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Which colleges have changed their admissions testing policies in response to COVID-19?

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College	Policy in brief	Helpful links
Albion College	Test optional for students applying for Fall 2020 ²	How is COVID-19 Affecting Admission?
Alfred University	Test-optional for spring and fall 2021	Here (under Test Scores)
Alma College	Suspended SAT/ACT requirements for traditional first-year students between 1 April 2020 and 30 September 2021	Admissions & Aid page
Amherst College	Test-optional for applicants for the first-year class during the 2020-21 admission cycle The college has communicated with high schools, letting them know students will not be penalized in admissions for school closures, pass-fail grading, or other similar changes made in response to COVID-19	Amherst announcement Amherst admissions site
Anderson University	Test-optional effective immediately	Anderson Announcement
Angelo State University	Test-optional for 2020-2021.	Announcement



Babson College	<p>Test-optional for students applying for entry in Fall 2021</p> <p>English proficiency exams for non-native English speakers are still required; students can request a waiver</p>	Babson announcement
Baylor University	Test-optional for 2021	Press release
Bentley University	Test-optional for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022.	First-year Applicants
Bethany College	Test-optional for Fall 2020	Bethany announcement
Boston College	Test-optional for the 2020-21 admission cycle.	Announcement
Boston University	<p>Test-optional for first-year students applying for fall 2021 and spring 2022.</p> <p>Applies to all undergraduate schools and colleges at BU and all scholarship programs.</p>	<p>BU announcement</p> <p>BU admissions site</p>
Bowling Green State University	Temporarily waiving GRE and GMAT requirements for students applying for a master's or graduate certificate program for summer and fall 2020	<p>BGSU announcement</p> <p>BGSU graduate college site</p>
Briar Cliff University	Waiving SAT/ACT score requirement for current high school seniors	Briar Cliff announcement
Bridgewater College	Test-optional for academic years 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24. This policy does not apply to homeschooled students and international students.	<p>Announcement</p> <p>Freshman Admission</p>
Brown University	Test-optional for 2020-21 admission cycle.	Announcement
Bucknell University	Test-optional beginning in fall 2020 for a 5 year pilot program.	Announcement



Buena Vista University	Test-optional for 2021	Test-Optional Announcement
Butler University	Test-optional beginning fall 2021 and beyond. Some programs may require standardized test scores.	Test-Optional Admission
California Institute of Technology	Two year moratorium on SAT and ACT requirements (for Fall 2021 and Fall 2022).	Announcement First-Year Application Requirements
California State University	Suspends use of SAT/ACT requirements for the academic year 2021-2022	High School Guidance – First-Time First-Year Students
Carnegie Mellon University	Test-optional for fall 2021.	Standardized Testing Requirements
Carson-Newman University	Test-optional beginning with the 2021-22 admissions cycle. The policy will allow students meeting criteria to choose whether or not to submit standardized test scores. Those with a 2.75 GPA or higher will be able to choose whether or not to submit scores to be considered for merit scholarships. Those with lower GPAs will need to submit test scores for consideration or appeal to the University's Enrollment Management Committee.	Announcement
Case Western Reserve University	Test-optional for students entering fall 2021.	CWRU announcement
Centre College	Test-optional for 2021, 2022, and 2023 admissions cycles	Centre announcement
Clemson University	Test-optional for 2021-22.	Announcement
Coastal Carolina University	Test-optional for Fall 2021 applicants with a minimum 3.5 high school GPA	CCU announcement



College of Charleston	<p>Test-optional for Fall 2021.</p> <p>Homeschooled students are still required to submit scores.</p> <p>The pilot program will be evaluated next summer and a determination on whether or not to continue or expand it will be made for the next admissions cycle.</p>	News release
College of Coastal Georgia	Test-optional for summer and fall 2020	Announcement
Colgate University	Test-optional for students entering fall 2021	Colgate announcement
Columbia University	Test-optional for first year applicants to Columbia College and Columbia Engineering 2020-2021 admission cycle.	Revised Testing Policy for 2020-2021 Application Cycle
College of Wooster	Test-optional for fall 2021 entering class and beyond	Wooster announcement
Concordia University Texas	<p>Test-optional for students entering fall 2020 through fall 2021</p> <p>College of Nursing will temporarily waive Test of Essential Academic Skills for students entering summer 2020 and fall 2020</p>	<p>CTX announcements here and here</p> <p>CTX admissions site</p>
Cornell University	Test-optional for 2021 applicants	Announcement
Dartmouth College	Test-optional for the class of 2025.	Announcement
Davidson College	Test-optional for a three-year period, beginning with students entering fall 2021	Davidson announcement
Drury University	Test-optional school, beginning with applications for fall 2021 and beyond	Drury announcement



