

# USG Freshman Admission Requirements

## SAT/ACT, HSGPA, and Freshman Index Requirements<sup>1</sup>



TABLE 1 - STATE COLLEGES REQUIRING SAT/ACT SCORES			Minimum Scores for Admission <sup>3</sup>	Minimum Scores to Exempt Learning Support Screening <sup>3</sup>	Minimum High School GPA <sup>4</sup>	Minimum Freshman Index Required for Admission <sup>5</sup>
<b>Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College</b>	Old SAT <sup>2</sup>	Critical Reading section	330	480	2.0	1830
		Math section	310	470		
	New SAT <sup>2</sup>	Reading test	19	26		
		Math test/section	18/360	25.5/510		
	ACT	English	12	20		
		Math	14	20		
<b>College of Coastal Georgia</b>	Old SAT <sup>2</sup>	Critical Reading section	350	430	2.0	1830
		Math section	350	400		
	New SAT <sup>2</sup>	Reading test	19	24		
		Math test/section	19.5/390	22/440		
	ACT	English test	14	17		
		Math test	14	17		
<b>Dalton State College</b>	Old SAT <sup>2</sup>	Critical Reading section	330	450	2.0	1830
		Math section	310	500		
	New SAT <sup>2</sup>	Reading test	19	25		
		Math test/section	18/360	26.5/530		
	ACT	English test	14	19		
		Math test	12	21		
<b>Gordon State College</b>	Old SAT <sup>2</sup>	Critical Reading section	330	430	2.0	1830
		Math section	310	430		
	New SAT <sup>2</sup>	Reading test	19	24		
		Math test/section	18/360	23.5/470		
	ACT	English test	12	17		
		Math test	14	18		

**TABLE 2 - STATE COLLEGES NOT REQUIRING SAT/ACT SCORES**

Students applying to a state college not requiring SAT/ACT are screened for Learning Support placement as part of the admission process <sup>3</sup> . Students may exempt LS placement screening by providing SAT or ACT scores meeting the college's minimum for exemption. Students who have taken the SAT or ACT are encouraged to submit scores that can be used to exempt them from placement testing.			Minimum Scores for Admission <sup>3</sup>	Minimum Scores to Exempt Learning Support Screening <sup>3</sup>	Minimum High School GPA <sup>4</sup>	Minimum Freshman Index Required for Admission <sup>5</sup>
<b>Atlanta Metropolitan State College</b>	Old SAT <sup>2</sup>	Critical Reading section	-	430	2.0	N/A
		Math section	-	400		
	New SAT <sup>2</sup>	Reading test	-	24		
		Math test/section	-	22/440		
	ACT	English	-	17		
Math		-	17			
<b>Bainbridge State College</b>	Old SAT <sup>2</sup>	Critical Reading section	-	430	2.0	N/A
		Math section	-	400		
	New SAT <sup>2</sup>	Reading test	-	24		
		Math test/section	-	22/440		
	ACT	English test	-	17		
Math test		-	17			
<b>East Georgia State College</b>	Old SAT <sup>2</sup>	Critical Reading section	-	430	2.0	N/A
		Math section	-	400		
	New SAT <sup>2</sup>	Reading test	-	24		
		Math test/section	-	22/440		
	ACT	English test	-	17		
Math test		-	17			
<b>Georgia Gwinnett College</b>	Old SAT <sup>2</sup>	Critical Reading section	-	430	2.0	N/A
		Math section	-	400		
	New SAT <sup>2</sup>	Reading test	-	24		
		Math test/section	-	22/440		
	ACT	English test	-	17		
Math test		-	17			
<b>Georgia Highlands College</b>	Old SAT <sup>2</sup>	Critical Reading section	-	480	2.0	N/A
		Math section	-	440		
	New SAT <sup>2</sup>	Reading test	-	26		
		Math test/section	-	24/480		
	ACT	English test	-	20		
Math test		-	18			
<b>South Georgia State College<sup>6</sup></b>	Old SAT <sup>2</sup>	Critical Reading section	-	430	2.0	N/A
		Math section	-	400		
	New SAT <sup>2</sup>	Reading test	-	24		
		Math test/section	-	22/440		
	ACT	English test	-	17		
Math test		-	17			

