

ACE THE APPLICATION

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PLANNING FALL 2025

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Learn about the application process behind the scenes with the UMass Lowell Admissions Office: what matters most, when to apply, & how to know if Test Optional is the right choice for you

A First-Year Application Overview

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Three ways to apply
 - Common App
 - UML Online App
 - Coalition by SCOIR
- Three Deadlines
 - Early Action I – November 5th*
 - Early Action II – January 5th*
 - Regular Decision – February 5th
- *Required for Nursing Applicants
- What makes a complete application?
 - Application
 - App Fee/Fee Waiver
 - Official HS Transcript
 - Optional SAT/ACT Scores or No Test Response
 - The College Essay
 - 1+ Letter of Rec

Deadline Considerations

- Early Action \neq Early Decision
- Major Specific Deadlines
 - Nursing at UMass Lowell is Early Action only
- November 1st, November 5th, November 15th
- What is Rolling Admissions?

APPLICANT POOL

- UML Applicant Profile
 - GPA of B to B+ (3.0-3.3)
 - SAT 1120+ or ACT 23+
 - Acceptance Rate ~80%
- Fall 2024 Class Average
 - 3.80
 - 1300 SAT (650+ on each section)
 - >50% apply No Test

NO TEST OPTION

- Criteria & When to Submit Test

- Applicants applying under the No Test Option should have a GPA of 3.00 or higher
- 1120+ SAT & 23+ ACT encouraged to submit test scores.

- No Test Review Process

- GPA is Recalculated
- Counselor Reviews No Test Application
- Present app to No Test Committee
- Committee Decision

Keep in mind we recalculate your GPA.

- Honors gets .5 grade boost (3.0 becomes 3.5)
- AP/DE/EC get 1.0 grade boost (3.0 becomes 4.0)

NO TEST OPTION FAQ

- How do I participate in the No Test Option?
 - Just choose the No Test Option on your application. You will be asked to answer an optional essay where you can tell us more about yourself.
- Can I be considered for merit scholarships without submitting standardized test scores?
 - Yes. Students will be automatically considered for a scholarship when they are reviewed for admission.
- Can ESL students participate in the No Test Option?
 - Yes, however, students must take an exam to demonstrate English proficiency. (TOEFL, DuoLingo, IELTS are most common)
- Do I have less of a chance of getting accepted if I apply No Test?
 - Absolutely not! It is just a different way of applying.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS BY MAJOR

- Nursing
 - Most Competitive
 - EA1 & EA2 only
 - 3.5+, 1200+ SAT
- Engineering
 - Must have at least PreCalc
 - Must have Physics & Chemistry
 - Special consideration on Math & Science GPA
- Sciences
 - Special consideration on Math & Science GPA
 - Pre-calc recommended for most
- Arts
 - Portfolio with 10 pieces
- Music
 - Audition is required

TIPS & TRICKS

- Additional Info Section
- Essay – Be yourself, express who you are!
- Extra-Curriculars – Don't forget those informal roles
- Give a bit of detail in the description of your extra-curriculars
 - List any leadership roles
- Letters of Rec – Quality of Quantity
- Take your time
- Don't be afraid to ask your Counselor for help

Common Application Direct Admission

- Many schools have adopted this new program
- Schools set their criteria
 - Major, location, GPA minimum, optional application materials
- Allows students to apply for free to colleges they had not thought about/did not think were attainable
- Direct Entry at UML
 - New England, Mid-Atlantic, non-Nursing, 3.0+ GPA. No Essay, No Letters of Rec

THANK YOU!

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