	Test-optional applicants will have an additional 250 to 500-word essay as part of the scholarship and award process	
Duke University	Test-optional for 2020-21 admissions cycle.	Application Materials: Tests Statement on Duke Going Test Optional for Admissions in 2021 Announcement
Eastern Illinois University	Test-optional for fall 2021.	Admissions Requirements
Eastern Michigan University	Test-optional for fall 2020. Applies only to incoming first-year domestic students.	Policy
Eckerd College	Test-optional for two year pilot program (fall 2021 – fall 2022)	Announcement
Elizabethtown College	Test optional for fall 2021.	Announcement Admissions
Elmhurst University	Test-optional for 2020-21.	Announcement
Elon University	Test-optional beginning in fall 2021 in a three year pilot program.	COVID- 19 Admissions Information Press release
Emory University	Test-optional for 2020-2021 academic year.	Announcement Test-Optional
Fordham University	Test-optional for two year period beginning with the fall 2021 class.	Announcement
Fort Lewis College	Test-optional for 2021.	Announcement



Franklin College	Test-optional for current high school seniors for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year	Franklin announcement
Georgetown College	Test-optional for fall 2021.	Announcement
Gonzaga University	Test-optional for students applying for college admission for fall 2021. Will not disadvantage students whose high schools are using pass/fail grading	Gonzaga announcement Gonzaga COVID-19 admission FAQ Gonzaga admissions page
Grand Valley State University	Test-optional for fall 2021	Undergraduate Admissions Requirements (under Freshman Requirements)
Greenville University	Test-optional for 2021 and beyond.	Press release
Hamilton College	Test-optional for 2021-2022 academic year	Hamilton announcement
Harvard University	Test-optional for those applying for admission to the class of 2025.	Admissions Application Considerations for the Class of 2025
Harvey Mudd College	Test-optional for 2020-21 and 2021-22 admission cycles.	Announcement
Haverford College	Test-optional for first year and transfer applicants for a three year trial beginning with students entering Fall 2021	Haverford Admissions blog announcement
Illinois State University	Test-optional for summer and fall 2021	Press release
Indiana University Bloomington	Test-optional beginning in 2021	About test-optional admissions
Indiana University Fort Wayne	Test-optional beginning with spring 2021 and beyond	Admissions steps page (under "Take the SAT or ACT exam")



Indiana University Kokomo	Test-optional for fall 2020 admission	IU Kokomo announcement
Indiana University Northwest	SAT/ACT scores requirements waived for students entering fall 2020	IU Northwest announcement
Indiana University Southeast	Test-optional for summer and fall 2020 enrollment	ACT/SAT waiver
IUPUI	Test-optional beginning 2021 and beyond	Admissions page (under "Regarding the SAT or ACT exam")
Johns Hopkins University	Test-optional for the fall 2021	Standardized Test Information Announcement
Limestone College	Test-optional for students entering fall 2020 Students who have SAT and ACT scores are still encouraged to submit them	Limestone announcement Limestone admissions site
Loyola Marymount University	Test-optional for fall 2021 applicants	Announcement page
Loyola University New Orleans	Test blind starting in fall 2021. Students hoping to receive state-funded scholarships will still need to submit SAT and ACT scores to determine scholarship eligibility.	Announcement
Mansfield University	Test-optional for students entering fall 2020 SAT/ACT scores are preferred for admission to certain programs, such as the B.S. in Nursing program Admitted students who did not submit SAT/ACT scores (1) may need to take placement tests during	Mansfield announcement Mansfield admissions site



	orientation and (2) are eligible for a narrower range of merit awards.	
Marietta College	Test-optional for 2021-2022.	Test Optional Admission FAQ
Marymount University	Adopting a complete test-optional policy starting with the Fall 2021 semester.	Announcement
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Test-optional for 2020-21.	Tests & Scores
McMurry University (TX)	Test-optional for Fall 2020	McMurry announcement
Mercer University	Test-optional through fall 2023.	Announcement
Middlebury College	Test-optional policy for at least 3 years, through fall 2023, on a trial basis.	Middlebury announcement
Midway University (KY)	Test-optional for Fall 2020.	Midway announcement
Millersville University	Expanding its test-optional policy (previously limited to local residents) to all students entering Fall 2020	Millersville Test-Optional FAQ page
Minnesota State University Moorhead	Test-optional beginning Fall 2020 and beyond.	Announcement
Misericordia University	Test-optional for fall 2021.	Announcement
Missouri State University	Test-optional for students with a 3.25 high school GPA or higher. The university will also accept ACT/SAT superscores.	Announcement
NCAA Eligibility Center	Waiving SAT/ACT requirement for student-athletes entering Division I and II colleges in the 2020-2021	NCAA Eligibility Center COVID-19 FAQ Announcement