**TABLE 3 - STATE, COMPREHENSIVE, AND RESEARCH UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS**

			Minimum Test Scores for Admission	Minimum High School GPA <sup>4</sup>	Minimum Freshman Index <sup>5</sup>
<b>Albany State University – Bachelor’s Degree</b>	Old SAT <sup>2</sup>	Critical Reading section	430	2.0	1940
		Math section	400		
	New SAT <sup>2</sup>	Reading test	24		
		Math test/section	22/440		
	ACT	English	17		
		Math	17		
<b>Albany State University – Associate Pathway</b>	<i>Minimum SAT/ACT scores and FI are not required for those applying to the Associate Pathway at Albany State University. Applicants are screened for Learning Support placement as part of the admission process<sup>3</sup>. A minimum 2.0 High School GPA<sup>4</sup> is required.</i>				
<b>Armstrong State University - Savannah<sup>8</sup></b>  <i>Spring and Summer 2018 requirements only. Please see Georgia Southern University on page 4 of this document for requirements for students applying for Fall 2018 and beyond.</i>	Old SAT <sup>2</sup>	Critical Reading section	440	2.5	2130
		Math section	410		
		Total score <sup>7</sup>	900		
	New SAT <sup>2</sup>	Reading test	24		
		Math test/section	22.5/450		
		Total score <sup>7</sup>	980		
	ACT	English test	18		
		Math test	18		
Composite <sup>7</sup>		19			
<b>Augusta University</b>	Old SAT <sup>2</sup>	Critical Reading section	430	2.0	2240
		Math section	400		
	New SAT <sup>2</sup>	Reading test	24		
		Math test/section	22/440		
	ACT	English test	17		
		Math test	17		
<b>Clayton State University</b>	Old SAT <sup>2</sup>	Critical Reading section	430	2.0	1940
		Math section	400		
	New SAT <sup>2</sup>	Reading test	24		
		Math test/section	22/440		
	ACT	English test	17		
		Math test	17		
Composite <sup>7</sup>		17			
<b>Columbus State University</b>	Old SAT <sup>2</sup>	Critical Reading section	440	2.5	1940
		Math section	410		
	New SAT <sup>2</sup>	Reading test	24		
		Math test/section	22.5/450		
	ACT	English test	17		
Math test		17			

<b>Fort Valley State University</b>	Old SAT <sup>2</sup>	Critical Reading section	430	2.25	1940
		Math section	400		
	New SAT <sup>2</sup>	Reading test	24		
		Math test/section	22/440		
	ACT	English test	17		
Math test		17			
<b>Georgia College and State University<sup>9</sup></b>					
<b>Georgia Institute of Technology<sup>9</sup></b>					
<b>Georgia Southern University – Statesboro<sup>8</sup></b> <i>Spring and Summer 2018 admissions</i>	Old SAT <sup>2</sup>	Critical Reading section	430	2.0	2040
		Math section	400		
		Total score <sup>7</sup>	1010		
	New SAT <sup>2</sup>	Reading test	24		
		Math test/section	22/440		
		Total score <sup>7</sup>	1090		
	ACT	English test	17		
Math test		17			
Composite <sup>7</sup>		21			
<b>Georgia Southern University - Statesboro and Savannah campuses<sup>8</sup></b> <i>Fall 2018 and beyond admissions</i>	Old SAT <sup>2</sup>	Critical Reading section	430	2.5	2040
		Math section	400		
		Total score <sup>7</sup>	950		
	New SAT <sup>2</sup>	Reading test	24		
		Math test/section	22		
		Total score <sup>7</sup>	1030		
	ACT	English test	17		
Math test		17			
Composite <sup>7</sup>		20			
<b>Georgia Southern University – Liberty campus (Hinesville)<sup>8</sup></b> <i>Fall 2018 and beyond admissions</i>	<i>Minimum SAT/ACT scores and FI are not required for those applying to the Liberty campus. Applicants are instead screened for Learning Support placement<sup>3</sup>. A minimum 2.0 High School GPA is required<sup>4</sup>.</i>				
<b>Georgia Southwestern State University</b>	Old SAT <sup>2</sup>	Critical Reading section	430	2.0	1940
		Math section	400		
	New SAT <sup>2</sup>	Reading test	24		
		Math test/section	22/440		
	ACT	English test	17		
Math test		17			
<b>Georgia State University – Atlanta Campus</b>	Old SAT <sup>2</sup>	Critical Reading section	430	2.75	2500
		Math section	400		
	New SAT <sup>2</sup>	Reading test	24		
		Math test/section	22/440		
	ACT	English test	17		
Math test		17			

