

C. FIRST-TIME, FIRST-YEAR (FRESHMAN) ADMISSION

C1-C2: Applications

C1 First-time, first-year (freshman) students: Provide the number of degree-seeking, first-time, first-year students who applied, were admitted, and enrolled (full- or part-time) in **Fall 2020**.

- Include early decision, early action, and students who began studies during summer in this cohort.
- Applicants should include only those students who fulfilled the requirements for consideration for admission (i.e., who completed actionable applications) and who have been notified of one of the following actions: admission, non-admission, placement on waiting list, or application withdrawn (by applicant or institution).
- Admitted applicants should include wait-listed students who were subsequently offered admission.

Total first-time, first-year (freshman) men who applied	1278
Total first-time, first-year (freshman) women who applied	2589

Total first-time, first-year (freshman) men who were admitted	1032
Total first-time, first-year (freshman) women who were admitted	2216

Total full-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) men who enrolled	316
Total part-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) men who enrolled	0

Total full-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) women who enrolled	655
Total part-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) women who enrolled	0

C2 Freshman wait-listed students

Students who met admission requirements but whose final admission was contingent on space availability

	Yes	No
Do you have a policy of placing students on a waiting list?	x	

If yes, please answer the questions below for **Fall 2020** admissions:

WAITING LIST	TOTAL
Number of qualified applicants offered a place on waiting list:	146
Number accepting a place on the waiting list:	83
Number of wait-listed students admitted:	22

Is your waiting list ranked?	Yes	No
If yes, do you release that information to students?		
Do you release that information to school counselors?		

C3-C5: Admission Requirements

C3 High school completion requirement

Check the appropriate box to identify your high school completion requirement for degree-seeking entering students:

x	High school diploma is required and GED is accepted
	High school diploma is required and GED is not accepted
	High school diploma or equivalent is not required

C4 Does your institution require or recommend a general college-preparatory program for degree-seeking students?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Require
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recommend
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither require nor recommend

C5 Distribution of high school units required and/or recommended. Specify the distribution of academic high school course units required and/or recommended of all or most degree-seeking students using Carnegie units (one unit equals one year of study or its equivalent). If you use a different system for calculating units, please convert.

	Units Required	Units Recommended
Total academic units		
English	4	4
Mathematics	4	3
Science	3	2
Of these, units that must be lab	3	2
Foreign language		2
Social studies		
History	2	3
Academic electives		
Computer Science		
Visual/Performing Arts		
Other (<i>specify</i>)		

C6-C7: Basis for Selection

C6 Do you have an open admission policy, under which virtually all secondary school graduates or students with GED equivalency diplomas are admitted without regard to academic record, test scores, or other qualifications? If so, check which applies:

- Open admission policy as described above for all students
- Open admission policy as described above for most students, but--
selective admission for out-of-state students
- selective admission to some programs
- other (explain):
Samford has a holistic admission review process that takes many factors into consideration

C7 Relative importance of each of the following academic and nonacademic factors in your first-time, first-year, degree-seeking (freshman) admission decisions.

	Very Important	Important	Considered	Not Considered
Academic				
Rigor of secondary school record		x		
Class rank			x	
Academic GPA	x			
Standardized test scores	x			
Application Essay	x			
Recommendation(s)	x			
Nonacademic				
Interview				x
Extracurricular activities			x	
Talent/ability			x	
Character/personal qualities	x			
First generation			x	
Alumni/ae relation				x
Geographical residence				x

State residency				X
Religious affiliation/commitment				X
Racial/ethnic status				X
Volunteer work			X	
Work experience			X	
Level of applicant's interest		X		

C8: SAT and ACT Policies

Entrance exams

Does your institution make use of SAT, ACT, or SAT Subject Test scores in **admission** decisions for first-time, first-year, degree-seeking applicants?

Yes	No
X	

C8A If yes, place check marks in the appropriate boxes below to reflect your institution's policies for use in admission for **Fall 2022**.

	ADMISSION				
	Require	Recommend	Require for Some	Consider if Submitted	Not Used
SAT or ACT				X	
ACT Only				X	
SAT Only				X	
SAT and SAT Subject Tests or ACT					X
SAT Subject Tests					X

C8B If your institution will make use of the ACT in admission decisions for first-time, first-year, degree-seeking applicants for **Fall 2022** please indicate which ONE of the following applies (regardless of whether the writing score will be used in the admissions process):

- ACT with writing required
- ACT with writing recommended
- ACT with or without writing accepted

C8B If your institution will make use of the SAT in admission decisions for first-time, first-year, degree-seeking applicants for **Fall 2022** please indicate which ONE of the following applies (regardless of whether the Essay score will be used in the admissions process):

- SAT with Essay component required
- SAT with Essay component recommended
- SAT with or without Essay component accepted

C8C Please indicate how your institution will use the SAT or ACT essay component; check all that apply.

	SAT essay	ACT essay
For admission		
For placement		
For advising		
In place of an application essay		
As a validity check on the application process		
No college policy as of now		
Not using essay component	X	X

C8D In addition, does your institution use applicants' test scores for academic advising?

- If you consider the highest scores from either submission, use the highest combination of scores (e.g., verbal from one submission, math from the other).
- If you average the scores, use the average to report the scores.

