

College COVID Updates

California Institute of Technology (<https://www.admissions.caltech.edu/apply/first-year-freshman-applicants>)

- Students are no longer required to submit any SAT or ACT test scores as of June 2020. This will be in effect for two years due to COVID. This will be in effect for first-year students applying to Caltech Fall 2020 and Fall 2021.
- As of January 2020, there is no longer a SAT subject test requirement. Students no longer have to submit two subject tests starting with students applying in Fall 2021, but will not apply to students applying in Fall 2020.
- For international students, the main change is that Caltech now accepts both TOEFL IBT or Duolingo English Test for their English proficiency requirement. IELTS is not accepted. You do not need to fulfill this testing requirement if you have studied in a school where English is the primary language for two or more years.
- Fall 2020: No undergraduate students will be allowed to live on campus, and undergraduate instruction will be taking place entirely online. The grading scheme will be on a normal letter grade basis. No plans have been revealed yet for Winter 2021 term.

Harvard College <https://college.harvard.edu/admissions/apply/first-year-applicants>

- All standardized testing (SAT, ACT, SAT subject tests) will be entirely optional for the Class of 2025 (students who are applying in Fall 2020).
- Only a limited amount of undergraduate students will be allowed back on campus, and classes will be mostly remote.

Yale (<https://admissions.yale.edu/applying-yale-international-student>)

- SAT/ACT scores are not required for students applying in Fall of 2020 (or Class of 2025). The same applies to international students. Students not applying for Class of 2025 must take the SAT/ACT unless their home country is a place that does not administer the SAT/ACT. TOEFL, IELTS, and PTE are acceptable substitutions in this case.
- Yale is alternating the grades that are allowed back on campus each semester. First year students are allowed to live on campus for the 2020-21 year. Their full letter to incoming freshmen can be found here: <https://admissions.yale.edu/july-2020-message>

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (<https://mitadmissions.org/apply/firstyear/tests-scores/>)

- SAT/ACT test scores are not required for the incoming Class of 2025 (applying in the fall of 2020).
- Non-native English speakers are only encouraged to send in scores
- In terms of reopening, only seniors will be allowed back on campus this fall. <https://covid19.mit.edu/fall-2020-faq>

Some other colleges that have waived SAT/ACT testing requirements or have made testing optional:

University of Chicago
Cornell University
Columbia University
Brown University
University of Pennsylvania
Dartmouth College
Stanford University
Princeton University
Boston University
Case Western University
Indiana Institute of Technology
Oregon State University
Franklin College
Newberry College
Scripps College
Trinity University
Tufts University
University of California (all campuses)
California State University
University of North Carolina

There is a more exhaustive list available here that also mentions for which years testing will remain optional: <https://www.collegelifetoday.com/tips/organizing/college-not-requiring-sat/>

Reopening plans vary from school to school, although virtually no school will be able to reopen with full capacity. Most schools are opting for bringing only around 30% of students back on campus and making classes mostly virtual. The criteria in which they select the students who are allowed back on campus vary by school. Other schools, such as Caltech, are opting for an 100% remote learning experience. Most schools are limiting the amount of undergraduates so that more graduate students are able to safely continue to work on their valuable, and often times time-sensitive research without having to worry about interacting with a larger group of undergraduates.