

University System of Georgia

Freshman Admission Requirements

SAT/ACT, HSGPA, and Freshman Index Requirements



The University System of Georgia (USG), comprised of [26 higher education institutions](#), including 4 research universities, 4 comprehensive universities, 9 state universities and 9 state colleges, provides many opportunities for students to pursue their educational goals. This document provides the freshman admission requirements for each USG college and university. In addition to these requirements, freshman applicants must satisfy the Required High School Curriculum (RHSC) as outlined on the USG's [Staying on Course](#) document and graduate from a high school accredited by a regional accrediting association (such as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) or the Georgia Accrediting Commission or from a public school regulated by a school system and state department of education. Students are encouraged to contact the Admission Office of their college or university of interest to learn more about admission criteria, required documentation, and deadlines.

			Minimum		
			Test Scores	Freshman Index ¹	HSGPA ²
ABRAHAM BALDWIN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE	New SAT <i>(SAT taken March 2016 or later)</i>	Reading test	19	1830	2.0
		Math test/section	18/360		
	Old SAT <i>(SAT taken prior to March 2016)</i>	Critical Reading section	330		
		Math section	310		
	ACT	English test	12		
		Math test	14		
LEARN MORE:	Visit the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College Office of Admission .				

			Minimum		
			Test Scores	Freshman Index ¹	HSGPA ²
ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY BACHELOR'S PATHWAY	New SAT <i>(SAT taken March 2016 or later)</i>	Reading test	24	1940	2.0
		Math test/section	22/440		
	Old SAT <i>(SAT taken prior to March 2016)</i>	Critical Reading section	430		
		Math section	400		
	ACT	English test	17		
		Math test	17		
ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATE PATHWAY	New SAT <i>(SAT taken March 2016 or later)</i>	Reading test	-	-	2.0
		Math test/section	-		
	Old SAT <i>(SAT taken prior to March 2016)</i>	Critical Reading section	-		
		Math section	-		
	ACT	English test	-		
		Math test	-		
LEARN MORE:	Visit the Albany State University Office of Admission .				

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ATLANTA METROPOLITAN STATE COLLEGE	Minimum HSGPA ²		
	2.0		
LEARN MORE:	Visit the Atlanta Metropolitan State College Office of Admission .		

		Minimum			
		Test Scores	Freshman Index ¹	HSGPA ²	
AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY	New SAT <i>(SAT taken March 2016 or later)</i>	Reading test	24	2240	2.0
		Math test/section	22/440		
	Old SAT <i>(SAT taken prior to March 2016)</i>	Critical Reading section	430		
		Math section	400		
	ACT	English test	17		
		Math test	17		
LEARN MORE:	Visit the Augusta University Office of Admission .				

		Minimum			
		Test Scores	Freshman Index ¹	HSGPA ²	
CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY	New SAT <i>(SAT taken March 2016 or later)</i>	Reading test	24	1940	2.0
		Math test/section	22/440		
	Old SAT <i>(SAT taken prior to March 2016)</i>	Critical Reading section	430		
		Math section	400		
	ACT	English test	17		
		Math test	17		
Composite		17			
LEARN MORE:	Visit the Clayton State University Office of Admission .				

		Minimum			
		Test Scores	Freshman Index ¹	HSGPA ²	
COLLEGE OF COASTAL GEORGIA	New SAT <i>(SAT taken March 2016 or later)</i>	Reading test	19	1850	2.0
		Math test/section	19.5/390		
	Old SAT <i>(SAT taken prior to March 2016)</i>	Critical Reading section	350		
		Math section	350		
	ACT	English test	14		
		Math test	14		
LEARN MORE:	Visit the College of Coastal Georgia Office of Admission .				

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			Minimum		
			Test Scores	Freshman Index ¹	HSGPA ²
COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY	New SAT <i>(SAT taken March 2016 or later)</i>	Reading test	24	1940	2.5
		Math test/section	22.5/450		
	Old SAT <i>(SAT taken prior to March 2016)</i>	Critical Reading section	440		
		Math section	410		
	ACT	English test	17		
		Math test	17		
LEARN MORE:		Visit the Columbus State University Office of Admission .			

