

ATTACKING THE ACT



WHAT IS THE ACT?

This assessment was created by ACT Inc., the ACT is an entrance exam used by most colleges and universities to make admissions, scholarship and course placement decisions. The idea was to provide colleges with one common criterion that can be used to compare all applicants. The weight placed on ACT scores varies from school to school. Many schools are now "test optional".



English - 45 minutes

75 Questions

Reading - 35 minutes 40 Questions

Math - 60 minutes 60 Questions

Science - 35 minutes 40 questions

Optional Writing Portion - 40 minutes



- Scores range between 1 and 36 for each section and for the composite score.
- High/perfect score 36
- National average score 20
- LSN Average 23

English

Test Tips

An actual ACT English Test contains 75 questions to be answered in 45 minutes.

- Be aware of the writing style used in each passage.
- Consider the elements of writing that are included in each underlined portion of the passage. Some questions will ask you to base your decision on some specific element of writing, such as the tone or emphasis the text should convey.
- Be aware of questions with no underlined portions—that means you will be asked about a section of the passage or about the passage as a whole.
- Examine each answer choice and determine how it differs from the others. Many of the questions in the test will involve more than one aspect of writing.
- Determine the best answer. Read and consider all of the answer choices before you choose the one that best responds to the question.
- Reread the sentence, using your selected answer.

Reading

Test Tips

An actual ACT Reading Test contains 40 questions to be answered in 35 minutes.

- Read the passage(s) carefully.
- Read and consider all of the answer choices before you choose the one that best responds to the question.
- Refer to the passage(s) when answering the questions.

Science

Test Tips

An actual ACT Science Test contains 40 questions to be answered in 35 minutes.

- Read the passage carefully.
- Refer to the scientific information in the passage when answering the question.
- Read and consider all of the answer choices before you choose the one that best responds to the question.
- Note conflicting viewpoints in some passages.

Math

Test Tips

An actual ACT Mathematics Test contains 60 questions to be answered in 60 minutes.

- Read each question carefully to make sure you understand the type of answer required.
- If you choose to use a calculator, be sure it is permitted, is working on test day, and has reliable batteries.
- Use your calculator wisely.
- Solve the problem.
- Locate your solution among the answer choices.
- Make sure you answer the question asked.
- Make sure your answer is reasonable.
- Check your work.

Calculator Tips

- Review the latest information on permitted and prohibited calculators.
- You are not required to use a calculator. All the problems can be solved without a calculator.
- If you regularly use a calculator in your mathematics work, use one you're familiar with when you take the mathematics test. Using a more powerful, but unfamiliar, calculator is not likely to give you an advantage over using the kind you normally use.



December 9, 2023 February 10, 2024 April 13, 2024 June 8, 2024 July 13, 2024



Registration deadlines are approximately 3 weeks before the exam. Register early to ensure testing location choice.

Is the ACT Required? NO!

The ACT is NOT mandated by the state of Missouri.

You can pay to take the ACT multiple times if needed.

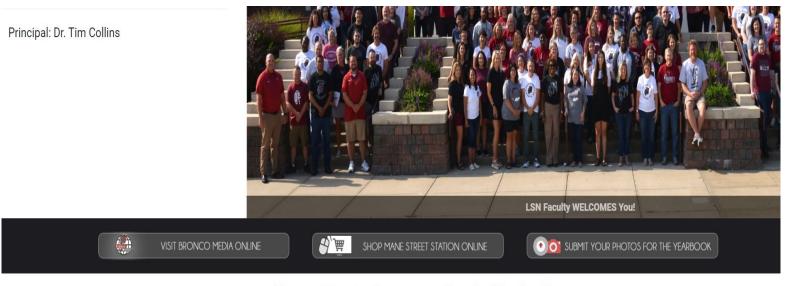
Many colleges are now "test optional" but may request ACT scores for scholarships and/or course placement

With "test optional" choices the high school cumulative GPA becomes even MORE important

How can I perform my best on the ACT

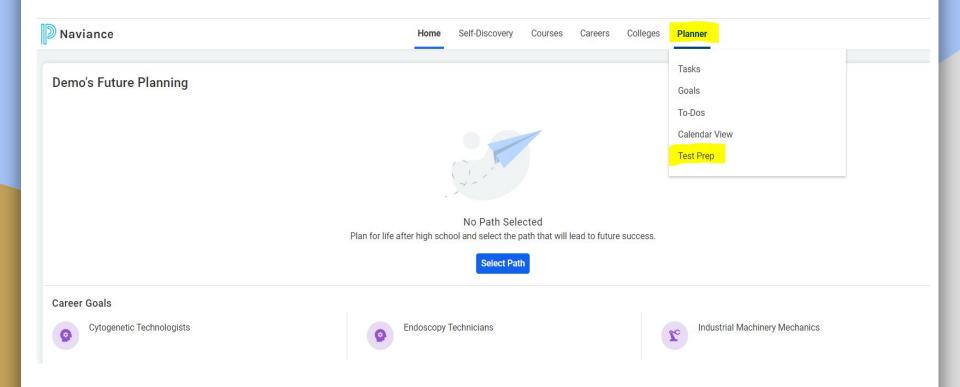
- Take rigorous courses, do homework, pay attention in class, ask questions and apply yourself.
- Practice taking the ACT BEFORE taking the official ACT.
- Take an ACT prep course and/or participate in other ACT prep activities.

