

University System of Georgia

Freshman Admission Requirements

Fall 2026-Summer 2027

SAT/ACT, HSGPA, & 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](#), 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 academic credentials. We also encourage you to visit our [Georgia Degrees Pay](#) website to access a variety of online tools that put information about the USG degrees & majors, cost & affordability, future earnings, and student success at your fingertips!

SCHOOL ACCREDITATION

The USG requires graduation from a public school regulated by a school system and state department of education or graduation from a high school or home school program accredited by or holding provisional accreditation from one of the following accrediting bodies:

- ◆ A regional accrediting association:
 - [Cognia](#) (includes the Cognia legacy accrediting bodies: North Central Association Commission on Accreditation & School Improvement (NCA CASI), Northwest Accrediting Commission (NWAC), and the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools Council on Accreditation & School Improvement (SACS CASI))
 - [Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary & Secondary Schools \(MSA-CESS\)](#)
 - [New England Association of Schools & Colleges \(NEASC\)](#)
 - [Accrediting Commission for Schools - Western Association of Schools & Colleges \(ASC WASC\)](#)
 - ◆ [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 high school curriculum 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 academic unit. Institutions may require additional documentation and/or test scores to further assess subject matter competency and preparation for college-level coursework. Students attending a non-accredited homeschool or high school are encouraged to contact their institution of interest to learn more.

REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Applicants must complete the 17 academic units of the USG's Required High School Curriculum (RHSC). The RHSC consists of 4 units of English, 4 units of mathematics, 4 units of science, 3 units of social science, and 2 units of the same foreign language, 2 units of American Sign Language, or 2 units of computer science with an emphasis on programming/coding. The specific 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 (HS 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 continues to waive SAT/ACT score requirements at 23 of the 26 institutions for admission through Summer 2026. The temporary waiver does not apply to the Georgia Institute of Technology, the University of Georgia, or Georgia College & State University. Starting with admission for the Fall 2026 term, test scores are also required for admission to Augusta University, Georgia State University (Atlanta Campus only), Georgia Southern University (Statesboro and Armstrong Campuses only), and Kennesaw State University. Students applying to a university not requiring test scores may be admitted by meeting minimum test score, Freshman Index, and high school GPA requirements, or by meeting a higher high school GPA. This document provides the institution requirements to be admitted both with and without test scores for Fall 2026-Summer 2027.

FRESHMAN INDEX

The Freshman Index (FI) is calculated using an applicant's High School GPA and SAT or ACT scores. The following formulas are used to calculate FI:

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

Example: A student with a 2.9 HSGPA & 480 ERW/440 Math would use the following 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 HSGPA & 18 Composite would use the following calculation:

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

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

**Beginning in April 2025, as part of test enhancements made by the ACT, students may elect whether to take the ACT science test. With this change, the ACT Composite score calculation will no longer include the science section score. The USG will continue to accept the Composite score as reported by the ACT and the science test will not be required for the Freshman Index calculation.*

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 may be sent to the USG's Office of Enrollment Management & Student Affairs (student-affairs@usg.edu).



Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

Tifton, GA [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Review **with** Minimum Scores

Test Type	Test Section	Minimum Test Scores	Minimum FI	Minimum HS GPA
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	380	1830	2.0
	Math	360		
ACT	English or Reading	12	1830	2.0
	Math	14		

Review **without** Minimum Scores

Minimum HS GPA	2.5
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Albany State University

Albany, GA [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Bachelor's Degree Pathway—Review **with** Minimum Scores

Test Type	Test Section	Minimum Test Scores	Minimum FI	Minimum HS GPA
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	480	1940	2.0
	Math	440		
ACT	English or Reading	17	1940	2.0
	Math	17		

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

Minimum HS GPA	3.0
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Associate Degree Pathway

Minimum HS GPA	2.0
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Atlanta Metropolitan State College

Atlanta, GA [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Minimum HS GPA	2.0
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Augusta University

Augusta, GA [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Test Type	Test Section	Minimum Test Scores	Minimum FI	Minimum HS GPA
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	480	2500	2.75
	Math	440		
ACT	English or Reading	17	2500	2.75
	Math	17		



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

Review **with** Minimum Scores

Test Type	Test Section	Minimum Test Scores	Minimum FI	Minimum HS GPA
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	480	1940	2.0
	Math	440		
ACT	English or Reading	17	1940	2.0
	Math	17		