			Minimum		
			Test Scores	Freshman Index ¹	HSGPA ²
DALTON STATE COLLEGE	New SAT <i>(SAT taken March 2016 or later)</i>	Reading test	19	1830	2.0
		Math test/section	18/360		
	Old SAT <i>(SAT taken prior to March 2016)</i>	Critical Reading section	330		
		Math section	310		
	ACT	English test	14		
		Math test	12		
LEARN MORE:		Visit the Dalton State College Office of Admission .			

			Minimum HSGPA ²		
EAST GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE	2.0				
LEARN MORE:		Visit the East Georgia State College Office of Admission .			

			Minimum		
			Test Scores	Freshman Index ¹	HSGPA ²
FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY	New SAT <i>(SAT taken March 2016 or later)</i>	Reading test	24	1940	2.25
		Math test/section	22/440		
	Old SAT <i>(SAT taken prior to March 2016)</i>	Critical Reading section	430		
		Math section	400		
	ACT	English test	17		
		Math test	17		
LEARN MORE:		Visit the Fort Valley State University Office of Admission .			

GEORGIA COLLEGE AND STATE UNIVERSITY	Georgia College & State University receives a larger number of applications from academically qualified students than the institution has the capacity to admit and enroll. Consequently, some highly qualified applicants with strong test scores and high school GPAs may not be extended an offer of admission. Georgia College and State University utilizes a holistic review process which includes the consideration of additional factors such as recommendations, essays, community involvement, and interviews. Those interested in admission should visit the GCSU website and/or speak with an admissions representative to learn more. In accordance with Board of Regents Policy 4.1.6, Georgia College & State University requires proof of lawful presence in the U.S. for admission.
LEARN MORE:	Visit the Georgia College and State University Office of Admission .

			Minimum	
			Test Scores	HSGPA ²
GEORGIA GWINNETT COLLEGE	New SAT <i>(SAT taken March 2016 or later)</i>	Reading test	24	2.0
		Math test/section	22/440	
	Old SAT <i>(SAT taken prior to March 2016)</i>	Critical Reading section	430	
		Math section	400	
	ACT	English test	17	
		Math test	17	
	ACCUPLACER	Reading Comprehension	46	
		WritePlacer	3	
		Elementary Algebra	32	
LEARN MORE:	Visit the Georgia Gwinnett College Office of Admission .			

			Minimum	
			Test Scores	HSGPA ²
GEORGIA HIGHLANDS COLLEGE	ACCUPLACER	Reading Comprehension	46	2.0
		WritePlacer	2	
		Elementary Algebra	32	
LEARN MORE:	Visit the Georgia Highlands College Office of Admission .			
NOTES:	SAT or ACT scores may be used to exempt Accuplacer testing. Students are encouraged to submit official scores directly to Georgia Highlands College to determine eligibility for exemption. Students with approved English transfer credit from a regionally accredited institution may be eligible to exempt the Accuplacer Reading Comprehension and WritePlacer tests. Students with approved mathematics transfer credit from a regionally accredited institution may be eligible to exempt the Accuplacer math test.			

GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	The Georgia Institute of Technology receives a larger number of applications from academically qualified students than the institution has the capacity to admit and enroll. Consequently, some highly qualified applicants with strong test scores and high school GPAs may not be extended an offer of admission. Georgia Tech utilizes a holistic review process which includes the consideration of additional factors such as recommendations, essays, and community involvement. Those interested in admission should visit the Georgia Tech website and/or speak with an admissions representative to learn more. In accordance with Board of Regents Policy 4.1.6, the Georgia Institute of Technology requires proof of lawful presence in the U.S. for admission.
LEARN MORE:	Visit the Georgia Institute of Technology Office of Admission .