<b>Georgia State University – Perimeter College</b>	<i>Minimum SAT/ACT scores and FI are not required for those applying to Georgia State University's Perimeter College. Applicants are instead screened for Learning Support placement<sup>3</sup>. A minimum 2.0 High School GPA is required<sup>4</sup>.</i>				
<b>Kennesaw State University<sup>10</sup></b>	Old SAT <sup>2</sup>	Critical Reading section	450	2.5	2200
		Math section	450		
		Total score <sup>7</sup>	950		
	New SAT <sup>2</sup>	Reading test	25		
		Math test/section	24.5/490		
		Total score <sup>7</sup>	1030		
	ACT	English test	18		
		Math test	18		
		Composite <sup>7</sup>	20		
<b>Middle Georgia State University<sup>2</sup></b>	Old SAT <sup>2</sup>	Critical Reading section	370	2.0	1860
		Math section	350		
	New SAT <sup>2</sup>	Reading test	20		
		Math test/section	19.5/390		
	ACT	English test	15		
		Math test	14		
<b>Savannah State University – Bachelor's Degree</b>	Old SAT <sup>2</sup>	Critical Reading section	430	2.0	1940
		Math section	400		
	New SAT <sup>2</sup>	Reading test	24		
		Math test/section	22/450		
	ACT	English test	17		
		Math test	17		
<b>Savannah State University – Associate Pathway</b>	Old SAT <sup>2</sup>	Critical Reading section	330	2.0	1790
		Math section	310		
	New SAT <sup>2</sup>	Reading test	19		
		Math test/section	18/360		
	ACT	English test	12		
	Math test	14			
<b>University of Georgia<sup>9</sup></b>					
<b>University of North Georgia – Bachelor's Degree<sup>11</sup></b>	Old SAT <sup>2</sup>	Critical Reading section	480	2.0	2500
		Math section	440		
	New SAT <sup>2</sup>	Reading test	26		
		Math test/section	24/480		
	ACT	English test	20		
	Math test	18			
<b>University of North Georgia – Associate Pathway</b>	Old SAT <sup>2</sup>	Critical Reading section	330	2.0	1830
		Math section	310		
	New SAT <sup>2</sup>	Reading test	19		
		Math test/section	18/360		
	ACT	English test	12		
	Math test	14			

<b>University of West Georgia</b>	Old SAT <sup>2</sup>	Critical Reading section	430	2.0	2120
		Math section	410		
	New SAT <sup>2</sup>	Reading test	24		
		Math test/section	22.5/450		
	ACT	English test	17		
Math test		17			
<b>Valdosta State University</b>	Old SAT <sup>2</sup>	Critical Reading section	430	2.0	2040
		Math section	400		
		Total score <sup>7</sup>	900		
	New SAT <sup>2</sup>	Reading test	24		
		Math test/section	22/440		
		Total score <sup>7</sup>	980		
	ACT	English test	17		
		Math test	17		
Composite <sup>7</sup>		19			

## FOOTNOTES

<sup>1</sup> In addition to meeting test score, high school GPA (HSGPA) and freshman index (FI) requirements, applicants must also satisfy the Required High School Curriculum (RHSC) as outlined on the USG's [Staying on Course](#) document..

<sup>2</sup> SAT taken prior to March 2016 is the old SAT. SAT taken March 2016 or later is the new SAT.

<sup>3</sup> Applicants not exempting Learning Support (LS) placement screening are evaluated for LS placement as part of the admission review process. LS placement is determined by calculating an English Placement Index (EPI) and Mathematics Placement Index (MPI) using an applicant's High School Grade Point Average (HSGPA), SAT/ACT scores and/or COMPASS/ACCUPLACER placement test scores. Students who score below the index floor scores in both English and mathematics are not eligible for regular admission to any USG institution. Students who score below the floor score in one area may be admitted if the score in the other area is at least as high as the offsetting index score. Admitted students with placement indices less than the minimum collegiate placement index will be placed into co-requisite or Foundations-level Learning Support.

