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Title: The complete list of test-optional colleges and universities, as of now

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The list of colleges and universities around the country that are now test-optional for admissions — meaning students can decide whether or not to submit ACT or SAT scores — keeps growing.

[*The list of test-optional colleges and universities keeps growing — despite College Board's latest jab*]

Here are the leading 275-plus colleges and universities on the list of more than 900 test-optional schools, a list maintained by the nonprofit National Center for Fair and Open Testing, a nonprofit known as FairTest that works to end the misuse and abuse of standardized tests. The list includes a small number of test-flexible schools, which allow students to submit test scores of their choice, including Advanced Placement scores rather than SAT or ACT scores.

265+ "Top Tier" Schools which Deemphasize the ACT/SAT in Admissions Decisions per U.S. News & World Report *Best Colleges* Guide (2017 Edition)
from http://www.fairtest.org/university/optional
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National Liberal Arts Colleges

4. Middlebury College (VT) "Test Flexible"	65. Hobart and William Smith Colleges (NY)	113. Goucher College (MD)
6. Bowdoin College (ME)	65. Muhlenberg College (PA)	113. Ripon College (WI)
12. Colby College (ME) "Test Flexible"	68. Earlham College (IN)	115. Elizabethtown College (PA)
12. Hamilton College (NY) "Test Flexible"	68. Kalamazoo College (MI).	115. St. Anselm College (NH)
12. Smith College (MA)	70. Agnes Scott College (GA)	119. Presbyterian College (SC)
21. Wesleyan University (CT)	70. University of Puget Sound (WA)	122. Siena College (NY)
24. Colorado College (CO) "Test Flexible"	72. Willamette University (OR)	128. Illinois College (IL)
27. Bates College (ME)	77. Allegheny College (PA)	128. Marlboro College (VT)
31. Bryn Mawr College (PA)	77. Gustavus Adolphus (MN)	128. McDaniel College (MD)
32. College of the Holy Cross (MA)	77. Knox College (IL)	132. Birmingham-Southern College (AL
32. Pitzer College (CA)	77. Wheaton College (MA)	132. Susquehanna University (PA)
36. Mount Holyoke College (MA)	77. Wofford College (SC)	132. Whittier College (CA)
38. Skidmore College (NY)	83. College of the Atlantic (ME)	140. Roanoke College (VA)
38. Trinity College (CT)	83. St. John's College (NM)	144. Bard College at Simon's Rock (MA
38. Union College (NY)	83. Transylvania University (KY)	146. Guilford College (NC)
41. Dickinson College (PA)	87. Lewis and Clark (OR)	149. Doane University (NB)
41. Whitman College (WA)	90. Bennington College (VT)	149. Hiram College (OH)
47. Franklin and Marshall College (PA)	90. Cornell College (IA)	154. Carthage College (WI)
47. Sewanee -- University of the South (TN)	95. Ohio Wesleyan University (OH)	154. Lycoming College (PA)
49. Bard College (NY)	95. Ursinus College (PA)	154. William Jewell College (MO)
50. Connecticut College (CT)	99. Augustana College (IL)	154. Wittenberg University (OH)
50. Denison University (OH)	99. St. Michael's College (VT)	159. Hartwick College (NY)
51. Gettysburg College (PA)	99. Washington College (MD)	159. Warren Wilson College (NC)
53. Furman University (SC)	99. Washington & Jefferson College (PA)	168. College of Idaho (ID)
53. St. John's College (MD)	105. Austin College (TX)	174. Elmira College (NY)
53. St. Lawrence University (NY)	108. Drew University (NJ)	174. Northland College (WI)
59. Sarah Lawrence College (NY)	108. Juniata College (PA)	174. Wells College (NY)
60. Lawrence University (WI)	108. Lake Forest College (IL)	
62. Beloit College (WI)	108. Stonehill College (MA)	