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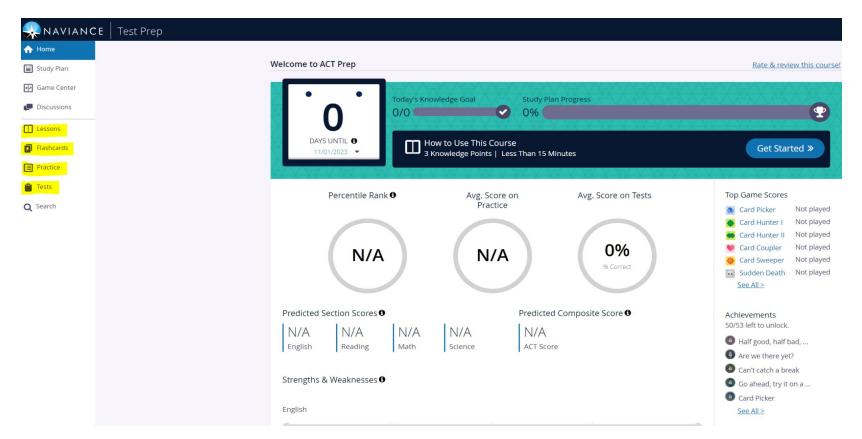


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ACT REQUIREMENT EXAMPLES

MIZZOU

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

All Currently have Test Optional options

MIZZOU

Freshman Admission Requirements

To be eligible for admission to Mizzou for Fall 2024, you must meet the requirements for one of the following options:

Option 1 – Submit test scores

- · Complete the 17 specific high school courses listed below with good grades AND
- · Earn the minimum test score according to the tables below

Read about test scores below

Option 2 – Test-optional review

- · Complete the 17 specific high school courses listed below with good grades AND
- Choose a test-optional review and complete the required short essay questions as part of your application for admission

Apply

Apply Overview

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Freshman Applicants~Transfer Applicants~

International Applicants

U.S. Military & Veteran Applicants

Other Applicants

Test-Optional Admission

Dates & Deadlines

Parents & Families

After You Apply

Admitted Students

Learn more about test-optional admission

Comprehensive Review Process

At the University of Central Missouri, **ALL STUDENTS are encouraged to apply**! We individually review each application for admission. Your personal excellence should and will be evaluated by more than just academic achievement. We consider many factors, including: high school GPA, ACT or SAT scores, personal statement, academic letters of recommendation, leadership experience, service, community involvement and accomplishments. We are interested in learning much more about your preparedness, motivation and potential in the unique context of your experience.

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI

The table below shows the high school GPA and ACT or SAT score combination for admission. Students who do not meet the assured admissions requirements in the below table are still encouraged to apply. Each student's application is reviewed individually.

2.00	21	1060-1080
2.50	20	1030-1050
2.75+	Test Optional	Test Optional

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

Application Pathways

The U of A offers a number of application pathways, including test-optional and traditional/test-required. Your high school GPA determines your application pathway.

Test Optional

Applicants with a **3.20 high school GPA or higher** (on a standard 4.00 scale) will be reviewed for admission to the university without a qualifying test score but must submit ACT, SAT, or Next Generation Accuplacer scores by May 1, 2024, for placement and enrollment purposes and to meet state reporting requirements.

Test Required

Applicants with less than a 3.20 high school GPA should submit ACT, SAT, or Next Generation Accuplacer scores at the time of application. Test scores are also required for home schooled applicants and for applicants attending high schools that provide narrative transcripts.

ACT Registration

- All LSN juniors receive a a voucher for a free ACT
- Students/Parents register online at: <u>ACT.org</u>
- Practice tests given at LSN sophomore year.
- First try spring or summer of junior year.
- Retakes fall of senior year.

Just retaking the exam does not necessarily improve scores. Taking a rigorous curriculum, evaluating previous tests, improving and practicing time management and test taking skills along with participating in test prep options has the most impact.

A Comparison - ACT vs SAT

SAT	ACT	
Colleges use SAT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships.	Colleges use ACT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships.	
Reading	English	
Writing & Language	Math	
Math	Reading	
Essay (Optional)	Science Reasoning	
	Essay (Optional)	
3 hours (without essay)	2 hours, 55 minutes (without essay)	
3 hours, 50 minutes (with essay)	3 hours, 40 minutes (with essay)	
5 reading passages	4 reading passages	
None	1 science section testing your critical thinking skills (not your specific science knowledge)	
Covers:	Covers:	
Arithmetic	Arithmetic	
Algebra I & II	Algebra I & II	
Geometry, Trigonometry and Data Analysis	Geometry, Trigonometry, and Probability & Statistics	
Some math questions don't allow you to use a calculator.	You can use a calculator on all math questions.	
Optional. The essay will test your comprehension of a source text.	Optional. The essay will test how well you evaluate and analyze complex issues.	
Scored on a scale of 400-1600	Scored on a scale of 1-36	
	Colleges use SAT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships. Reading Writing & Language Math Essay (Optional) 3 hours (without essay) 3 hours, 50 minutes (with essay) 5 reading passages None Covers: Arithmetic Algebra I & II Geometry, Trigonometry and Data Analysis Some math questions don't allow you to use a calculator.	

QUESTIONS????

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