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			Test Scores	Freshman Index ¹	HSGPA ²
GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY STATESBORO AND ARMSTRONG CAMPUSES	New SAT <i>(SAT taken March 2016 or later)</i>	Reading test	24	2040	2.5
		Math test/section	22/440		
		Total score	1030		
	Old SAT <i>(SAT taken prior to March 2016)</i>	Critical Reading section	430		
		Math section	400		
		Total score	950		
	ACT	English test	17		
		Math test	17		
		Composite	20		
GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LIBERTY CAMPUS	New SAT <i>(SAT taken March 2016 or later)</i>	Reading test	-	-	2.0
		Math test/section	-		
	Old SAT <i>(SAT taken prior to March 2016)</i>	Critical Reading section	-		
		Math section	-		
	ACT	English test	-		
		Math test	-		
LEARN MORE:	Visit the Georgia Southern University Office of Admission .				

			Minimum		
			Test Scores	Freshman Index ¹	HSGPA ²
GEORGIA SOUTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY	New SAT <i>(SAT taken March 2016 or later)</i>	Reading test	24	1940	2.0
		Math test/section	22/440		
	Old SAT <i>(SAT taken prior to March 2016)</i>	Critical Reading section	430		
		Math section	400		
	ACT	English test	17		
		Math test	17		
LEARN MORE:	Visit the Georgia Southwestern State University Office of Admission .				

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			Minimum		
			Test Scores	Freshman Index ¹	HSGPA ²
GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY ATLANTA CAMPUS	New SAT <i>(SAT taken March 2016 or later)</i>	Reading test	24	2500	2.75
		Math test/section	22/440		
	Old SAT <i>(SAT taken prior to March 2016)</i>	Critical Reading section	430		
		Math section	400		
	ACT	English test	17		
		Math test	17		
GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY PERIMETER COLLEGE CAMPUSES	New SAT <i>(SAT taken March 2016 or later)</i>	Reading test	-	-	2.0
		Math test/section	-		
	Old SAT <i>(SAT taken prior to March 2016)</i>	Critical Reading section	-		
		Math section	-		
	ACT	English test	-		
		Math test	-		
LEARN MORE:	Visit the Georgia State University Office of Admission .				

			Minimum		
			Test Scores	Freshman Index ¹	HSGPA ²
GORDON STATE COLLEGE	New SAT <i>(SAT taken March 2016 or later)</i>	Reading test	19	1830	2.0
		Math test/section	18/360		
	Old SAT <i>(SAT taken prior to March 2016)</i>	Critical Reading section	330		
		Math section	310		
	ACT	English test	12		
		Math test	14		
LEARN MORE:	Visit the Gordon State College Office of Admission .				

			Minimum		
			Test Scores	Freshman Index ¹	HSGPA ²
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY	New SAT <i>(SAT taken March 2016 or later)</i>	Reading test	25	2300	2.5
		Math test/section	24.5/490		
		Total score	1030		
	Old SAT <i>(SAT taken prior to March 2016)</i>	Critical Reading section	450		
		Math section	450		
		Total score	950		
	ACT	English test	18		
		Math test	18		
		Composite	20		
LEARN MORE:	Visit the Kennesaw State University Office of Admission .				

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			Test Scores	Freshman Index ¹	HSGPA ²
MIDDLE GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY	New SAT <i>(SAT taken March 2016 or later)</i>	Reading test	20	1860	2.0
		Math test/section	19.5/390		
	Old SAT <i>(SAT taken prior to March 2016)</i>	Critical Reading section	370		
		Math section	350		
	ACT	English test	15		
		Math test	14		
LEARN MORE:	Visit the Middle Georgia State University Office of Admission .				

			Minimum		
			Test Scores	Freshman Index ¹	HSGPA ²
SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY BACHELOR'S PATHWAY	New SAT²	Reading test	24	1940	2.0
		Math test/section	22/450		
	Old SAT <i>(SAT taken prior to March 2016)</i>	Critical Reading section	430		
		Math section	400		
	ACT	English test	17		
		Math test	17		
Composite ⁷		17			
SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATE PATHWAY	New SAT <i>(SAT taken March 2016 or later)</i>	Reading test	19	1790	2.0
		Math test/section	18/360		
	Old SAT <i>(SAT taken prior to March 2016)</i>	Critical Reading section	330		
		Math section	310		
	ACT	English test	12		
		Math test	14		
LEARN MORE:	Visit the Savannah State University Office of Admission .				

Minimum HSGPA ²	
SOUTH GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE	2.0
LEARN MORE:	Visit the South Georgia State College Office of Admission .