<sup>4</sup> The High School GPA (HSGPA) is calculated using only the 17 units of the Required High School Curriculum (RHSC) as outlined on the USG's [Staying on Course](#) document. The HSGPA is calculated on an alpha four-point scale. Numerical grades provided on high school transcripts are converted to letter grades based on the conversion table provided by the high school. The letter grades are converted to quality points as follows:

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

<sup>5</sup> The SAT FI formula is based on the old SAT. Students taking the new SAT have their scores converted to the comparable old SAT scores using the College Board concordance tables. New SAT Reading test scores are converted to comparable old SAT Critical Reading section scores and new SAT Math scores are converted to comparable old SAT Math section scores.

The concordance tables are provided on the College Board website at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/educators/higher-ed/scoring-changes/concordance>. Students may wish to use the

SAT Score Converter available on the College Board website at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/scores/understanding-scores/sat-score-converter> to convert their scores.

The SAT FI formula is:

$$500 \times (\text{HSGPA}) + \text{old SAT Critical Reading section score} + \text{old SAT Math section score}$$

The ACT FI formula is:

$$500 \times (\text{HSGPA}) + (\text{ACT Composite} \times 42) + 88$$

<sup>6</sup> SAT/ACT scores are not required for freshmen applying to the Associate Pathway at South Georgia State College. Freshmen applying to a Bachelor's degree program are required to meet minimum SAT/ACT score requirements.

<sup>7</sup> Students applying to an institution with a minimum Total SAT score and/or Composite ACT score requirement, must meet the Total/Composite score minimum in addition to the test section and Freshman Index minimums. For old SAT test-takers, the Total score is the sum of the Critical Reading section score (on the 200-800 scale) and the Math section score (on the 200-800 scale). For new SAT test-takers, the Total score is the Total score provided on the student's SAT score report and is comprised of the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section score and the Math section score. The new SAT Total score is on a 400-1600 scale.

<sup>8</sup> On Jan. 11, 2017, the University System of Georgia Board of Regents voted to consolidate Armstrong State University and Georgia Southern University. The consolidated university will be named Georgia Southern University. An implementation committee has been formed to examine and work through all aspects of the consolidation. The work of the committee will be submitted to the Board of Regents for its consideration in December 2017, with implementation finalized in January 2018, if approved. The tentative timeline for the first entering class of this new university will be in fall of 2018.

<sup>9</sup> The USG selective admission universities (Georgia College & State University, the Georgia Institute of Technology, and the University of Georgia) receive a higher number of applications from academically qualified students than they have the capacity to admit and enroll. Consequently, some highly qualified applicants with strong test scores and GPAs may not be extended an offer of admission. These highly competitive universities utilize a holistic review process which includes the consideration of additional factors such as recommendations, essays, community involvement, and interviews. Those interested in applying to a selective university should visit the university's website and/or speak with an admissions representative to learn more.

<sup>10</sup> Effective fall 2018, admission to Kennesaw State University will be a selective process. Consequently, some applicants meeting minimum test scores and GPA requirements may not be extended an offer of admission. Those interested in applying to KSU for fall 2018 or later should speak with a KSU admissions representative to learn more.

<sup>11</sup> Due to high demand, admission to pursue a bachelor's degree at the University of North Georgia is a selective process. Some applicants meeting minimum test score and 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 a UNG admissions representative to learn more.

### **GENERAL NOTES**

Please note that admission requirements are subject to change. Meeting the minimum requirements provided in this document does not guarantee freshman admission to a USG college or university. Eligibility for admission is determined by the colleges and universities after a complete review. Applicants are encouraged to contact the Admissions office or to visit the website for their college or university of interest to learn more about their requirements. The contact information for the USG Admission offices can be accessed from [www.usg.edu/institutions](http://www.usg.edu/institutions).

Questions regarding admission to a specific USG college or university should be directed to that institution. General questions regarding this document may be directed to the USG's Office of Student Affairs by emailing [student-affairs@usg.edu](mailto:student-affairs@usg.edu) or calling 404-962-3110.

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