	<p>academic year (applies only to students graduating in spring/summer 2020).</p> <p>The Eligibility Center will also adjust its approach to pass/fail grades received in spring/summer 2020 by students at all grade levels.</p>	
Northeastern University	Test-optional for prospective students for the 2021-2022 academic year. Includes undergraduate and graduate students.	Announcement page
Northwestern University	Test-optional for 2020-2021 admission cycle.	Announcement
Ohio University – Athens Campus	Adopted a permanent test-optional policy.	Announcement
Oregon State University	Test-optional for undergraduates entering in fall 2021 and beyond	OSU announcement OSU admissions site
Ouachita Baptist University	Test-optional for the 2020-2021 recruitment cycle.	Announcement
PennState	Test-optional for summer and fall 2021	Admissions Requirements
Pomona College	Test-optional for first-year and transfer students entering in fall 2021	Pomona announcement Pomona admissions site
Princeton University	Test-optional for 2020-21 application cycle. Will move to one application deadline (1 January 2021) for that admission cycle.	Announcement Admissions – COVID-19 Update Standardized Testing
Purdue University Northwest	Test-optional for summer and fall 2020	Admissions page



Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Test-optional for fall 2021 and spring 2022	Announcement
Rhodes College	Test-optional for 3 years, which will serve as a pilot project to determine if the test-optional policy should continue	Rhodes announcement
Rice University	Test-optional for 2020-2021.	Announcement Standardized Testing
Rivier University	Test-optional policy extended to nursing program for fall 2021.	Announcement
Rochester Institute of Technology	Test scores can be self-reported on application for Fall 2020. Students admitted will be required to submit official scores if they enroll. Test optional for some programs for Fall 2020. Fall 2021 and beyond, Rochester Institute of Technology will be test optional.	Freshman Admissions Press Release
Rowan University	Test-optional for 2021. Exceptions include homeschooled students, those seeking admission with a GED, and applicants to the 3+4 medical program through the Medical School or the School of Osteopathic Medicine.	Announcement
Rutgers University – Camden	Test-optional for Fall 2020 and 2021.	Camden Undergraduate Admissions Announcement about 2021
Rutgers University – Newark	Test-optional for Fall 2020 and Fall 2021.	Newark Undergraduate Admissions Announcement
Rutgers University – New Brunswick	Test-optional for Spring and Fall 2021.	New Brunswick enrollment FAQs



Saint Louis University	Test-optional for 2021-2022 academic year for most programs	Announcement
Santa Clara University	Test-optional for a two-year period for first-year and transfer students beginning with students entering in fall 2021 Will reassess whether to reinstate the testing requirement after the two-year period	Santa Clara announcement
Scripps College	Test-optional, for students entering in fall 2021 and beyond Homeschooled students strongly encouraged to submit SAT or ACT scores	Scripps announcement Scripps admissions site
Seattle University	Test-optional starting fall 2021. GRE and GMAT will be optional for non-law graduate programs for the 2020-21 academic year.	SU announcement
Southern Methodist University	Test-optional for Spring 2021 and Fall 2021.	First Year Application Undergraduate Temporary Test-Optional Policy
Southwest Baptist University	Temporary policy changes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test-Optional • Self-reporting of high school GPA • May take online Classic Learning Test (CLT) to improve academic scholarship eligibility 	SBU announcement SBU admissions process
Stanford University	Test-optional for fall 2021.	Testing update for Fall 2021 applicants
State University of New York	SAT/ACT requirements suspended for 2021-2022.	Announcement



