What We Look For in First
-Time Freshman Applicants

There is not a formula
 to determine your admissibility to St. Bonaventure University. The
admission committee reviews each applicant's qualifications individually, considering a variety of
characteristics
 that indicate academic preparation and potential for success.
 In order to make the
best admission decision possible, St. Bonaventure University requires both an academic
recommendation form and a 250
-word minimum untimed writing sample of all full
-time degree
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seeking undergraduate applicants.

Normal course preparation for most incoming freshmen includes three years of math, three years
of science, four years of history (social studies), two years of language and four years of
English.
 Your admission is based on evidence of potential for successful study, given the
following criteria: curriculum related to rigor of program and grades achieved in secondary school,
standardized test scores, extracurricular activities and recommendations. Please refer to our academic profile for more information about the quality of our admitted students.
Since we assess each applicant on an individual basis, we encourage you to submit any
additional information you think may be helpful to the Admission Committee, and to ensure that