
Standardized Test Frequently Asked Questions

Will we still be considered for merit scholarships if we do not submit test scores?

Yes, you will still be considered. Not submitting test scores will not impact your ability to receive a merit scholarship.

Will I need to submit test scores to be considered for the UNCW Honors College?

Like the application for admission, submitting the SAT or ACT will be optional fall 2021 first-year applicants interested in the Honors College. The Honors College welcomes (and encourages) students to submit scores if they have them.

Since not all students will have test scores to submit, this year, the Honors College will more closely focus on GPA, class rank, essays, and letters of recommendation. (UNCW does not require students to submit a letter of recommendation, but students interested in the Honors College are highly encouraged to do so.) Standardized test scores and extracurricular activities will be considered after the other metrics. Please review the [Honors College FAQs](#) for more information.

If I was denied and did not submit my test scores, can appeal my decision and submit them?

If you originally opted not to send your test scores and are denied, you may submit test scores for reconsideration. However, we consider many factors in our review process, and it is unlikely test scores alone will change your admission decision. Please submit your scores and [request for your application to be reconsidered](#).

Should I submit a test score for consideration?

In the application process, if you feel your test scores are reflective of your academic ability, you can choose to submit them. If you do not have scores available or choose not to submit them, your application will not be negatively affected. If you submit both the SAT and ACT, we will only consider your highest composite score. Your highest composite score, or super-score, is the highest sub-score from each section across your test dates.

I will be applying for fall 2022; will the application remain test-optional?

We expect to reinstate the SAT or ACT testing requirement for 2022 first-year applicants. Students applying for fall 2022 should be prepared to submit a standardized test score as a requirement for the admission process. Should this change, we will update our website and alert students.

I submitted my test scores but did not want you to review them. Can they be removed?

If you previously submitted scores to UNCW but would prefer that they not be considered in the admissions process, we will make a note on your application to not consider the test scores when making an admissions decision. Please note that having scores can only enhance your



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application and not hurt your chances of admission. Please email our office at admissions@uncw.edu should you have questions.

Are international students required to submit the SAT or ACT?

International students who live outside the U.S. or who have NOT attended a U.S. high school since grade 9 are required to submit one of the following scores for proof of English proficiency: SAT, ACT, TOEFL, or IELTS. The test scores must be sent directly from the testing agency.

I am a recruited athlete, should I submit a test score for consideration?

Given the continuing impact of COVID-19 on the educational environment, the NCAA Eligibility Center has partnered with the NCAA membership to identify changes to the initial-eligibility certification process for students who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution during the 2021-22 academic year. Please refer to the [NCAA Eligibility website](#) for more information. Should you have additional questions, please connect with your coach.