

# First-Year

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## Diploma and 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>

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.

## Test Optional

Temple University offers a test optional path for talented students whose potential for academic success is not accurately captured by standardized test scores. We support the holistic evaluation of our first-year candidates, and we appreciate the many ways they can demonstrate their academic strengths and potential to succeed in college. You have the option of submitting your standardized test scores (SAT or ACT) or choosing to apply as test optional (not sending your test scores). All candidates will be considered for merit scholarships and our Honors Program. For more information, see [admissions.temple.edu/apply/first-year-students/test-optional](https://admissions.temple.edu/apply/first-year-students/test-optional).

## College Entrance Examinations

For those applicants who choose to 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

\*Please note that international student requirements may vary. Please review our International Student Apply page for more details.

## 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 [ira.temple.edu/placement-assessments](https://ira.temple.edu/placement-assessments).

## 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 New Student and Family Programs.

## Immunizations

See Student Health and Wellness for required immunizations.