Stephen F. Austin State University	Test-optional for 2020-2021 academic year.	Freshman Students
St. Edward's University	Test-optional for undergraduate applicants for fall 2021 and beyond	St. Edward's announcement
St. Olaf College	Test-optional for fall 2021 and beyond	Announcement here
St. Thomas Aquinas College	Test-optional for Fall 2020	STAC announcement
Swarthmore College	<p>Test-optional for applicants during the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 cycles</p> <p>Students can now choose to report results from previous tests, including the PSAT and PreACT</p> <p>In fall 2022, the college will assess the policy and determine whether to continue</p>	<p>Swarthmore announcement</p> <p>Offering flexibility to students and our commitment to you</p>
Syracuse University	Test-optional for fall 2021	First-Year Admission Requirements
Tennessee State University	Test-optional for fall 2020	Announcement
Texas A&M University	Test-optional for spring, summer, and fall of 2021	<p>Admissions: Required Documents</p> <p>Announcement</p>
Texas Christian University	<p>Test-optional for students entering in fall 2021</p> <p>Students should consider their academic record and co-curricular experiences when deciding whether to submit test scores</p>	TCU announcement



Texas Tech University	Test-optional for fall 2020.	First Time in College
The College of New Jersey	Test-optional beginning with 2020-2021 admission cycle for a three year period. Does not apply to the seven year medical program or optometry program.	Announcement
Trinity University (TX)	Test-optional for a 3-year period starting with applicants for Fall 2021 Applicants can self-report unofficial test scores via applicant portal TOEFL, IELTS, DET still required	Trinity announcement
Tufts University	Test-optional for all undergraduates for a three-year period, beginning with students entering fall 2021. Will determine whether to reinstate testing requirement at the end of the three-year period.	Tufts announcement Tufts admissions site
Tulane University	Test-optional for students applying for a spot in the class entering fall 2021	Tulane announcement and FAQ Tulane admissions site
University of California System	Test-optional for 2021-2022. Test-blind for 2023-2024. UC aims to develop their own admissions test for California students by 2025. If there is a new test by 2025, all California students will submit scores from that new test. Non-residents and international students will follow the approach that will be determined by UC. If there is no new test ready by fall 2025, standardized testing requirement would be eliminated for California students. UC will determine an appropriate approach for non-resident students.	UC announcement



University of Central Missouri	Test-optional beginning in fall 2020 for students with a 3.5 GPA or higher. Scores still required for Direct Entry Nursing Program, Education majors, Honors College, NCAA Athletics, and automatic merit scholarships.	Announcement Admissions Requirements
University of Cincinnati	Test-optional for a two year period starting with 2021 applicants. Test scores are still required for the Honors Program, the College of Nursing Direct-Admit BSN program, and the Early Childhood Education Program.	Announcement Test-Optional FAQ
University of Connecticut	Test-optional beginning with the 2021-2022 academic year for the next three admission cycles.	Press release Application Instructions, under Standardized Test (Optional)
University of the Cumberlands	Adopting a test-optional policy for current and future applicants Test-optional applicants are still eligible for institutional grants and need-based aid	Cumberlands announcement
University of Delaware	Test-optional for 2021 applicants, regardless of residency.	Announcement Admissions Requirements
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	Test-optional for 2021-2022 academic years.	Announcement Application Checklist
University of Houston	Test-optional for summer and fall 2020	Admissions: Freshman: No Test Score
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Test-optional for fall 2021.	Announcement



University of Louisville	Test-optional for Spring 2021, Summer 2021 and Fall 2021.	ACT/SAT Information
University of Lynchburg	Test-optional for 2021-2022.	Announcement Freshman Application Steps
University of Maryland Baltimore County	Test-optional for fall 2021	Announcement
University of Massachusetts Amherst	Test-optional beginning in Spring 2021 thru Spring 2023	Test-Optional Policy
University of Memphis	Test-flexible policy for fall 2021	Press release
University of Miami	Piloting test-optional policy for fall 2021.	Announcement
University of Minnesota Duluth	Test-optional starting with applicants for the spring and fall 2021	Announcement
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	Test-optional for 2021.	Freshman Requirements
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Test-optional policy adopted August 2020.	Announcement Admissions Requirements
University of New England	Piloting a test-blind policy for 2020-2021 academic year.	Announcement
University of Mobile	Test-optional for Fall 2020	University of Mobile announcement
University of North Carolina System	Change in minimum admissions requirements: 2.5 GPA or 1010 combined SAT score/19 composite ACT score; applicants must submit test scores but system schools may choose to admit based on GPA alone	UNC System announcement UNC System amended policy document



