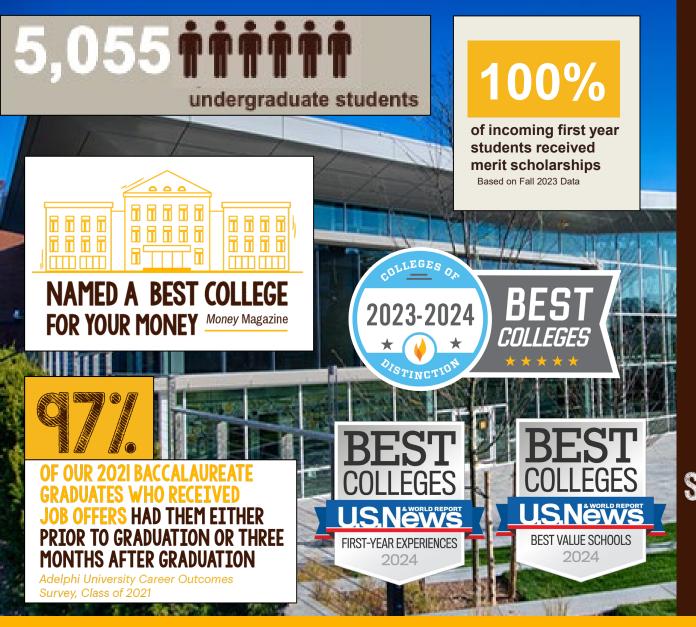
# College Prep: A Look at Standardized Testing

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# HOW DO TEST SCORES FACTOR INTO... ADMISSIONS DECISIONS?



**Admissions Decisions** 

+ Classroom Performance

+Rigor of Classes

+Trends in GPA

SAT/ACT Elements for Consideration

Optional Writing Sections

Super-scores

SAT/ACT Subsections

SAT/ACT Exams Other Testing Factors

Final Exams

Regents Exams

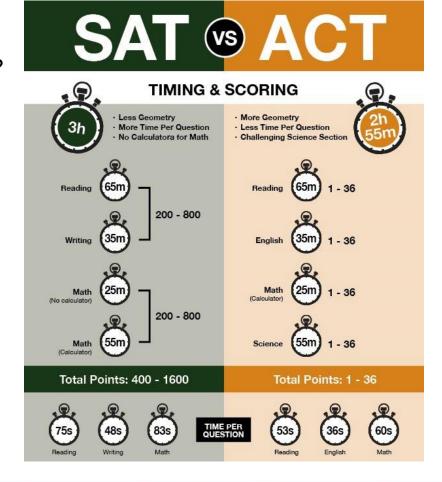
AP and IB exams



**Admissions Decisions** 

Is there a preference? What's the difference?

Most (if not all!) schools do not have a preference between SAT and ACT exams.





# DO I REALLY NEED TO TAKE A TEST?



# **FairTest**

The National Center for Fair & Open Testing

2,070+

Accredited, Bachelor's Degree Granting Colleges & Universities with ACT/SAT Optional or Test-Free Admission Policies for Students Seeking to Enroll in Fall 2025 or Beyond

1985+

ACT/SAT Optional institutions

Test-Free Institutions

But... do your research by school, by program, and by scholarship requirements!

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# WHAT ARE TEST OPTIONAL POLICIES?



### **Test Optional Policies**

What does it mean for me?

Does it make it easier for acceptance?

Am I required to submit test scores for a particular program?

How do I indicate if I want my scores considered?

Can I be considered for a merit scholarship without scores?

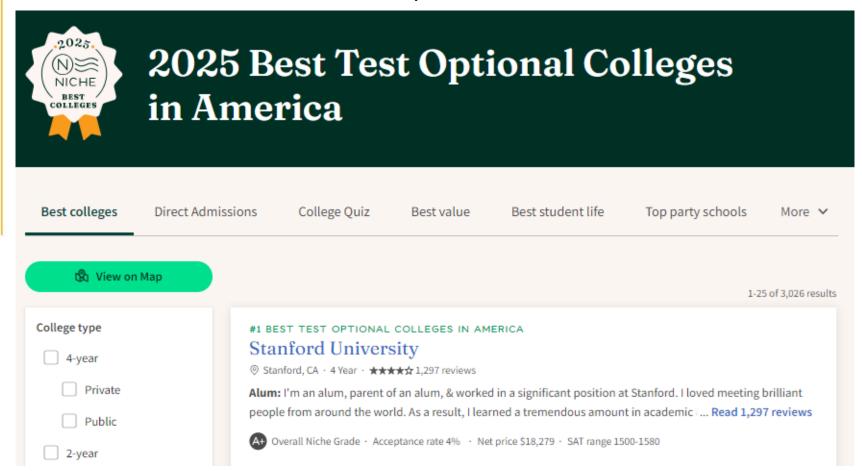
Why do schools go test optional?