	Percent	Number
Submitting SAT Scores	37%	356
Submitting ACT Scores	82%	794

For each assessment listed below, report the score that represents the 25th percentile (the score that 25 percent of the freshman population scored at or below) and the 75th percentile score (the score that 25 percent scored at or above).

Assessment	25th Percentile	75th Percentile
SAT Composite	1060	1230
SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	540	640
SAT Math	520	600
ACT Composite	23	29
ACT Math	21	27
ACT English	23	32
ACT Writing	23	32

Percent of first-time, first-year (freshman) students with scores in each range:

Score Range	SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	SAT Math
700-800	4.00%	3.00%
600-699	46.00%	26.00%
500-599	40.00%	57.00%
400-499	10.00%	13.00%
300-399		1.00%
200-299		
Totals should = 100%	100.00%	100.00%

Score Range	SAT Composite
1400-1600	3%
1200-1399	30%
1000-1199	59%
800-999	8%
600-799	
400-599	
Totals should = 100%	100.00%

Score Range	ACT Composite	ACT English	ACT Math
30-36	21.00%	34.00%	8.00%
24-29	50.00%	37.00%	50.00%
18-23	28.00%	26.00%	33.00%
12-17	1.00%	3.00%	9.00%
6-11			
Below 6			
Totals should = 100%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

C10 Percent of all degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshman) students who had high school class rank within each of the following ranges (report information for those students from whom you collected high school rank information)

Assessment	Percent
Percent in top tenth of high school graduating class	29%
Percent in top quarter of high school graduating class	57%
Percent in top half of high school graduating class	85%
Percent in bottom half of high school graduating class	15%
Percent in bottom quarter of high school graduating class	2%
Percent of total first-time, first-year (freshmen) students who submitted high school class rank:	31%

Top half + bottom half = 100%

C11 Percentage of all enrolled, degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshman) students who had high school grade-point averages within each of the following ranges (using 4.0 scale). Report information only for those students from whom you collected high school GPA.

Score Range	Percent
Percent who had GPA of 4.0	38.00%
Percent who had GPA between 3.75 and 3.99	24.00%
Percent who had GPA between 3.50 and 3.74	17.00%
Percent who had GPA between 3.25 and 3.49	12.20%
Percent who had GPA between 3.00 and 3.24	6.20%
Percent who had GPA between 2.50 and 2.99	2.60%
Percent who had GPA between 2.0 and 2.49	0.00%
Percent who had GPA between 1.0 and 1.99	
Percent who had GPA below 1.0	
Totals should = 100%	100.00%

C12 Average high school GPA of all degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshman) students who submitted GPA:
 Percent of total first-time, first-year (freshman) students who submitted high school GPA:

3.80%
99.00%

C13-C20: Admission Policies

C13 Application Fee

If your institution has waived its application fee for the Fall 2021 admission cycle please select no.

	Yes	No
Does your institution have an application fee?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Amount of application fee: 40

	Yes	No
Can it be waived for applicants with financial need?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have an application fee and an on-line application option, please indicate policy for students who apply on-line:

x	Same fee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Free
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reduced

Can on-line application fee be waived for applicants with financial need?

Yes	No
x	

C14 Application closing date

Does your institution have an application closing date?

Yes	No

	Date
Application closing date (fall)	5/1
Priority Date	

C15 Are first-time, first-year students accepted for terms other than the fall?

Yes	No
	x

C16 Notification to applicants of admission decision sent (fill in one only)

x	On a rolling basis beginning	1-Nov
	By (date):	_____
	Other:	_____

C17 Reply policy for admitted applicants (fill in one only)

x	Must reply by (date):	1-May
	No set date	_____
	Must reply by May 1st or within	_____ weeks if notified thereafter
	Other:	_____

Deadline for housing deposit (MMDI) 1-May
 Amount of housing deposit: 250

Refundable if student does not enroll?

	Yes, in full
	Yes, in part
x	No

C18 Deferred admission

Does your institution allow students to postpone enrollment after admission?

Yes	No
x	

If yes, maximum period of postponement: one year

C19 Early admission of high school students

Does your institution allow high school students to enroll as full-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) students one year or more before high school graduation?

Yes	No
x	

C20 Common Application: Question removed from CDS. (Initiated during 2006-2007 cycle)

C21-C22: Early Decision and Early Action Plans

C21 Early Decision

Does your institution offer an early decision plan (an admission plan that permits students to apply and be notified of an admission decision well in advance of the regular notification date and that asks students to commit to attending if accepted) for first-time, first-year (freshman) applicants for fall enrollment?

Yes	No
	x

If "yes," please complete the following:

- First or only early decision plan closing date _____
- First or only early decision plan notification date _____
- Other early decision plan closing date _____
- Other early decision plan notification date _____

For the Fall 2020 entering class:

- Number of early decision applications received by your institution _____
- Number of applicants admitted under early decision plan _____
- Please provide significant details about your early decision plan: _____

C22 Early action

Do you have a nonbinding early action plan whereby students are notified of an admission decision well in advance of the regular notification date but do not have to commit to attending your college?

Yes	No
	x

If "yes," please complete the following:

- Early action closing date _____
- Early action notification date _____

Is your early action plan a "restrictive" plan under which you limit students from applying to other early plans?

Yes	No