

Freshmen

Diploma & Required High School Credits

The university requires that students hold a diploma from an accredited high school with the following recommended distribution of courses:

Subject field	Units
English	4
Mathematics, college preparatory	4
Foreign language (same language/culture)	2
History/Social Studies	3
Science (2 years lab)	3
The Arts	1
Other college preparatory courses	3
Total	20

Students are required to have earned a minimum of 16 units in academic subjects from the above chart. Students 18 years of age and older may submit a high school equivalency diploma earned through the General Education Development Test and the high school transcript for all grades completed.

Temple Option

Temple University offers the Temple Option for talented students whose potential for academic success is not accurately captured by standardized test scores. This change enables applicants to decide how best to present their academic strengths and potential. If submitted, standardized test results will be considered holistically along with the high-school transcript and other applications materials. Those applicants not submitting test scores will complete short-answer questions in substitution for standardized tests. All candidates will be considered for merit scholarships and our Honors Program. We recommend applicants with an 1150 SAT (on a 1600-point scale), or 25 ACT, submit their test scores as part of the application. For more information, see <https://admissions.temple.edu/apply/first-year-applicant/temple-option>.

College Entrance Examinations

For those applicants who submit test scores, Temple accepts either of the following tests for college entrance:

- Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) of the College Entrance Examination Board, Box 592, Princeton, NJ 08540
- American College Test (ACT) of the American College Testing Program, Box 168, Iowa City, IA 52250

Temple suggests that students take either test in the spring of their junior year, as well as in the fall of their senior year. Results should be forwarded directly to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. SAT or ACT scores are recommended but not required of applicants 22 years of age or older.

Placement Assessments

Success at Temple University does not follow one particular pathway, as our students are varied and diverse in their backgrounds. For incoming students, it is important that they start on the right track, beginning with determining the appropriate courses for their first semester. Some incoming students may be placed into courses using their SAT or ACT scores while others will need to take placement assessments. Placement Assessments are offered in English, Math, and Foreign Languages. For more information about Placement Assessments, go to the Institutional Research and Assessment web site at <http://www.temple.edu/ira/exam-services/placement-assessments.html>.

Orientation for New Students

Following admission to the university and payment of the tuition deposit, students will receive information regarding their orientation requirements. For further information, refer to the Office of Orientation, New Student and Family Programs (<https://orientation.temple.edu>).

Immunizations

See Student Health and Wellness (<http://bulletin.temple.edu/undergraduate/about-temple-university/student-services>) under Student Services for required immunizations.