



Prospective students may apply to American University through our Early or Regular Decision Plan without submitting standardized test scores. While tests help to predict your potential for success in college, your academic performance in the classroom is the most important factor in our review of your application. We also consider qualitative factors, such as your essay, letters of recommendation, and extracurricular activities.

Please note that applying to American University without submitting your standardized test scores will not affect your consideration for merit awards or admission to the AU Honors Program.

If you will be graduating from a secondary school located outside the United States, please note that neither the SAT or ACT is required for admission. Please see [Getting Started \(/admissions/international/index.cfm\)](/admissions/international/index.cfm) for more information.

Students graduating from a secondary school within the United States who do not wish to submit standardized test scores as a part of their application may do so provided they choose the "No, do not consider my SAT/ACT score for admission to AU" when responding to the "Preferred testing plan" question on General section of the Common Application or Coalition Application.

**Please Note: Once you have submitted your Common Application or Coalition Application and indicated your preferred testing plan, under no circumstances can you reverse your decision.**