

Admissions for First-Time Freshmen

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Students who are 24 or older applying for undergraduate admission as first-time college students are not required to provide standardized test scores for the purpose of admission.

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Rationale

An adult friendly policy to communicate to applicants that UMSL values post traditional learners. Over the course of the recruitment cycle we have post traditional learners (ranging in ages from 24 to 65) who are seeking admission that did not complete the ACT or SAT while in high school. In order to admit these students an exception to our existing policy must be made, resulting in a delay in admission decision. In most cases the applicant is either coming to college to earn a degree for a career change or they are exiting the military. These students generally have grave concerns about undergoing standardized testing after being out of high school for 6 or more years. If we are going to be the post traditional learner institution of choice we need to adjust this policy to mitigate this admission and enrollment barrier for adult learners. In preparation for this we reviewed Admission Policies related to standardized tests and prospective post-traditionally aged students. We have found that we are one of the only schools in Missouri that has a requirement of an ACT/SAT exam for a student over the age of 24.