-- Not ranked due to "Test-Blind" policy – Hampshire College (MA) --

National Universities

27. Wake Forest University (NC)	135. Kansas State University (KS)	
32. University of Rochester (NY) "Test Flexible"	135. University of Mississippi (MS)	
34. Brandeis University (MA)	143. George Mason University (VA)	
36. New York University (NY) "Test Flexible"	143. Washington State University (WA) "Top 10%"	
56. Univ. of Texas – Austin (TX) "Top 8%"	146. Univ. of Texas – Dallas (TX) "Top 10%"	
56. George Washington University (DC)	152. Immaculata University (PA)	
60. Worcester Polytechnic Institute (MA)	152. University of Massachusetts – Lowell (MA)	
74. Texas A & M (TX) "Top 10%"	164. Maryville University of St. Louis (MO)	
74. American University (DC)	164. St. John's University (NY)	
74. Clark University (MA)	164. Virginia Commonwealth University (VA)	
79. University of Delaware (DE)	176. Mississippi State University (MS)	
96. Drexel University (PA) "Test Flexible"	176. Montclair State University (NJ)	
118. Temple University (PA)	197. University of Nevada – Reno (NV)	
124. DePaul University (IL)	202. California State University – Fullerton (CA)	
124. Duquesne University (PA)	202. University of Alaska – Fairbanks (AK)	
124. The Catholic University of America (DC)	202. University of South Dakota (SD	
124. University of Arizona (AZ)	210. Old Dominion University (VA)	
129. Arizona State University (AZ)	220. California State University – Fresno (CA)	
129. New School (NY)	220. University of Southern Mississippi (MS)	
133. Hofstra University (NY)		

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Regional Universities – North

1. Providence College (RI)
2. Fairfield University (CT)
3. Loyola University (MD)
6. Ithaca College (NY)
6. University of Scranton (PA)
9. Marist College (NY)
9. Bryant University (RI)
11. Quinnipiac University (CT)
11. Saint Joseph's University (PA)
16. Le Moyne College (NY)
20. Rowan University (NJ)
23. Assumption College (MA)
23. Lebanon Valley College (PA)
32. Salve Regina University (RI)
35. Roger Williams University (RI)
35. Wagner College (NY)
38. Hood College (MD)
38. Nazareth College (NY)
44. Sacred Heart University (CT)
51. Endicott College (MA)
51. Notre Dame of Maryland University (MD)
57. King's College (PA)
57. Merrimack College (MA)
61. DeSales University (PA)
61. Mercyhurst University (PA)
67. College of Saint Rose (NY)
67. Johnson and Wales University (RI)
67. Salisbury University (MD)
67. Western New England University (MA)
72. Chatham University (PA)
80. Norwich University (VT)
85. Eastern Connecticut State University (CT)
85. The Sage Colleges (NY)
85. Wheelock College (MA)
91. University of Saint Joseph (CT)
95. SUNY Potsdam (NY)
99. Saint Peter's University (NJ)
101. Southern New Hampshire University (NH)
104. Plymouth State University (NH)
110. Point Park University (PA)
114. Western Connecticut State University (CT)
118. Bridgewater State University (MA)
118. Worcester State University (MA)
122. Bay Path University (MA)
122. Utica College (NY)
131. Cabrini University (PA)
131. East Stroudsburg University (PA)
131. Keuka College (NY)
131. Lasell College (MA)
137. Rhode Island College (RI)
137. St. Joseph's College (ME)

Regional Universities – South
2. Rollins College (FL)
5. Stetson University (FL)
12. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (FL)
14. Christopher Newport University (VA)
16. University of Mary Washington (VA)
18. Hampton University (VA)
43. Marymount University (VA)
43. Mississippi University for Women (MS)
47. Radford University (VA)
52. Brenau University (GA)
58. St. Thomas University (FL)
62. Jacksonville University (FL)
62. St. Leo University (FL)
91. King University (TN)
91. Lynn University (FL)

