Entrance Examinations

SAT/ACT: Each candidate for admission to the first-year class is required to take either the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT). Students are not required to sit for the writing component of either exam. Students are required to submit their scores directly to Lehigh through the College Board (CEEB code 2365). It is not the responsibility of the high school guidance office to forward the results. In special circumstances, where the cost of sending test scores presents a financial hardship to the student or their family, students can request the scores be taken from their transcript or have their counselor submit unofficial scores. However, ultimately if a student is admitted and matriculates to Lehigh official scores must be sent from the testing agency at that time.

The Committee on Admissions recommends that students take the exam in the junior year and again as early as possible in the senior year. In the evaluation process, the highest score in each category for the SAT and/or ACT will be used regardless of the test date. In cases where students have taken both the “old” and the “redesigned” SAT, tests will be super-scored within the respective exams but not across them, i.e. “old” with “old” and “redesigned” with “redesigned” but not “old” with “redesigned.”

It is recommended that students who plan to study a foreign language take the SAT Subject Test or Advanced Placement Test for the language they intend to study. Students interested in advanced placement and/or receiving college credit in Chemistry, English, or a Foreign Language should take the SAT Subject Tests or the SAT Writing Section. Please read the Advanced Placement section (http://catalog.lehigh.edu/informationofgeneralinterest/advancedplacement) for specific requirements.

Test information and applications may be secured from high school guidance offices, ACT, or the College Board. Additional information can be found online at www.collegeboard.com (http://www.collegeboard.com) or www.act.org (http://www.act.org).

Candidates should register for the tests no later than one month prior to the test date (two months for candidates who will be tested in Europe, Asia, Africa, Central and South America, and Australia).

For applicants whose first language is not English, Lehigh additionally requires the results of the TOEFL iBT (Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet-Based exam) or the IELTS (International English Language Testing System). The Committee on Admissions looks for a minimum composite score of 90 on the TOEFL iBT or a minimum of 7.0 on the IELTS. Students whose composite score or sub-scores are lower than Lehigh’s minimums are still considered for admission but may be required to take additional English courses during their first-year and/or during the summer semester prior to fall matriculation. Official score reports should be sent to Lehigh by the testing agency. The most up-to-date information on requirements for non-US citizens can be found on the Lehigh Admissions website: www1.lehigh.edu/admissions/undergrad/intl