

University System of Georgia

Summer 2023 - Summer 2025

Freshman Admission Requirements

SAT/ACT, HSGPA, and Freshman Index Requirements



THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Thank you for your interest in the University System of Georgia (USG)! With [26 colleges and universities](#) across the state, the USG provides students a wide range of options for continuing their education. This resource is designed to help future students identify the colleges and universities that best fit their interests and academic credentials. We also encourage you to visit our [Georgia Degrees Pay](#) website to access a variety of online tools that put information about degree attainment, student success, costs and affordability for all of the USG colleges and universities at your fingertips!

SCHOOL ACCREDITATION

The USG recognizes accreditation from the following accrediting bodies:

- A regional accrediting association such as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACSCASI). Accredited schools can be found on the [Cognia website](#).
- [Association of Christian Schools International](#)
- [Georgia Accrediting Commission](#)
- [Georgia Association of Christian Schools](#)
- [Georgia Independent School Association](#)
- [Georgia Private School Accrediting Council](#)
- [Southern Association of Independent Schools](#)

Applicants who attend a homeschool or high school not accredited by one of the above must document their RHSC units through the submission of a curriculum packet. The curriculum packet must include the course title, course description, learning materials utilized (textbooks, software, reading lists, etc.), year course was completed, course credits and grade earned, and the school, institution, or program through which the course was taken (homeschool program, private/public school, online program, postsecondary institution, etc.) for each RHSC unit completed. Institutions may require additional documentation and/or test scores to further assess subject matter competency and preparation for college-level coursework. Students attending non-accredited homeschools or high schools are encouraged to contact their institution of interest to learn more.

REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Freshman applicants must complete the 17 academic units of the USG's Required High School Curriculum (RHSC). The courses that satisfy the RHSC are provided on the USG's [Staying on Course](#) document.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADE POINT AVERAGE

A minimum High School Grade Point Average (GPA) is required and is based on the 17 RHSC units. High school numerical grades are converted to letter grades based on the conversion table provided by each high school and then converted to quality points as follows.

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

The GPA is calculated by dividing the total quality points by the number of high school units.

SAT/ACT SCORE REQUIREMENTS

The USG is continuing to waive SAT/ACT score requirements through Summer 2025 at 23 of the 26 institutions. The temporary waiver does not apply to the Georgia Institute of Technology, the University of Georgia, or Georgia College & State University (effective Fall 2024). The institutions to which the waiver applies may admit students

not meeting minimum test score and Freshman Index requirements but meeting a higher high school GPA requirement. This document provides the requirements to be admitted both with and without test scores.

FRESHMAN INDEX

The Freshman Index (FI) is calculated using an applicant’s High School GPA (calculated on the USG’s RHSC units) and SAT or ACT scores.

SAT FI Formula: $500 \times (\text{HS GPA}) + 1.06 \times (\text{SAT ERW} + \text{Math}) - 74$

Example: A student with a 2.9 HS GPA and 480 SAT Evidence-based Reading & Writing/440 SAT Math would use the following FI calculation:

$$\text{SAT FI} = 500 \times (2.9) + 1.06 \times (480 + 440) - 74$$

$$\text{SAT FI} = 2351.2$$

ACT FI Formula: $500 \times (\text{HS GPA}) + (\text{ACT Composite} \times 42) + 88$

Example: A student with a 2.7 HS GPA and 18 ACT Composite would use the following FI calculation:

$$\text{ACT FI} = 500 \times (2.7) + (18 \times 42) + 88$$

$$\text{ACT FI} = 2194$$

LEARNING SUPPORT PLACEMENT

Learning Support is a generic term for programs designed to assist students with collegiate work and are intended to serve students who need additional support in mathematics or English (reading/writing). The “default placement” for all students is in entry-level English and mathematics with corequisite Learning Support unless exemption criteria are met.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Eligibility for admission is determined after the college or university has completed a thorough review of an applicant’s admission application and credentials. Meeting the minimums provided on this document does not guarantee admission. Questions regarding admission to a specific USG college or university should be directed to the Admission Office at that college or university. General questions regarding this document should be sent to the USG’s Office of Student Affairs (student-affairs@usg.edu).