Regional Universities – Midwest
3. Drake University (IA)
15. Baldwin-Wallace College (OH)
28. Saint Joseph's College (IN)
49. Walsh University (OH)
74. Oklahoma Wesleyan University (OK)
94. Northwest Missouri State University (MO)
94. Robert Morris University (IL)
94. Wayne State College (NE)
108. Emporia State University (KS)
115. Lake Erie College (OH)
115. MidAmerica Nazarene University (KS)

Regional Universities – West
5. Mills College (CA)
11. Whitworth University (WA)
31. California State Polytechnic -- Pomona (CA)
33. San Jose State University (CA)
35. California State Univ. – Long Beach (CA)
37. California State Univ. – Chico (CA)
41. Sonoma State University (CA)
44. Northwest Nazarene University (ID)
50. La Sierra University (CA)
52. Humboldt State University (CA)
52. Walla Walla University (WA)
58. California State Univ. – Monterey Bay (CA)
61. California State Univ. – Los Angeles (CA)
61. California State Univ. – San Bernadino (CA)
61. California State Univ. – Stanislaus (CA)
61. Eastern Washington University (WA)
61. Hawaii Pacific University (HI)
67. Western Oregon University (OR)
68. California State Univ. – Northridge (CA)
73. University of Alaska – Anchorage (AK)
76. Weber State University (UT)
82. California State Univ. – Channel Islands (CA)
82. California State Univ. – Sacramento (CA)
82. Midwestern State University (TX)
88. California State Univ. – San Marcos (CA)
88. University of Texas – Tyler (TX)
91. West Texas A & M University (TX)
93. University of Texas – Permian Basin (TX)

Regional Colleges – North
7. University of Maine – Farmington (ME)
8. Cazenovia College (NY)
13. Pennsylvania College of Technology (PA)
13. Wilson College (PA)
15. Vermont Technical College (VT)
15. Unity College (ME)
19. SUNY College of Technology – Delhi (NY)
19. Dean College (MA)
22. Concordia College (NY)
23. University of Maine – Fort Kent (ME)
26. Monroe College (NY)
27. Mount Ida College (MA)
27. University of Maine – Presque Isle (ME)
29. Keystone College (PA)
31. Paul Smith's College (NY)
33. University of Valley Forge (PA)

Regional Colleges – South
3. University of the Ozarks (AR)
4. Catawba College (NC)
9. Bennett College (NC)
10. Belmont Abbey College (NC)
22. Brevard College (NC)
22. Florida Memorial University (FL)
23. Keiser University (FL)
23. Lees-McRae College (NC)
32. Everglades University (FL)
52. Chipola College (FL)
52. Georgia Gwinnett College (GA)
56. University of Holy Cross (LA)

Regional Colleges – Midwest
43. Dickinson State University (ND)
46. Olivet College (MI)
47. Ottawa University (KS)
48. Midland University (NB)
50. Dunwoody College of Technology (MN)
56. Bismarck State College (ND)

Regional Colleges – West
3. Oregon Institute of Technology (OR)
8. California Maritime Academy (CA)
10. East Texas Baptist University (TX)
17. St. Gregory's University (OK)
18. Marymount California University (CA)
22. Southwestern Christian University (OK)
23. Lewis-Clark State University (ID)
31. University of Houston – Downtown (TX)

And here's the full list of test-optional colleges and universities, as of spring 2017. The key to the chart is both here and at the end:

Key
1   SAT/ACT used only for placement and/or academic advising
2   SAT/ACT required only from out-of-state applicants
3   SAT/ACT may be required but considered only when minimum GPA and/or class rank is not met
4   SAT/ACT required for some programs
5   Test Flexible: SAT/ACT not required if other college level exams specified by school, such as SAT Subject Test, Advanced Placement, or Int'l Baccalaureate, submitted — contact school for details
6   Placement test or school-specific admissions exam score required if not submitting SAT/ACT
7   Admission/Eligibility Index calculated with 3.5 GPA and combined SAT Critical Reading plus Math score of 400

Sources: College Board *2017 College Handbook;* U.S. News & World Report *College Guide 2017;* U.S. Department of Education *Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS)*, admissions office websites; and news reports.

