

STANDARDIZED TESTS

In the academic year 2019-2020, Bucknell began a five-year pilot program for which students are not required to submit an SAT or ACT score with their application. For the 2019-2020 application cycle, home-schooled students, international citizens and recruited athletes were required to submit an SAT or ACT score. Starting in the 2020-2021 application cycle through the remainder of the pilot program, all applicants may choose to be test optional.

However, all students who choose to enroll at Bucknell will be required to submit an SAT or ACT score before they begin their first year. These scores will only be used in the assessment of the test-optional program and will not impact the admission decision already made. Note: If you have never taken the SAT or ACT and do not have scores available, you will not be required to submit a score upon enrollment. In the spring 2023 semester, it was determined to extend the test-optional pilot through the 2025-2026 application cycle.

Applicants who chose to submit the SAT or the ACT (SAT/ACT writing sections are not required; ACT science section not required) examination may take the exam either in the junior year of high school or the fall of senior year. Applicants may submit self-reported SAT/ACT scores for admissions consideration. Should a student be admitted and choose to enroll at Bucknell, official SAT/ACT scores will be required after deposit. Test results may also be sent directly from a test organization to Bucknell University (SAT code 2050 and ACT code 3528). Information on the SAT is available at [sat.org](http://www.sat.org) (<http://www.sat.org>) and on the ACT at [actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) (<http://www.actstudent.org>). Applicants do not need to complete the optional essay section on either the SAT or ACT.

Applicants for whom English is not the first language or whose primary language of instruction for at least three years of secondary school was not English are required to submit scores for either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), International English Language Testing System (IELTS), Pearson Language Tests (PTE), or Duolingo English Test (DET). The minimum recommended TOEFL score is 600 on the paper-based exam (PBT) or 100 on the internet-based exam (IBT). The minimum recommended score is 7 on the IELTS, 68 on the PTE Academic exam, and 130 on the DET. Information on the TOEFL is available at [ets.org/toefl](http://www.ets.org/toefl) (<http://www.ets.org/toefl/>), the IELTS at [ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org) (<http://www.ielts.org/>), the PTE Academic at pearsonpte.com (<http://pearsonpte.com/>), and the DET at englishtest.duolingo.com (<https://englishtest.duolingo.com/>). Test results must be sent directly from the test organization to Bucknell University.