	<p>Each UNC system school has freedom to set its own requirements above these minimums</p> <p>Effective for a three-year period, beginning with students enrolling in Fall 2020</p>	Daily Tar Heel article about the new policy
University of Notre Dame	Test-optional for 2020-2021 application cycle.	Announcement
University of Oregon	<p>Test-optional for students entering fall 2021 and beyond.</p> <p>Standardized test scores will still be needed for certain automatic scholarships.</p>	<p>UO announcement</p> <p>UO scholarship page (to see which awards require test scores)³</p> <p>UO test-optional FAQ</p>
University of Pennsylvania	Test-optional for 2020-2021.	Announcement
University of Pittsburgh Bradford Campus	Test-optional for Fall 2020.	Announcement Admissions Page
University of Rhode Island	Test-optional for 2021.	First-Year Student Admission
University of Richmond	Test-optional for fall 2021.	Announcement
University of South Carolina	Test-optional for 2021.	Requirements for Freshmen
University of Southern California	Test-optional for 2021-2022 academic year.	Announcement
University System of Georgia	<p>Test-optional for students entering summer and fall 2020.</p> <p>Students without test scores must meet specific GPA thresholds.</p>	USG announcement (includes a list of USG schools)



	Applies to all USG schools except UGA and Georgia Tech, which have already have fall class waitlists.	
University of Tennessee	<p>Test-optional for 2021.*</p> <p>*Test scores are still required for homeschooled students, students who attended a school that did not use alpha/numerical grades, and student athletes held to NCAA eligibility standards.</p>	Test Score Policy
University of Texas at Austin	Test-optional for fall 2021	Announcement
University of Toledo	<p>Piloting a test-optional admissions model for summer and fall 2020</p> <p>Test-optional NOT available to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home-schooled students • Students who attend high schools that do not report grades • Students applying for majors in the colleges of Nursing, Engineering, and Health and Human Services <p>Will use self-reported grades and GPAs to conditionally admit students until final transcripts are available</p>	<p>UToledo Coronavirus FAQs</p> <p>UToledo test-optional admissions page</p>
University of Utah	Test-optional for 2021-2023.	<p>Admissions</p> <p>Test-Optional FAQ</p>
University of Vermont	Test-optional for 2020-2021.	Announcement
University of Virginia	Test-optional for 2021.	Announcement



University of Virginia at Wise	Lifting test requirements for incoming freshmen and transfers with less than 30 credits	Admissions & Aid
University of Washington	Test-optional for fall 2021 and beyond. The change is immediately in effect for the Seattle campus. The standardized testing policies for UW Bothell and UW Tacoma will be reviewed.	Announcement Here – Has not been updated with the new policy yet
University of Wisconsin-Madison	Test-optional policy extended through summer 2023.	Announcement
Vassar College	Piloting a test-optional policy for the 2020-21 admissions cycle Will evaluate after the one-year pilot to determine whether test-optional policy should continue	Vassar announcement
Virginia Tech	Test-optional for 2020-2021	Announcement here
Wartburg College	Test-optional for upcoming admissions cycle.	Announcement
Washington and Lee University	Test-optional for 2021 applicants	Announcement
Washington State University Vancouver	Test-optional for Fall 2020	Admissions page News article
Wellesley College	Test optional for first-year applicants entering in fall 2021 Suspending the regular Decision with Early Evaluation option for first-year applicants entering fall 2021 Regular decision deadline moved to January 8 from January 15	Wellesley admissions page



Westminster College (New Wilmington, PA)	Waiving SAT/ACT requirements for students entering fall 2020	Westminster announcement
West Virginia Wesleyan College	Test-optional for Spring 2021 and Fall 2021.	Announcement
William and Mary	Launching a three-year test-optional pilot program with the 2020-2021 academic year.	Announcement Policy
Williams College	<p>Test-optional for students applying as freshmen or transfers during the 2020-21 admissions cycle</p> <p>For students who choose to submit test scores, results will be considered as part of holistic admissions process</p> <p>Due to school closings, remote learning, activity cancellations, and temporary changes in high school grading systems, they will grant additional flexibility and are willing to work with students affected by COVID-19 and their school counselors</p>	Williams announcement
Wright State University	Test-optional for summer 2021, fall 2021, and fall 2022. The application fee has been waived for summer and fall 2021.	Announcement
Yale University	Test-optional for 2020-2021 admissions cycle. SAT Subject Tests will not be considered during the 2020-2021 admissions cycle.	Announcement Admissions COVID-19 Information
Vanderbilt University	Test-optional for fall 2021.	Announcement

