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[SAT SUBJECT TESTS](#), [COLLEGE ADMISSIONS](#)

| College | Category | ACT in Lieu of SAT and Subject Tests? | Policy |
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| Amherst College | Considered | | Applicants who wish to submit Subject Test results may do so for consideration as part of the application evaluation process. |
| Barnard College | Considered | | Subject tests are not required, but will be considered if submitted. |
| Boston College | Considered | | SAT II Subject Tests are optional. If you would like to highlight a talent in a specific area, you are welcome to submit SAT Subject Tests for consideration with your application. Subject Tests, particularly in foreign languages and the sciences, may be used for placement during the first year. |
| Boston University | Considered [Req for Special Programs] | | Accelerated medical and dental programs require Subject Tests in Chemistry and Math 2. A Subject Test in a foreign language is also recommended for these programs. |
| Bowdoin College | Considered [Req for students who were homeschooled or attended high schools with no grades] | | Test Optional. SAT, ACT, and SAT Subject Tests are all optional, but will be considered if submitted. Applicants for whom subject tests are required should take Math Level 1 or 2 and a science. |
| Brown University | Recommended (2) | | Liberal Medical Education Applicants should submit at least one Subject Test in either Biology, Chemistry, or Physics |
| Bucknell University | Considered | | Students may submit their SAT Subject Test scores as supplemental information to their application. Bucknell does recommend the test in foreign language for any student planning to enroll in foreign language coursework. |
| California Institute of Technology | Required (2) | | Requires Specific Tests: SAT Subject Test Math Level 2, and one SAT Subject Test in science. |
| Carleton College | Considered | | Applicants may submit the results of their SAT subject tests. "We have found these tests valuable aids in the assessment of the quality of student achievement in a wide variety of secondary school programs. It has been our experience that SAT subject test results usually enhance a candidate's credentials and only rarely constitute a negative factor." |
| Carnegie Mellon University | Recommended for most programs | | Two SAT Subject Tests are recommended, in addition to the SAT/ACT, except for the College of Fine Arts. |
| Claremont McKenna | Considered | | Subject Tests are considered if submitted. Homeschooled students are required to submit two SAT Subject Tests, one of which must be math. |
| Colby College | Alternative | | Two SAT Subject Tests can be substituted in place of either the SAT or ACT. |
| College of the Holy Cross | Considered | | Test Optional. SAT, ACT, and SAT Subject Tests are all optional, but will be considered if submitted. |
| Colorado College | Alternative | | Three SAT Subject Tests can be substituted in place of either the SAT or ACT. The tests must include one quantitative, one writing/verbal, and a third of your choice. |
| Columbia University | Considered | | The SAT Subject Test scores are not required, but Columbia will accept scores from the exams if you choose to submit them. You will not be at a disadvantage should you choose not to take the tests or submit the scores to Columbia. |
| Connecticut College | Considered | | Test Optional. SAT, ACT, and SAT Subject Tests are all optional, but will be considered if submitted. |
| Cooper Union | Required [Engineering Only] (2) | | All Engineering applicants must submit two SAT II subject test scores. One must be in Math (Level 1 or 2) and the other must be in either Physics or Chemistry. Architecture and Art applicants are not required to submit SAT II scores. |
| Cornell University | Required [Arts and Sciences and Engineering only] | | Subjects of your choice for Arts and Sciences; math and a science of your choice for Engineering. |
| Dartmouth College | Recommended | | "We recommend that you submit two SAT Subject Test scores to help us better understand your academic strengths. We encourage you to take tests in the two subjects you like the most. If you submit more than two subject test scores, we will look at your two best scores. Alternately, if you do not submit subject test scores, it will not prevent your candidacy from receiving a full review by the Admissions Committee." |

