



Bloomington Faculty Council

Proposals and Updates Regarding Admissions Policies

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Self-Reported Scores

Self-Reported

- Allows students to self-report their standardized test scores instead of requiring the agency (official) scores during the application and admission process.
- Students are admitted as long as they provide verified scores once they have decided to accept the offer from IU.
- As a result, they pay less money to the agencies, and IU gets their scoring information sooner, meaning the admissions process is faster.



Self-Reported

- Institutions who have adopted this practice report strong accuracy rates for self-reported information, higher completion rates for submitted applications, and expedited processing time.
- To date, 6 peer institutions within the Big 10 Academic Alliance allow self-reporting of scores:
 - University of Illinois, University of Iowa, University of Minnesota, Pennsylvania State University, Purdue University and Rutgers University.



Self-Reported – An Update

- New for 2021 cohort (beginning August 1, 2020)
- Students will be able to self-report SAT, ACT, TOEFL* and/or IELTS* scores on their application, and/or via an update form after submission
- This is a procedure change, not a policy change, so it is not an action item for the BFC.

*English proficiency scores must be verified prior to immigration document creation



Test-Optional Admission

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- Currently admission decisions to IU Bloomington involve a holistic review of many aspects of an applicants materials:
 - Academic success at the college level depends upon a range of factors in addition to academic preparation including: academic achievement; verbal, quantitative, and reasoning abilities; academic motivation, work, and persistence; and academic maturity.
 - Essays; honors, dual-credit, Advance Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate, and/or Advanced College Project (ACP) courses; extra-curricular activities; letters of recommendation; community service; and work experience may also be considered as evidence of academic motivation and maturity.
 - An admission decision may also take account of the known strengths and weaknesses of an applicant's college preparation program and of the trend of an applicant's grades in college-preparatory courses.
 - An admission decision may also take account of an applicant's potential contribution to a diverse educational environment as one factor in an individualized holistic evaluation for admission.



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- Prospective students are currently required to submit standardized test scores per University and Campus policies
- BL-ACA-H11: Excerpt
 - “An applicant must submit scores on a nationally standardized college admissions exam (SAT or ACT).vi Preference will be given to Indiana residents who score above the state average and to non-residents who score above the national average.”



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- There are many prospective students who may be excellent candidates for IU, but who choose not to apply for admission at IU due to the testing barrier:
 - Testing fees
 - Language barriers for non-native speakers and/or vernacular bias
 - Entering American schools after test dates
 - Poor test scores despite otherwise excellent academic history
 - Limited number of international test centers and dates



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- The Office of Enrollment Management proposes creating a formal path for these students, so that they are encouraged to apply for admissions.
We cannot evaluate students who never apply!
 - *For students choosing not to submit a test score, preference will be given to students who have a grade point average above a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale in their college-preparatory courses. (IUB Average 3.85)*
 - *Additional weight will be placed on all of the other normal factors in the holistic admissions process.*



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- **Will any students be required to submit a standardized test score for admission?**
 - NCAA eligibility requirements mandate submission of a standardized test score. Prospective athletes will be asked to self-report their SAT/ACT scores with their application.
 - International students will be required to demonstrate English proficiency through the submission of TOEFL/IELTS or other approved qualifying proficiency assessment score.
 - Homeschooled students will be required to submit a standardized test score.
 - Official score receipt would still be required for admitted students seeking credit or exemption.



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- Currently, several other IU Faculty Councils are also considering this policy change.
- The University Faculty Council will discuss this at their upcoming meeting.
- If it is passed there, we will propose a policy change for Bloomington to mirror UFC language.





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