



Standardized Testing

As part of the application process, most undergraduate programs require one or more U.S. standardized test scores. Your test scores, academic record, and other factors are used to predict how well you will do as a university student. The test scores are one way to compare students from the United States and international students from different educational systems.

Most colleges and universities in the United States require either the SAT or ACT for admission. Remember, standardized test scores are only one part of the application – good test scores alone do not guarantee you admission. Be sure to confirm which test(s) you must take with the institutions to which you plan to apply.

SAT

A primarily multiple-choice test consisting of mathematics, critical reading and writing that is used for admission into an undergraduate program. The SAT is the most widely offered standardized test in New Zealand with test centers in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin, Wanganui, Havelock North and Queenstown. For test center details and to register for the exam, visit <http://sat.collegeboard.org>.

***Please note that the SAT format will be changing in March 2016. Take this in to consideration when planning to take the exam.*

ACT

A multiple choice test of English, mathematics, reading, and science reasoning (plus an optional writing component). There are ACT test centers in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. For test center details and to register for the exam, visit www.actstudent.org.

SAT Subject Tests

A multiple choice test that measures your knowledge in specific subject areas. In most cases, SAT Subject Tests are an optional part of university admission. Check with the institution to see if it's a requirement for the program you desire. Please note that the SAT and SAT Subject Tests cannot be taken on the same day. These exams are offered less frequently, so you need to plan in advance. For test center details and to register for the exam, visit <http://sat.collegeboard.org>.