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| Davidson College | Considered | | If applicants have taken SAT Subject Tests, Davidson welcomes but does not require those scores. |
| Duke University | Recommended | Yes | For those students who submit the SAT, two subject tests strongly recommended. |
| Emory University | Recommended [Req for homeschooled applicants] | | "SAT II subject exams are encouraged, but not required. Students are encouraged to submit SAT subject exam scores for academics areas of strength and/or interest. Since these exams are not required, students have the choice of which subject exams they want to report. Do note that we request home-schooled applicants submit scores from three SAT II subject exams." |
| Franklin Olin College of Engineering | Considered | | Subject Tests are considered if submitted. |
| George Washington University | Considered [Req Special Programs] (2) | | Two SAT Subject Tests are required in science and mathematics for the Seven Year BA/MD program. |
| Georgetown University | Recommended [Strongly] (3) | | Strongly Recommended: Three SAT Subject Tests. |
| Hamilton College | Alternative | | Three SAT Subject Tests can be substituted in place of either the SAT or ACT. One must be a verbal or writing/essay test, one must be a quantitative test, and the third is your choice. |
| | | | Two SAT Subject Tests are Required, in addition to the SAT/ACT, except in special circumstances: |
| Harvard College | Required (2) | | "While we normally require two SAT Subject Tests, you may apply without them if the cost of taking the tests represents a financial hardship or if you prefer to have your application considered without them...If your first language is not English, a Subject Test in your first language may be less helpful." |
| Harvey Mudd College | Required (2) | | Two SAT Subject Tests are required. One must be in Math Level 2; the other can be in any subject the student chooses. |
| Ithaca College | Considered | | Test Optional. SAT, ACT, and SAT Subject Tests are all optional, but will be considered if submitted. SAT Subject Tests are still considered optional supplements for homeschooled applicants. |
| Johns Hopkins University | Considered | | "Applicants may also choose to submit SAT Subject Tests in one or more areas of interest as a way to demonstrate an academic strength. We will consider the two highest Subject Test scores when reviewing applications, but your application will not be negatively affected if you choose not to submit Subject Test scores." |
| Lafayette College | Recommended | | Subject Tests are recommended to strengthen your application. |
| Lehigh University | Recommended | | SAT Subject Tests are not required for admissions but are recommended as college credit may be awarded for scores of 700 or higher. |
| Macalester College | Considered | | Subject Tests are considered if submitted. |
| Massachusetts Institute of Technology | Required (2) | | Two SAT Subject Tests are Required, in addition to the SAT/ACT. Specific tests required: Math (Level 1 or Level 2) and either Biology, Chemistry, or Physics |
| McGill University | Required (2) | Yes | SAT + two SAT Subject Tests Required , OR ACT with Writing |
| Middlebury College | Alternative | | Three SAT Subject Tests can be substituted in place of either the SAT or ACT. |
| Mills College | Considered [Required for homeschooled applicants] | | In addition to first-year student requirements, homeschool students will need to submit official results of the GED or the California High School Proficiency Examination and two SAT subject tests Test requirements satisfied by fulfilling one of the following: |
| New York University | Alternative | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAT (essay not required) • ACT (writing not required) • Three Subject Tests • Three AP exams • The International Baccalaureate Diploma • Three IB higher-level exams (if a student is not an IB Diploma candidate) |
| | | | Students who choose to submit three SAT Subject Tests, AP or IB scores must submit one in literature or the humanities, one in math or science, and one of the student's choice. |