ABRAHAM BALDWIN
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

Tifton, GA | [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Review **with** Minimum Scores

Test Type	Test Section	Minimum Test Scores	Minimum Freshman Index	Minimum High School GPA
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	380	1830	2.0
	Math	360		
ACT	English or Reading	12		
	Math	14		

Review **without** Minimum Scores

Minimum High School GPA
2.5



Albany State University
Albany, GA | [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Bachelor’s Degree Pathway - Review **with** Minimum Test Scores

Test Type	Test Section	Minimum Test Scores	Minimum Freshman Index	Minimum High School GPA
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	480	1940	2.0
	Math	440		
ACT	English or Reading	17		
	Math	17		

Bachelor’s Degree Pathway - Review **without** Minimum Scores

Minimum High School GPA
3.0

Associate Degree Pathway

Minimum High School GPA
2.0



Bring your brilliance.

Atlanta Metropolitan State College
Atlanta, GA | [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Minimum High School GPA
2.0



AUGUSTA
UNIVERSITY

Augusta University
Augusta, GA | [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Review **with** Minimum Scores

Test Type	Test Section	Minimum Test Scores	Minimum Freshman Index	Minimum High School GPA
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	480	2240	2.0
	Math	440		
ACT	English or Reading	17		
	Math	17		

Review **without** Minimum Scores

Minimum High School GPA
3.4



Clayton State University
Morrow, GA | [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Review **with** Minimum Scores

Test Type	Test Section	Minimum Test Scores	Minimum Freshman Index	Minimum High School GPA
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	480	1940	2.0
	Math	440		
ACT	English or Reading	17		
	Math	17		

Review **without** Minimum Scores

Minimum High School GPA
3.0



College of Coastal Georgia
Brunswick, GA | [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Minimum High School GPA
2.0



Columbus State University
Columbus, GA | [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Regular Admission - Review **with** Minimum Scores

Test Type	Test Section	Minimum Test Scores	Minimum Freshman Index	Minimum High School GPA
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	480	1940	2.5
	Math	440		
ACT	English or Reading	17		
	Math	17		

Regular Admission - Review **without** Minimum Scores

Minimum High School GPA
3.0

Associate Degree Access Pathway*

Minimum High School GPA
2.2

* Applicants must reside in one of the following counties in Georgia: Chattahoochee, Harris, Marion, Meriwether, Muscogee, Stewart, Talbot, Taylor or Troup.



Dalton State College
Dalton, GA | [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Minimum High School GPA
2.2



East Georgia State College
Swainsboro, GA | [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Minimum High School GPA
2.0



Fort Valley State University
Fort Valley, GA | [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Review **with** Minimum Scores

Test Type	Test Section	Minimum Test Scores	Minimum Freshman Index	Minimum High School GPA
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	480	1940	2.25
	Math	440		
ACT	English or Reading	17	1940	2.25
	Math	17		

Review **without** Minimum Scores

Minimum High School GPA
3.0



Georgia College & State University
Milledgeville, GA | [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

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 academic credentials may not be extended an offer of admission. Georgia College 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 Georgia College website and/or speak with an admissions representative to learn more. In accordance with Board of Regents Policy 4.1.6, Georgia College requires proof of lawful presence in the U.S. for admission.



