potential to thrive in a rigorous postsecondary school environment and have shown the capacity to contribute to a dynamic campus community. Admission to the University of Miami is competitive and selective.

The admission process is holistic, and criteria are both quantitative and qualitative. As a private institution of higher learning, the University of Miami seeks a broad geographical distribution among its undergraduate student body. The Admission Committee evaluates out-of-state domestic applicants using the same criteria as those used for Florida residents. The University of Miami also seeks to enroll students from different high school environments (i.e., public, independent, religiously affiliated, etc.) as well as various economic, social, religious, ethnic, and racial backgrounds. The University of Miami admits qualified undergraduate applicants, regardless of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, handicap, sexual orientation, status as a disabled veteran, or any other category protected by federal, state, or local law. The University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, handicap, sexual orientation, status as a disabled veteran, or any other category protected by federal, state, or local law in the administration of its admission policies, including scholarship selection.

The University of Miami is need-aware for undergraduate applicants and meets full demonstrated financial need for every admitted first-year and transfer student through the Miami Within Reach program. Prospective and admitted students who want to enroll but do not have the financial resources to attend are encouraged to visit the Financial Aid website for more information.

The Admission Committee advises prospective students to complete the most challenging college preparatory program available to them at their respective high school. All undergraduate students enrolled at the University of Miami must have received a high school diploma or its equivalent, such as the General Education Development (G.E.D.).

Admission to undergraduate programs is granted by the Office of Undergraduate Admission. This office reviews and notifies applicants who qualify for acceptance. Admission must be granted in all cases by the Admission Committee; and, only a decision letter from the Office of Undergraduate Admission grants official admission to the University of Miami.

First-year and transfer applicants who have been denied admission must wait one full academic year before reapplying.

Documents submitted to the Office of Undergraduate Admission become property of the University of Miami and cannot be returned to the student or duplicated for any purpose. The document retention schedule that applies to undergraduate admission records can be found online.