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| Northwestern University | Considered | | "SAT subject tests are optional. Subject exams...allow students to demonstrate their skill level(s) in a particular area. However, subject tests may be from topics outside of your potential major. Prospective students who do not submit SAT subject test results will not be penalized; we recognize that many applicants may not have the opportunity to sign up for the exams." Subject Tests are considered if submitted. |
| Oberlin College | Considered | | Subject Tests are considered if submitted. |
| Occidental College | Considered | | Subject Tests are considered if submitted. |
| Pomona College | Considered [Recommended for homeschooled applicants] | | SAT Subject Test scores are optional. In addition to the SAT or ACT test results, home-schooled students are encouraged, although not required, to submit results of at least two SAT Subject or Advanced Placement exams |
| Pratt Institute | Considered [Req Architecture] | | Bachelor of Architecture applicants are recommended to take the Math Level 1 or Level 2 Subject Test. |
| Princeton University | Recommended (2) | | "We recommend, but do not require, the submission of two SAT Subject tests. If you intend to pursue a B.S.E. degree, we recommend you take one SAT Subject Test in either physics or chemistry and one SAT Subject Test in mathematics (Level I or II)." |
| Reed College | Considered | | Subject Tests are considered if submitted. |
| Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute | Considered [Req for Special Programs] | Yes | Applicants to the accelerated programs in law or medicine must submit two SAT Subject Tests (one math and one science). |
| Rice University | Required (2) | Yes | Two SAT Subject Tests in fields related to proposed area of study are required. |
| Smith College | Considered | | SAT II subject tests are optional for all applicants. |
| Stanford University | Considered | | "Stanford requires just one exam—either the SAT with Essay or the ACT with Writing. All other exams are optional. Because additional scores can assist us in our evaluation process, we welcome the self-reporting of these results in your application." |
| Stevens Institute of Technology | Considered [Req for Special Programs] | | Subject Tests in Math (Level 1 or 2) and either Chemistry or Biology are required for the Accelerated Medical Program. |
| Swarthmore College | Considered | | Subject Tests are not required for admission, but will be considered if submitted. Prospective engineers are encouraged to submit the Math 2 Subject Test. |
| Tufts University | Required (2) | Yes | Tufts requires <i>either</i> the SAT (without the optional essay) plus two SAT Subject Tests, or the ACT (the writing section will no longer be required.) Engineering applicants submitting Subject Tests are advised to take math and either physics or chemistry. Students considering a major in mathematics or the sciences are advised to take math and a science test. |
| Union College | Considered [Req for Special Programs] | Yes | Test Optional. Students applying to the Leadership in Medicine program are required to submit one math and one science Subject Test along with the SAT. Alternatively, applicants can submit the ACT in lieu of both SAT and Subject Tests. |
| University of California, Berkeley | Recommended | | Scores from SAT Subject Tests can be used to showcase academic mastery. |
| University of California, Davis | Considered | | SAT Subject Tests are not required and UC Davis will consider submitted SAT Subject Test scores only if they benefit the applicant. |
| University of California, Irvine | Recommended | | Submission of SAT Subject Test scores is not required but may add positively to the review of your application. |
| University of California, Los Angeles | Recommended for Some Programs | | School of Engineering and Applied Sciences recommends Math Level 2 and a science test related to the applicant's intended major. |
| University of California, Merced | Considered | | The SAT Subject Tests are not required. However, you are welcome to submit scores if you would like to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Subject Tests to satisfy "a-g" subject requirements. • Show your mastery of a particular subject or set of subjects. |
| University of California, Riverside | Recommended for Some Programs | | UC Riverside does not require SAT Subject Tests, but some academic departments and highly competitive majors recommend them. Applicants should take the Math 2 Subject Test and either Chemistry or Physics if they are interested in Bourns College of Engineering (BCOE) or the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences (CNAS). |

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| University of California, San Diego | Recommended for Some Programs | Biological or physical science applicants and applicants to the School of Engineering should take Math Level 2 and a science Subject Test related to the applicant's intended major. |
| University of California, Santa Barbara | Recommended for Some Programs | Two SAT Subject Tests closely related to your major are recommended for engineering, biological or physical sciences majors. If taking a math subject test, Math Level 2 is required. |
| University of California, Santa Cruz | Considered | UCSC does not use the SAT Subject Tests for selection purposes, but you can use SAT Subject Tests to satisfy the "a-g" UC requirements. |
| University of Chicago | Considered | If you have done exceptionally well on a particular subject test and would like to show us, feel free to send us that score. |
| University of Georgia | Recommended | Subject Tests are recommended to strengthen your application. |
| University of Miami | Considered [Req for Special Programs] | Honors Program in Medicine and Honors Program in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology require minimum scores of 600 on a math Subject Test and on a science Subject Test. |
| University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill | Considered | You may submit supplemental scores from AP, IB or SAT Subject tests if you think they are a good reflection of your mastery of the material. |
| University of Notre Dame | Considered | SAT Subject Tests, AP, and IB tests are only used in the application process if scores enhance an application. SAT Subject Tests are recommended but not required. Applicants who do not take SAT Subject Tests will not be at a disadvantage in the admissions process. |
| University of Pennsylvania | Considered | Penn recommends any two subject tests to Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences applicants; Science (preferably Chemistry) for Nursing applicants; Math Level 2 and a science test (preferably physics for Engineering students) to STEM applicants; and Math Level 2 to Business applicants. |
| University of Rochester | Alternative | Two SAT Subject Tests can be substituted in place of either the SAT or ACT. "We require SAT Subject tests only from first-year applicants who do not attend a regionally accredited high school (such as home school, some non-accredited parochial or community based programs, even some newer schools). These students must submit three SAT Subject exams, including one in mathematics, in addition to the SAT or ACT. For all other applicants, these exams are optional." |
| University of Southern California | Optional [Req for homeschooled students] | |
| University of Virginia | Considered | Subject Tests are considered if submitted. |
| Vanderbilt University | Considered | Subject Tests are considered if submitted. |
| Vassar College | Considered | SAT Subject Tests are not required, and students opting not to send Subject Tests will not be penalized. However, SAT Subject Tests will be considered if submitted as part of a testing profile. Subject Tests may enhance an applicant's credentials, particularly for applicants from non-traditional school backgrounds (homeschooled, non-graded schools, etc.). Note that a strong score on an SAT Subject Test is also one way to fulfill Vassar's Foreign Language Proficiency requirement. |
| Wake Forest University | Considered | Test Optional. SAT, ACT, and SAT Subject Tests are all optional, but will be considered if submitted. Subject Test Scores may be self-reported. |
| Washington and Lee University | Considered | Subject Tests are considered if submitted. |
| Washington University in St. Louis | Considered | "We will only consider them if they strengthen your application." |
| Webb Institute | Required (2) | Two SAT Subject Tests are Required, in addition to the SAT/ACT. Specific tests required: Math Level 1 or 2 and Chemistry or Physics. |
| Wellesley College | Considered | Some candidates may wish to provide additional testing to demonstrate particular academic strengths. Test Optional for US and Canadian students. SAT, ACT, and SAT Subject Tests are all optional, but will be considered if submitted. |
| Wesleyan University | Considered [Req for some students] | Candidates applying from secondary schools that provide written evaluations in place of traditional grades or students who have been homeschooled, attend online high schools, or who are enrolled in other non-traditional |