Georgia Gwinnett College
Lawrenceville, GA | [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Minimum High School GPA
2.0



Georgia Highlands College
Rome, GA | [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Minimum High School GPA
2.0



Georgia Institute of Technology
Atlanta, GA | [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

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Georgia Southern University
Statesboro, GA | [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Statesboro and Armstrong Campuses - Review **with** Minimum Scores

Test Type	Test Section	Minimum Test Scores	Minimum Freshman Index	Minimum High School GPA
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	480	2090	2.5
	Math	440		
ACT	English or Reading	17		
	Math	17		

Statesboro and Armstrong Campuses - Review **without** Minimum Scores

Minimum High School GPA
3.2

Liberty Campus

Minimum High School GPA
2.0



Georgia Southwestern State University
Americus, GA | [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Regular Admission - Review **with** Minimum Scores

Test Type	Test Section	Minimum Test Scores	Minimum Freshman Index	Minimum High School GPA
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	480	1940	2.0
	Math	440		
ACT	English or Reading	17		
	Math	17		

Regular Admission - Review **without** Minimum Scores

Minimum High School GPA
3.0

University College Admission

Minimum High School GPA
2.0



Georgia State University
Atlanta, GA | [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Atlanta Campus - Review **with** Minimum Scores

Test Type	Test Section	Minimum Test Scores	Minimum Freshman Index	Minimum High School GPA
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	480	2500	2.75
	Math	440		
ACT	English or Reading	17		
	Math	17		

Atlanta Campus - Review **without** Minimum Scores

Minimum High School GPA
3.4

Perimeter College

Minimum High School GPA
2.0



Gordon State College
 Barnesville, GA | [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Minimum High School GPA
2.0



KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

Kennesaw State University
 Kennesaw, GA | [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Review **with** Minimum Scores

Test Type	Test Section	Minimum Test Scores	Minimum Freshman Index	Minimum High School GPA
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	500	2200	2.5
	Math	490		
ACT	English or Reading	18		
	Math	18		

Review **without** Minimum Scores

Minimum High School GPA
3.2



Middle Georgia State University

Middle Georgia State University
 Macon, GA | [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Regular Admission - Review **with** Minimum Scores

Test Type	Test Section	Minimum Test Scores	Minimum High School GPA
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	480	2.0
	Math	440	
ACT	English or Reading	17	
	Math	17	

Regular Admission - Review **without** Minimum Scores

Minimum High School GPA
3.0

Access Admission

Minimum High School GPA
2.0



Savannah State University
Savannah, GA | [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Bachelor’s Degree Pathway - Review **with** Minimum Scores

Test Type	Test Section	Minimum Test Scores	Minimum Freshman Index	Minimum High School GPA
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	480	1940	2.0
	Math	440		
ACT	English or Reading	17		
	Math	17		

Bachelor’s Degree Pathway - Review **without** Minimum Scores

Minimum High School GPA
3.0

Associate Degree Pathway

Minimum High School GPA
2.5



South Georgia State College
Douglas, GA | [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Minimum High School GPA
2.0



University of Georgia
Athens, GA | [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

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University of North Georgia
 Dahlonega, GA | [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Bachelor’s Degree Pathway* - Review **with** Minimum Scores

Test Type	Test Section	Minimum Test Scores	Minimum Freshman Index	Minimum High School GPA
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	480	2400	2.4
	Math	440		
ACT	English or Reading	17		
	Math	17		

Bachelor’s Degree Pathway* - Review **without** Minimum Scores

Minimum High School GPA
3.0

Associate Degree Pathway

Minimum High School GPA
2.0

**Due to high demand, UNG bachelor’s degree admission is a selective process. Some applicants meeting minimum test score and/or 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 an admissions representative to learn more.*



University of West Georgia
 Carrollton, GA | [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Review **with** Minimum Scores

Test Type	Test Section	Minimum Test Scores	Minimum Freshman Index	Minimum High School GPA
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	480	2040	2.0
	Math	440		
ACT	English or Reading	17		
	Math	17		

Review **without** Minimum Scores

Minimum High School GPA
3.2



Valdosta State University
 Valdosta, GA | [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Review **with** Minimum Scores

Test Type	Test Section	Minimum Test Scores	Minimum Freshman Index	Minimum High School GPA
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	480	2040	2.0
	Math	440		
ACT	English or Reading	17		
	Math	17		

Review **without** Minimum Scores

Minimum High School GPA
3.2