Title: CCC's criminal justice team competes at regionals

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VINELAND - Cumberland County College students Giselle Badillo, Jared Carll, Kelsey Grisack and Bob Novicke captured second place honors at the fourth annual regional Criminal Justice Debate held recently at Peirce College in Philadelphia.

The intercollegiate competition included debate teams from Camden County College, Cumberland County College, Drexel University, Neumann University, Peirce College, Rowan University, West Chester University and Wilmington University.

Three rounds of competition took place during which each team had the opportunity to present their best arguments on whether police should be required to wear body cameras. Cumberland County College's teams, of two students each, scored the highest number of points for one college.

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Following the three rounds of debate, the two teams with the highest points, Cumberland County College and Rowan University, moved on to the finals. This was the first time Cumberland's criminal justice team has advanced to the final round of the regional debate.

Title: New program connects young adults without degrees to jobs

Author: Jessica Bies

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For Carlos Cannon, who was born in Guam and grew up in the Wilmington area, getting accepted into a new urban youth program called Year Up has given him a chance to prove that angry, misguided kids and teens can grow up and give back to the community if given the opportunity to thrive.

The boy who, after his father left, frequently got into fights with other children, not only went on join Boys and Girls Club but wants to get a good job so he can help his single mother pay the bills, he said Tuesday. He graduated from William Penn High School in New Castle in 2013 and has been taking college courses at Goldey-Beacom College.

"Many people say Wilmington is a bad and terrible place," he told a group of community leaders and college representatives gathered at a Year Up ribbon cutting event.

He stood in a windowed atrium looking over downtown.

"Does this..." he said, extending an arm out toward the city. "Does *this* look like a bad and terrible place to you?"

The crowd murmured appreciatively.

"We are ready," he said, turning back to the crowd. "We are ready to prove everybody wrong, everybody who told us we weren't going to make it life.

"Year Up is already helping me reach my goals."

Year Up itself is a national nonprofit that focuses on empowering young adults by offering them education and professional development. Its mission is to close the "opportunity divide" by teaching them valuable job skills, helping them get college credit and connecting them with paid internships at large firms such as JPMorgan Chase.

It has been serving students in Philadelphia for several years, but just this spring was extended to Wilmington.

JPMorgan is a big part of that, and according to the company's Managing Director for Global Technology, Courtney Goodrich, wanted to reinforce its commitment to

Delaware by bringing the program to the First State and meeting its staffing needs with local residents. The firm employs nearly 10,000 direct employees in Delaware alone.

"For years we've been employing Year Up interns from Philadelphia in Delaware, and frankly, we decided that wasn't good enough," Goodrich said, adding that the JPMorgan is committed to giving back to the community.

So it approached Year Up about expanding.

Peirce College, which partners with Year Up to provide students with college credit, quickly got on board, the institution's president and CEO James Merigiotti said. He believes the college's growing partnership with Year Up is aligned well with Peirce's mission to eliminate the roadblocks impeding younger adult learners from earning a college degree.

As the students work through Year Up's skills development and internship framework, they are enrolled in college courses. Students who successfully complete the Year Up program then have the opportunity to complete their associate's or even bachelor's degrees at Peirce at a reduced cost.

The degree programs — in information technology and business administration — are offered locally, in Wilmington, and will also be available to members of the community at-large, Merigiotti said Tuesday. The Year Up program and classes are located in the Community Education Building, 1200 N. Front St.

"Even though we're Philadelphia-based, we've served Wilmington people for years and years," Merigiotti said, explaining how natural it is for Peirce to open up degree opportunities in Delaware. "We see, although it's on a smaller scale, similar opportunities here for what we do."

That opens the door for Year Up students like Richard Thorpe, who is from Wilmington but went to high school and lives in Middletown.

