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Applying to Princeton
ABOUT PRINCETON

Princeton is a major research university with the heart and soul of a liberal arts college. Chartered in 1746, it is the fourth-oldest college in the nation. The 500-acre campus, known for its natural and architectural beauty, is set conveniently about midway between New York City and Philadelphia and is accessible by rail and car to both locations.

About 5,200 undergraduates attend Princeton, including a freshman class of about 1,300 students. Every year we accept a diverse mix of high-achieving, intellectually gifted students from around the country and the world.

ACADEMIC PREPARATION

Princeton has no fixed unit or course prerequisite requirements. We do encourage you, however, to consult with your school advisers, and we recommend that you take the most rigorous courses possible in your high school, including honors, higher-level and Advanced Placement courses. At the same time, we recognize that not all high schools offer the same opportunities. We will give full consideration to any applicant who has been unable to pursue the recommended studies if the record otherwise shows clear promise.

RECOMMENDED COURSES

- Four years of English (including continued practice in writing)
- Four years of mathematics
- Four years of one foreign language
- At least two years of laboratory science
- At least two years of history (including history of a country or area outside the United States)
- Some study of the visual arts, music or theater

In addition, for students intending to pursue a bachelor of science in engineering (B.S.E.) degree or physical science concentration:

- Mathematics courses should include calculus
- Sciences should include a year of math-based physics or higher-level physics and a year of chemistry

PLANNING YOUR STANDARDIZED TESTS

Applicants should carefully review the specific requirements and deadlines included with the application materials. Below is a table summarizing the tests required for admission.

All scores should be sent directly to Princeton through the testing agency. Princeton’s College Board number is 2672; the ACT number is 2588.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

If you are an international student and the SAT tests are not offered in your country, we will consider your application without them. However, we will have less information to evaluate in your application. In countries where the ACT is available instead of the SAT, we would encourage you to take the ACT with Writing.

The Teacher Evaluation form and Secondary School Report can be completed in another language if the adviser or school official is not comfortable with English, but the forms must be translated to English before they are submitted to the admission office.

REQUIRED STANDARDIZED TESTS

SAT (www.collegeboard.org)
or
ACT, with Writing where offered (www.actstudent.org)

RECOMMENDED BUT NOT REQUIRED

Two SAT Subject Tests (www.collegeboard.org)

- A.B. candidates planning to meet the foreign language requirement with a language begun in high school are encouraged to take a subject test in that language.
- B.S.E. candidates are encouraged to include one test in either physics or chemistry and one test in either Level 1 or Level 2 mathematics.

IF APPLICABLE

TOEFL, IELTS Academic or PTE Academic

For international applicants only
APPLICATION
You may apply to Princeton either through the Common Application or the Universal College Application. You may apply online at www.commonapp.org or https://uca.applywithus.com. You may also have a required writing supplement.

A nonrefundable $65 application fee is required to cover part of the application processing costs. If the fee causes extreme financial hardship, we will consider a written waiver request submitted by your guidance counselor. The waiver should include a brief explanation for the request. Alternatively, you may submit the waiver form available from the College Board and the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

OPTIONAL ITEMS
In addition to the Common Application or the Universal College Application and their writing supplements, if you have special talents in the arts, you may submit a sample of your work through the Princeton Optional Arts Form available on Princeton’s admission website. If you have completed scientific research that you would like to share, you may upload an abstract of the research to the Princeton writing supplement.

An interview, which is conducted by a Princeton alumnus or alumna, is optional. Please consult the Admission FAQ section of our website for more information about optional items to support your application.

SCORE CHOICE
You are welcome to use the Score Choice option when submitting the results of your SAT or ACT, and two different recommended but not required SAT Subject Tests. We will consider the highest individual section results across all settings of the SAT and the highest composite score for the ACT with Writing, as well as the two highest SAT Subject Test scores. We encourage you to submit official test scores as soon as they are available.

NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS OF ENGLISH
If English is not your native language and you are attending a school where English is not the language of instruction, you must take one of the following: the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the International English Language Testing System Academic (IELTS Academic) or the Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic). The TOEFL, IELTS Academic or PTE Academic score must be reported by the testing agency to Princeton, in addition to the scores of the SAT or ACT, and two recommended but not required SAT Subject Tests. Students who have attended an English-medium secondary school for at least three years are not required to submit TOEFL, IELTS Academic or PTE Academic results. TOEFL is administered by the Educational Testing Service at test centers around the world. You may register by going to www.toefl.org. You may register for IELTS Academic at www.ielts.org, or PTE Academic at www.pearsonpte.com.