Review **without** Minimum Scores

Minimum HS GPA	3.0
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College of Coastal Georgia
Brunswick, GA [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Minimum HS GPA	2.0
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Columbus State University
Columbus, GA [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Regular Admission - Review **with** Minimum Scores

Test Type	Test Section	Minimum Test Scores	Minimum FI	Minimum HS GPA
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	480	1940	2.5
	Math	440		
ACT	English or Reading	17	1940	2.5
	Math	17		

Regular Admission - Review **without** Minimum Scores

Minimum HS GPA	3.0
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Associate Degree Access Pathway*

Minimum HS GPA	2.2
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**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 HS GPA	2.2
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East Georgia State College*
Swainsboro, GA [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Minimum HS GPA	2.0
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**April 2025, the Board of Regents voted to consolidate East Georgia State College & Georgia Southern University. Final Board approval is expected after a vote by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). The consolidation timeline is dependent upon those approvals.*



Fort Valley State University

Fort Valley, GA [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Review **with** Minimum Scores

Test Type	Test Section	Minimum Test Scores	Minimum FI	Minimum HS 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 HS GPA	3.0
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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 HS GPA	2.0
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Georgia Highlands College

Rome, GA [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Minimum HS GPA	2.0
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Georgia Institute of Technology

Atlanta, GA [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

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 academic credentials may not be extended an offer of admission. Georgia Tech utilizes a holistic review process which includes the consideration of academic factors, most importantly, and additional factors such as recommendations, essays, community involvement, and interviews. 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, Georgia Tech requires proof of lawful presence in the U.S. for admission.



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

Statesboro & Armstrong Campuses

Test Type	Test Section	Minimum Test Scores	Minimum FI	Minimum HS GPA
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	480	2090	2.5
	Math	440		
ACT	English or Reading	17	2090	2.5
	Math	17		

Liberty Campus

Minimum HS GPA	2.0
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Georgia Southwestern State University
Americus, GA [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Review **with** Minimum Scores

Test Type	Test Section	Minimum Test Scores	Minimum FI	Minimum HS GPA
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	480	1940	2.0
	Math	440		
ACT	English or Reading	17	1940	2.0
	Math	17		

Regular Admission - Review **without** Minimum Scores

Minimum HS GPA	3.0
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University College Admission

Minimum HS GPA	2.0
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Georgia State University
Atlanta, GA [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Atlanta Campus

Test Type	Test Section	Minimum Test Scores	Minimum FI	Minimum HS GPA
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	480	2500	2.75
	Math	440		
ACT	English or Reading	17	2500	2.75
	Math	17		

Perimeter College

Minimum HS GPA	2.0
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Gordon State College
Barnesville, GA [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Minimum High School GPA	2.0
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KENNESAW STATE
UNIVERSITY

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

Test Type	Test Section	Minimum Test Scores	Minimum FI	Minimum HS GPA
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	500	2200	2.5
	Math	490		
ACT	English or Reading	18	2200	2.5
	Math	18		



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

Regular Admission - Review **with** Minimum Scores

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

Regular Admission - Review **without** Minimum Scores

Minimum HS GPA	3.0
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Access Admission

Minimum HS GPA	2.0
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Savannah State University
Savannah, GA [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

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

Test Type	Test Section	Minimum Test Scores	Minimum FI	Minimum HS GPA
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	480	1940	2.0
	Math	440		
ACT	English or Reading	17	1940	2.0
	Math	17		

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

Minimum HS GPA	3.0
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Associate Degree Pathway

Minimum HS GPA	2.5
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South Georgia State College
Douglas, GA [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Minimum High School GPA	2.0
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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 FI	Minimum HS GPA
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	480	2200	2.4
	Math	440		
ACT	English or Reading	17	2200	2.4
	Math	17		

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

Minimum HS GPA	3.0
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Associate Degree Pathway

Minimum HS GPA	2.0
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**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 admission representative to learn more.*



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

Review **with** Minimum Scores

Test Type	Test Section	Minimum Test Scores	Minimum FI	Minimum HS GPA
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	480	2040	2.0
	Math	440		
ACT	English or Reading	17	2040	2.0
	Math	17		

Review **without** Minimum Scores

Minimum HS GPA	3.2
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Valdosta State University Valdosta, GA [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Review **with** Minimum Scores

Test Type	Test Section	Minimum Test Scores	Minimum FI	Minimum HS GPA
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	480	2040	2.0
	Math	440		
ACT	English or Reading	17	2040	2.0
	Math	17		

Review **without** Minimum Scores

Minimum HS GPA	3.2
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