He actually heard of Year Up before it was expanded to Wilmington and thought he'd never be able to attend the program because of the distance.

Then it opened its new location.

"I actually tried out a couple schools, but Year Up was a big opportunity to me," said Thorpe, who in the future would like to start his own program similar to Year Up to help students enter the workforce fully prepared.

"It's been a really great experience," Thorpe said. "The staff works really hard, even after we leave the site, and really want us to be the best possible version of ourselves."

For 22-year-old Korey Bishop stumbling across Year Up was nothing short of a blessing, he said.

The former William Penn basketball star had gone to Delaware Technical Community College and studied for a couple different degrees, but wasn't exactly sure what he wanted to do next. Since joining Year Up, he's learned to put together a resume, network, write cover letters and more, he said. He's now only about 20 credits away from getting his business degree at Peirce and hopes to someday get his master's in education and open a school in Wilmington.

He went to William Penn High School, where, despite having repeated ninth grade and at one point having a grade point average of only 0.9, graduated with a 3.1 GPA thanks to help from the Communities in Schools program.

Stephanie Smith, operations coordinator for Year Up, says the program currently has 28 Wilmington students. It launched in February.

"They have huge aspirations," she said of the young adults. "They have the drive, but part of the problem is the way the corporate environment is."

Many firms like JPMorgan are only interested in candidates with four-year degrees and internship experience, she elaborated. Year Up seeks to change the perspective that degrees trump drive and talent.

It also differs from other workforce training programs in that the internships are guaranteed up front — not as a mere possibility.

"Our model is of high accountability and high support," said Joseph Coyle, executive director for Year Up Greater Philadelphia, which includes Wilmington. In "literally one year, they can go from poverty to prosperity.

"We tell the students all the time, we don't do anything for them, they do it all for themselves," he said. "It's the opportunity, providing the opportunity, that makes all the difference in the world."

"Potential is distributed equally, but opportunity is not."

Year Up Founder and CEO Gerald Chertavian says the students have always had the talent; they just didn't have the access.

"Our students have never needed a handout," he said. "They needed a hand up."

Title: Year Up Wilmington launches to train high school grads for IT and business jobs

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"It's not a handout, it's a hand up," Year Up External Affairs Manager **Anan Johnson** said while describing the **[Year Up](#)** program.

Year Up is a 17-year-old national organization that gives underprivileged young adults, ages 18 through 24, professional training and the opportunity to get in front of major corporations and advance their careers.

Year Up has programs in major cities across the country, including **Boston**, **Chicago**, **Baltimore** and **Philadelphia**.

The organization launched its Wilmington location, a partnership with **Peirce College**, in February and held a ribbon cutting this month. The inaugural class currently has 30 students, who are studying either the business or IT track. Upon completion, students will have earned up to 24 college credits.

Johnson, who is the external affairs manager for both the Greater Philadelphia and Wilmington programs, said the organization decided to open a Wilmington branch, located in the **Community Education Building**, because they saw a need for the facility.

"The employer demand is here," he said. "There are several financial institutions and other partners here. Wilmington is a great city and there are a lot of young adults with a lot of talent, but no sustainable pathway to a career."

The intensive yearlong course will teach students the proper way to network, handle changes at the workplace and interact with executives.

"For the first six months, students learn how to survive in a corporate setting. They also take courses at Peirce College," Johnson said. "The following six months, students are given internships at the local companies we are partnered with."

Those companies include powerhouses, such as **JPMorgan Chase** and **Discover**.

Johnson said the goal of Year Up is for students to either get hired by the companies they intern for or go on to finish college.

"Our motto is 'high expectations, high support.' We don't give our students anything they earn it. We just provide students with the opportunity to be in front of these companies," he said.

According to Johnson, 85 percent of graduates are either employed or enrolled in college four months after completing the program.

"Nationally, 40 percent of our students are offered a full-time position from the company they interned with, and they earn an average of $36,000 per year."