SCHOOL REPORTS
You must submit the following Common Application or Universal College Application school reports, which are available from their respective websites:

- School Report (SR) and Transcript.
  Please ask your school counselor or other school official to complete and submit the SR form along with an official transcript and letter of reference.

- Two Teacher Evaluations. Please ask two of your teachers to complete and send us the Teacher Evaluation forms. You should choose teachers from two different areas of study.

- Midyear Report. Please ask your high school counselor or other school official to complete and submit this form.

YOUR ESSAYS
Your application to Princeton will include two essays, or three if you are thinking of pursuing an engineering degree. Both the Common Application and the Universal College Application require an essay of no more than 650 words. In addition, Princeton’s writing supplement to the Common Application and Princeton’s Supplement to the Universal College Application require you to write another essay, about 500 words, based on one of the five provided themes. The supplement should not repeat, in full or in part, the essay you write for either the Common Application or the Universal College Application.

If you are interested in pursuing a B.S.E. degree, we require you to write a third essay explaining why you wish to study engineering. This essay should describe your experiences in or exposure to engineering, and how you think the engineering programs at Princeton will suit your particular interests.

We hope you will take full advantage of these writing opportunities to help us discover who you are. A compelling essay completes and complements the other pieces of your application and provides us with a clear sense of your values and perspective on the world. The essays are an important component of your application, so please be sure to give them the effort necessary to produce your very best work, including taking extra care to ensure correct grammar and spelling. Remember that your essay must be your own work and written in your own voice.

For more information about applying to Princeton, go to admission.princeton.edu/applyingforadmission or scan this QR code with your smartphone.
FINANCIAL AID
Princeton’s Office of Undergraduate Financial Aid administers federal, state and University funds. Our aid program is designed to encourage economic diversity and to encourage all qualified students—regardless of financial circumstances—to consider applying for admission to Princeton. There is no income cutoff on our aid application; all families who feel they may need financial assistance are welcome to apply.

Detailed information about the financial aid program can be found at admission.princeton.edu/financialaid.

The Princeton Financial Aid Application (PFAA) is available online beginning Oct. 1 and can be used by both U.S. and international applicants. To complete the PFAA online, go to admission.princeton.edu/financialaid/apply_financial_aid and register for a login account.

Please note that Princeton does not require the CSS PROFILE form.

Additional Documents
Parents’ most recent federal income tax returns and W-2 statements (or the equivalent for non-filers) are required. We suggest you fax these documents directly to the financial aid office at 609-258-0336 by March 15. Non-custodial parents also may be required to complete a separate application. A more detailed explanation can be found in the Financial Aid Information and Application Instructions brochure, which is available as a PDF on our website.

We recommend you file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by April 15 to confirm your eligibility. More information can be found at www.fafsa.gov.

Financial Aid Estimator
Each family’s financial circumstances are unique, and awards for admitted students are determined on an individual basis. Use our online financial estimator tool at admission.princeton.edu/financialaid/estimator to help calculate how your family might benefit from Princeton’s financial aid program. The estimator is valid for U.S. and Canadian families only.

You are ready to apply when you have:
• Filled out your application
• Assembled the supporting materials
• Completed your standardized testing
• Prepared your financial aid application if applicable

If you are applying under single-choice early action, your application must be submitted electronically by Nov. 1.

For regular decision, the application deadline is Jan. 1.

If you are applying for financial assistance, you may submit your Princeton Financial Aid Application by Nov. 15 for early action and Feb. 1 for regular decision.

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION DEADLINES*

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Please use the checklist below to review the items you will need to complete your application. A list of frequently asked questions regarding the application process is available online at admission.princeton.edu. You may also contact us by mail at Office of Admission, Box 430, Princeton, N.J. 08542-0430; by phone at 609-258-3060; or by email at uaoffice@princeton.edu.

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Nondiscrimination Statement

In compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and other federal, state, and local laws, Princeton University does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, national or ethnic origin, disability, or veteran status in any phase of its employment process, in any phase of its admission or financial aid programs, or other aspects of its educational programs or activities. The vice provost for institutional equity and diversity is the individual designated by the University to coordinate its efforts to comply with Title IX, Section 504 and other equal opportunity and affirmative action regulations and laws. Questions or concerns regarding Title IX, Section 504 or other aspects of Princeton’s equal opportunity or affirmative action programs should be directed to the Office of the Vice Provost for Institutional Equity and Diversity, Princeton University, 205 Nassau Hall, Princeton, N.J. 08544 or 609-258-6110.

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