...what about test flexible policies?



### **Test Optional Policies**

Where can I find information on test optional schools?





# HOW DO TEST SCORES FACTOR INTO... SCHOLARSHIP CONSIDERATION?



#### Scholarship Consideration

#### USING TEST SCORES IN THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

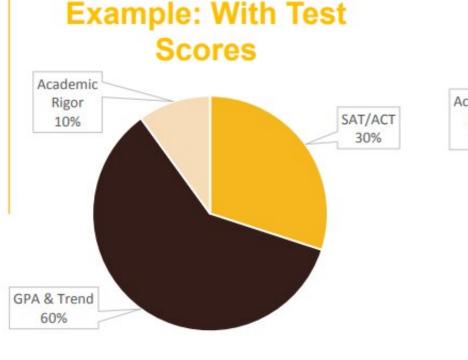
Effective with applicants for the fall 2021 freshman class, the University of Oregon has become a "test-optional" school, allowing applicants for freshman admission the option to be considered for admission without submission of ACT or SAT scores.

Especially during a time of adjustments and test date cancellations due to COVID-19, we have also chosen to be "test-blind" for scholarship consideration. This means that even if you were to provide us with scores from a past sitting, it will not be considered in any merit- or need-based awards.

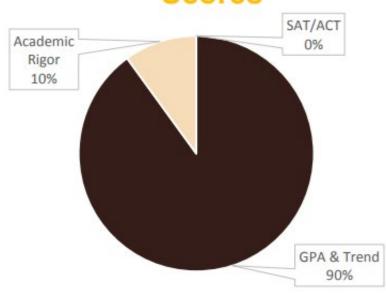
Scholarship	Basis for Award	Additional Application?	Deadlines	
<u>Stamps</u>	3.85 GPA or higher on a 4.00 scale; academic and extracurricular	<u>Yes</u>	Apply for admission to UO by  November 1. Stamps Scholarship application due November 15. All admission application materials must be received by the Office of Admissions by November 15.	
Presidential	3.85 GPA or higher on a 4.00 scale; academic and extracurricular	<u>Yes</u>	Apply for admission to UO by <b>January 15</b> . Presidential Scholarship application due <b>February 1</b> . All admission application materials must be received by the Office of Admissions by <b>February 15</b> .	

Example:
University of
Oregon
Scholarships

Scholarship Consideration at Adelphi University







SAT/ACT

- GPA & Trend
- Academic Rigor

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# IF I PLAN TO TAKE THE SAT OR ACT, HOW SHOULD I PREPARE?



## **How Should I Prepare?**

High School Timeline

## Sophomore Year:

- Take the preliminary Scholastic Aptitude test (PSAT). Taking the PSAT now is practice for the PSAT test in junior year which allows you to be considered for a National Merit Scholarship. Find out dates and more information through guidance office.
- Polish your study skills. Improve upon subject areas and identify areas of weakness in order to be proactive.
- Begin early research phase of college search process.

#### Junior Year:

- Take the preliminary Scholastic Aptitude test (PSAT). Ask your guidance office about test dates for the PSAT, ACT and SAT. You'll need to register weeks ahead of time.
- Dive deeper into the college search process. Plan college visits, identify schools of interest, and consider attending programs of interest.
- Sign up for/Access ACT and SAT prep. Identify free or inexpensive resources available to you.
- Discuss Advanced Placement options, and adding rigor to your course load.



## **How Should I Prepare?**

Are AP classes and exams worth it?

AP Course	Minimum Score	Credit Equivalent	Credits	General Education
Art History	3	ARH	6	Arts (2)
Art (Studio)	3	ART	3	Arts
Art Drawing	3	ART	3	Arts
Art 2D Design	3	ART	3	Arts
Art 3D Design	3	ART	3	Arts
Biology	4	BIO111, BIO112	8	Natural Sciences (2), Quantitative Reasoning (2)
Calculus AB	4	MTH141	4	Formal Sciences, Quantitative Reasoning
Calculus BC	4	MTH141, MTH142	8	Formal Sciences (2), Quantitative Reasoning (2)

Added
Rigor
+
Possible
Credit



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