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA	The University of Georgia receives a larger number of applications from academically qualified students than the institution has the capacity to admit and enroll. Consequently, some highly qualified applicants with strong test scores and high school GPAs may not be extended an offer of admission. The University of Georgia utilizes a holistic review process which includes the consideration of additional factors such as recommendations, essays, community involvement, and interviews. Those interested in admission should visit the UGA website and/or speak with an admissions representative to learn more. In accordance with Board of Regents Policy 4.1.6, the University of Georgia requires proof of lawful presence in the U.S. for admission.
	LEARN MORE: Visit the University of Georgia Office of Admission .

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			Test Scores	Freshman Index ¹	HSGPA ²
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA BACHELOR'S PATHWAY	New SAT <i>(SAT taken March 2016 or later)</i>	Reading test	26	2500	2.0
		Math test/section	24/480		
	Old SAT <i>(SAT taken prior to March 2016)</i>	Critical Reading section	480		
		Math section	440		
	ACT	English test	20		
		Math test	18		
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATE PATHWAY	New SAT <i>(SAT taken March 2016 or later)</i>	Reading test	19	1830	2.0
		Math test/section	18/360		
	Old SAT <i>(SAT taken prior to March 2016)</i>	Critical Reading section	330		
		Math section	310		
	ACT	English test	12		
		Math test	14		
LEARN MORE:	Visit the University of North Georgia Office of Admission .				
NOTES:	Due to high demand, University of North Georgia (UNG) bachelor's degree admission is a selective process. Some applicants meeting minimum test score and GPA requirements may not be extended an offer of admission. Those interested in applying to UNG to pursue a bachelor's degree should speak with a UNG admissions representative to learn more.				

			Minimum		
			Test Scores	Freshman Index ¹	HSGPA ²
UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA	New SAT <i>(SAT taken March 2016 or later)</i>	Reading test	24	2120	2.0
		Math test/section	22.5/450		
	Old SAT <i>(SAT taken prior to March 2016)</i>	Critical Reading section	430		
		Math section	410		
	ACT	English test	17		
		Math test	17		
LEARN MORE:	Visit the University of West Georgia Office of Admission .				

			Minimum		
			Test Scores	Freshman Index ¹	HSGPA ²
VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY	New SAT <i>(SAT taken March 2016 or later)</i>	Reading test	24	2040	2.0
		Math test/section	22/440		
		Total score	980		
	Old SAT <i>(SAT taken prior to March 2016)</i>	Critical Reading section	430		
		Math section	400		
		Total score	900		
	ACT	English test	17		
		Math test	17		
		Composite	19		
LEARN MORE:	Visit the Valdosta State University Office of Admission .				

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GENERAL NOTES

Please note that admission requirements are subject to change. Meeting the minimum requirements provided in this document does not guarantee admission to any USG college or university. Eligibility for admission is determined after a complete review of an applicant’s credentials.

Questions regarding admission to a specific USG college or university should be directed to that institution. General questions regarding this document should be directed to the USG’s Office of Student Affairs by emailing student-affairs@usg.edu or calling 404-962-3110.

FOOTNOTES

¹The SAT FI formula uses the Old (pre-March 2016) SAT. New (March 2016 or later) SAT scores are converted to the comparable old SAT scores using the [College Board conversion tables](#). New SAT Reading test scores are converted to comparable old SAT Critical Reading section scores and new SAT Math scores are converted to comparable old SAT Math section scores.

The SAT FI formula is:

$$500 \times (\text{HSGPA}) + \text{Old SAT Critical Reading section score} + \text{Old SAT Math section score}$$

The ACT FI formula is:

$$500 \times (\text{HSGPA}) + (\text{ACT Composite} \times 42) + 88$$

²The High School GPA (HSGPA) is calculated using the 17 units of the Required High School Curriculum (RHSC) as outlined on the USG’s [Staying on Course](#) document. The HSGPA is calculated on an alpha four-point scale. Numerical grades provided on high school transcripts are converted to letter grades based on the conversion table provided by the high school. The letter grades are converted to quality points as follows:

- A = 4 B = 3 C = 2 D = 1 F = 0