



TEST-OPTIONAL POLICY

The State University of New York has authorized the University at Albany to be test-optional for students applying for first-time freshman admission for the spring semester of 2022, the fall semester of 2022, and the spring semester of 2023.

Applicants will be asked on either the *Common Application* or the SUNY application whether they would like their applications to be evaluated without using ACT or SAT scores, or if they would like us to also consider their test scores when evaluating their applications.

UAlbany will proceed as students direct unless we are later advised by students otherwise up *until the time we have sent an admissions decision*; students cannot change their minds to request reconsideration once an admissions decision has been made.

If students request that we use their ACT or SAT scores when reviewing their applications, that will mean that no decision can be made until we have received ACT or SAT scores. Please note that this may delay admissions notification.

UAlbany Admissions strongly recommends that students request that their applications be considered without test scores unless they believe the test scores are a better indication of their academic ability than their high school performance to date.

Freshman merit scholarships will be determined on a *test blind basis*. That means that all scholarship decisions will be determined based on students' academic and extracurricular records alone; any ACT or SAT test scores submitted will not influence the scholarship decision.

Exceptions:

Applicants to the University at Albany [Guaranteed Admission to the Upstate Medical College](#) at Upstate Medical University must submit ACT or SAT scores in order to be considered.

Home-schooled applicants will be required to submit ACT or SAT scores to be considered for admission and scholarships.

Please contact us with any questions at (518) 442-5435 or ugadmissions@albany.edu.