

## College Admissions and Freshman Index

Effective Fall semester 2011, presidents of state and two-year colleges in the **University System of Georgia**, at their option shall require one of the following: a) submission of SAT/ACT test scores and meeting of the Freshman Index, as described below; or b) a minimum high school grade point average (HSGPA) and mandatory placement testing in lieu of SAT/ACT test scores for admissions.

A designated score on the **Freshman Index ("FI")** is based on a combination of a student's SAT I or ACT assessment scores and high school grade point average (HSGPA). The high school GPA is calculated from the 17 units from the **Required High School Curriculum\*** listed below. See the **Class Rank & Grade Point Average** link to see how grades are converted to GPA. The Freshman Index formula is:

**1.  $FI = 500 \times (HSGPA) + SAT \text{ Verbal/Critical Reading} + SAT \text{ I Math (or)}$**

**2.  $FI = 500 \times (HSGPA) + (ACT \text{ Composite} \times 42) + 88$**

The minimum FI required for admission to a:

1. **Research University** is 2500;

Georgia Tech	Georgia State	UGA
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2. **Regional University** is 2040;

Georgia Southern	Valdosta State
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3. **State University** is 1940;

Albany State	Armstrong Atlantic	Augusta State	Clayton State
Columbus State	Fort Valley State	GA College & State	GA Southwestern
Kennesaw	North GA College	Savannah State	Southern Polytechnic
Univ of West GA			

4. **State or Two-Year College** is 1830-50.

ABAC	College of Coastal GA	Dalton College
Gainesville State	Gordon College	Macon State

In addition to the FI, students must have a minimum SAT I Verbal score of 430 and Mathematics score of 400 (or ACT equivalent) for admission to a university (research, regional, or state). Some colleges also require a minimum GPA.

Students without these minimum scores but with SAT I scores of at least 330 Verbal and 310 Mathematics may be considered for admission to a two-year college, but will be required to exempt or exit learning support ("LS") in the areas of deficiency.

Institutions may set higher requirements for admission. Students meeting the minimum FI requirements are not guaranteed admission.

## **Required High School Curriculum\***

Completion of the USG's Required High School Curriculum ("RHSC") requirements and graduation from an accredited high school is required. Students applying to any institution must present credit for sixteen (16) specified units. **Students graduating from high school in 2012 or later must present credits for seventeen (17) specified units.** The 16 (17 for students who graduate in 2012 or later) specified USG units are:

1. **MATHEMATICS: Four (4) units** of Mathematics, including Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry (Math I, II, III).
2. **ENGLISH: Four (4) units** of English which have as their emphasis grammar and usage, literature (American, English, World), and advanced composition skills.
3. **SCIENCE: Three (3) units** of science, with at least one laboratory course from the life sciences and one laboratory course from the physical sciences. **Students who graduate in 2012 or later must have four (4) units of science.** Georgia Public high School graduates must have at least one (1) unit of biology, one (1) unit of physical science or physics, and one (1) unit of chemistry, earth systems, environmental science, or an advanced placement science course.
4. **SOCIAL SCIENCE: Three (3) units** of social science, with at least one (1) course focusing on United States studies and one (1) course focusing on world studies.
5. **FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Two (2) units** in the same foreign language emphasizing speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Two (2) units of American Sign Language may be used to satisfy this requirement.

(Excepts from Board of Regents Minutes, August 2010)

***As always, see your counselor for more details!***