

The Freshman Index for Two and Four-Year Admission

This formula is a tool to used to guide Georgia students toward considering the appropriate two or four – year postsecondary institution in Georgia. The Freshman Index is a formula as follows:

Freshman Index (with SAT) = $500 \times (\text{HSGPA}) + \text{SAT I Verbal} + \text{SAT I Math}$

Freshman Index (with ACT) = $500 \times (\text{HSGPA}) + \text{ACT Composite} \times 42 + 88$

To calculate one's HSGPA

1.) Take your highest grades for the 16 College Prep Curriculum Units you have earned so far and change them to letter grades:

- 4 English:** Ninth Lit, English Lit 10th, American Lit, Senior English
- 4 Math:** Alg. I Y or Alg. I Pt. I and Alg. I Pt. II, Geometry, Algebra II, Advanced Math
- 3 Science:** Physical Science, Biology, Science Elective(s)
- 3 Soc. Stud.** World History, U.S. History, Econ./Gov.
- 2 For. Lang:** Two Units (must be in the same language)

A = 100-90 B = 89-80 C = 79-74 D = 73-70 F = 69 and below

2.) Translate letter grades earned in these courses to Quality Points:

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

3.) Determine units of credit attempted for each course (1.0 or .5)

4.) Multiply each course's quality points by the number of credits attempted for each course.

5.) Calculating the GPA – Divide the sum of the quality points earned by the sum of the units attempted.

Example

We are determining a core unweighted GPA
(Only core courses will be evaluated (non-core electives will not be included and no weighting is awarded for honors courses))

4x4 Block Schedule / One Semester				
Course	Grade	Quality Points Earned	Units Attempted	Quality Points x Units Attempted= Final Quality Points Earned
Economics	B	3	.5	$3 \times .5 = 1.5$
US Government	A	4	.5	$4 \times .5 = 2$
Hon. Alg. II	B	3	1	$3 \times 1 = 3$
Chemistry	C	2	1	$2 \times 1 = 2$
P.E. course	F	0	1	$0 \times 1 = 0$
TOTALS			3.0	8.5

GPA = $\frac{8.5}{3} = 2.833$

Freshman Index Requirement by Institution

Type of Institution	Freshman Index	SAT/ACT and GPA ranges
<u>Research Universities</u> Georgia Institute of Technology Georgia State University University of Georgia	Minimum Freshman Index – 2500 Mid 50% range 3090-3320 Mid 50% range 2585-2854 Mid 50% range 2875-3180	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>(For any college in the U.S.)</i></p> <p>You can go to <u>the schools web site</u> (usually most up to date).</p> <p>1) Do a Google Search for the college to find their website</p> <p>2) Once there, look for and click on one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freshman Admission • Prospective Students • Undergraduate Admissions <p>3) Then, on that page, find at the top where you can search the site and type in “admission profile” and click on the hit that is most relevant. Look for the SAT/ ACT and GPA admission data for the most recently admitted freshman class.</p> <p>4) Determine which GPA the college will use for admission purposes, will it be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 College Prep Curriculum • Academic or Core GPA • Overall GPA <p>You may need to e-mail the admissions office to be sure of which one they use.</p> <p>5) Determine if the school is a safety, probable, or reach for you. (see pg. _____ for more details)</p>
<u>Regional Universities</u> Georgia Southern University Valdosta State University	Minimum Freshman Index–2040 Mid 50% range 2380 -2780 Mid 50% range 2330-2753	
<u>Four-Year Universities</u> Albany State University Armstrong Atlantic State University Augusta State University Clayton State University Columbus State University Fort Valley State University Georgia College & State University Georgia Gwinnett College Georgia Southwestern State Univ. Kennesaw State University North GA College & State Univ. Savannah State University Southern Polytechnic State Univ. University of West Georgia	Minimum Freshman Index – 1940 Mid 50% range 2139-2515 Mid 50% range 2310-2775 Mid 50% range 2125-2690 Mid 50% range 2285-2695 Mid 50% range 2279-2730 Mid 50% range 2070-2415 Mid 50% range 2455-2860 Mid 50% range Mid 50% range 2325-2780 Mid 50% range 2350-2780 Mid 50% range 2503-2915 Mid 50% range 2075-2423 Mid 50% range 2475-2850 Mid 50% range 2250-2705	
<u>State Colleges</u> Dalton State College Macon State College	Minimum Freshman Index - 1940 Mid 50% range 2226-2670 Mid 50% range 2210-2670	
<u>Two-Year Colleges (in our area)</u> Atlanta Metropolitan Gainesville State – near UGA Georgia Highlands-several locations Floyd College (Rome, GA) North Metro Tech (Acworth) Southern Poly Tech (Marietta) Georgia Perimeter - near I-285 N Gordon College – Barnesville, GA Middle GA College–Cochran, GA	Minimum Freshman Index - 1830 Mid 50% range 2120-2599 Mid 50% range 2095-2621 Accepts almost all applicants, must have high school diploma or GED, SAT/ACT not required Learning Support courses offered. Mid 50% range 2050-2505 Mid 50% range 1940-2495 Mid 50% range 1955-2555	
<u>Technical Colleges (in our area)</u> North Metro Technical College Chattahoochee Technical College	Accepts almost all applicants, must have high school diploma or GED, SAT/ACT not required Learning Support courses offered	

6.) The minimum SAT/ACT requirement for four year colleges are:

SAT minimums: Verbal score of 430

Math score of 400

Students without these minimum scores but with SAT scores of at least 330 verbal and 310 math may be considered for admission to a public two-year college, but will be required to exempt or exit Learning Support in the areas of deficiency.

ACT minimums: English score of 17

Math score of 17

Students without these minimum scores but with ACT scores of at least 12 English and 14 math may be considered for admission to a public two-year college, but will be required to exempt or exit Learning Support in the areas of deficiency.