In light of the current standardized testing situation, as well as feedback from the community, and the need to support students through and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic, Oakland University will extend its test-optional admission practice for the incoming freshman class of 2022. Test optional admission will be offered to students with a cumulative high school GPA of 2.50 or higher.

“We feel that continuing to offer test optional admission is the best way we can support students who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Shane Lewis, OU’s director of undergraduate admissions. “We want to be sure we are doing all we can to assist our future students in reaching their goals for postsecondary education, despite the challenges they have faced with delayed or cancelled tests, and primarily remote high school learning.”
Students applying for fall 2021 or 2022 are not precluded from taking standardized tests (SAT or ACT) and sending scores if they are able. Doing so can support their institutional scholarship eligibility and help them with course placement. The modification to the test requirement is not intended as an admissions policy shift, but is rather a temporary accommodation driven by the current extraordinary circumstances.

“Since the challenges of the pandemic are ongoing, it’s important for Oakland University to remain flexible and make this change for future Golden Grizzlies,” said Dawn Aubry, OU’s vice president for enrollment management.

OU President Ora Hirsch Pescovitz added, “Oakland University is committed to helping prospective students and their families during this challenging time. We view test-optional admission as an opportunity to expand access to an education, enhance opportunities for academic excellence and increase diversity.”

This is a one-year extension of the test-optional practice, which will be reviewed in spring 2022 for the incoming class of 2023.

View a FAQ list about the policy [here](#).

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