secondary school programs are required to submit ACT results or the SAT and two or more SAT Subject Tests.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Considered

Test Optional. SAT, ACT, and SAT Subject Tests are all optional, but will be considered if submitted.

Yale University

Recommended

"SAT Subject Tests are recommended but not required. Applicants who do not take SAT Subject Tests will not be disadvantaged in the application process. We will consider your application on the basis of the other testing, and all the other information, that we receive with your application. You may wish to consider whether there are particular areas of academic strength you would like to demonstrate to the Admissions Committee. Subject Tests can be one way to convey that strength. "

Other Schools that Require or Recommend SAT Subject Tests

College Board also suggests that the following additional schools **use SAT Subject Tests when they determine admission**. If you're interested in any of these schools, look up their website or give them a call to find out if they're schools that require SAT Subject Tests or simply consider them for admission.

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| Agnes Scott College | Cleary University | Kennesaw State University | Queens College (City University of New York) | Thomas University | University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez |
| Albertus Magnus College | Drew University | Kutztown University of Pennsylvania | Randolph-Macon College | Trinity Christian College | University of Puerto Rico at Ponce |
| Alderson-Broadus College | Eastern Nazarene College | Lamar University | Savannah State University | Trinity College | University of Puerto Rico at Utuado |
| American Baptist College | Eckerd College | Marietta College | Seattle Pacific University | Union University | University of the Pacific |
| American University of Puerto Rico | Eugene Lang College The New School for Liberal Arts | Massachusetts Maritime Academy | Shimer College | University of Central Oklahoma | University of Waterloo |
| Arizona State University | Felician College | Medgar Evers College (City University of New York) | Simpson University | University of Delaware | University of West Florida |
| Armstrong Atlantic State University | Fordham University | Mercyhurst University | Skidmore College | University of Great Falls | Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology |
| Baptist University of the Americas | Friends University | Meredith College | Soka University of America | University of Maine at Fort Kent | Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University |
| Bryn Mawr College | George Mason University | Missouri Southern State University | South Carolina State University | University of Mary Washington | Wagner College |
| Buffalo State College | Georgia College and State University | Moody Bible Institute | Southern Methodist University | University of Massachusetts Boston | Warner Pacific College |
| California Baptist University | Gettysburg College | Morgan State University | Southern Oregon University | University of Michigan | Washington & Jefferson College |
| Carroll College | Grace Bible College | Mount Holyoke College | St. Bonaventure University | University of Nebraska - Kearney | Webb Institute |
| Catholic University of America | Haverford College | North Carolina State University | St. Joseph's College - Long Island Campus | University of North Dakota | West Virginia Wesleyan College |

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| Champlain College | Hellenic College | Northern Arizona University | St. Lawrence University | University of North Georgia | Whittier College |
| Chapman University | Hillsdale College | Northwood University | State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry | University of Oregon | Whitworth University |
| Cheyney University of Pennsylvania | Hofstra University | Ohio Valley University | State University of New York Institute of Technology | University of Puerto Rico at Aguadilla | Williams College |
| Clarkson University | Huston-Tillotson University | Oregon State University | Stillman College | University of Puerto Rico at Arecibo | |
| Clayton State University | Indiana University Bloomington | Principia College | Texas A&M University - Galveston | University of Puerto Rico at Humacao | |