



**SAGESSE HIGH SCHOOL**

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To: Parents and Students of the Secondary Division  
From: The University Guidance & Counseling Office (ext. 173)  
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RE: **University Admission requirements**

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In preparation for university admission, **Freshman** applicants (A.P. students, IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) and IB Diploma Program Course Candidate – IBDP CC) should know the following:

**The Ministry of Education requires applicants to the freshman class to take both the SAT 1 Reasoning test and SAT 2 Subject tests PRIOR to their enrollment at the university.**

**The SAT 1 Reasoning test is comprised of 2 sections: Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) and Math. Each section is over 800. The SAT 2 Subject test must be taken in three subjects as listed below and each subject is over 800.**

**The total score for the combined SAT 1 together with the three SAT 2 subject tests must be at least 2,300 for the Science track and at least 2,150 for the Art track.**

The Equivalency Committee requires that the SAT 2 tests must be taken in three subjects as follows:

**For admission to freshman year (Art or Humanities track)**

- Mathematics level 1
- Two tests from subjects of the applicant's choice: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Literature, World History, or Languages: French, Spanish, German, Italian

**For admission to freshman year (Science track)**

- Mathematics level 2
- Two science tests from Biology, Chemistry, or Physics

**Upon the successful completion of their freshman year, students who have received permission from the Equivalency Committee to pursue their higher education in a foreign program are entitled to have their 30 passing credits equated to the Lebanese Baccalaureate part II by the Equivalency Committee - Ministry of Education at the UNESCO building.**

A brief summary of **Admission Requirements** to some local universities:

<b>**Deadline</b>		<b>AUB</b>	<b>www.aub.edu.lb</b>	<b>Application fee: 80\$</b> <b>Online application fee: 50\$</b>	
<b>Early Admission - October 31, 2019</b> <b>Regular Admission – December 20, 2019</b>		<b>Entrance Requirements</b>		<b>English Proficiency</b>	
	<b>Freshman</b> - 12 AP - IB DP Course candidate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimum SAT 1 score of 1100 (EBRW &amp; Math)</li> <li>- Essays</li> <li>- Recommendation letters</li> <li>- School grades (10 AP, 11AP/IB1)</li> </ul>		<b>AND</b>	AUB EEE* 500 Test fee 50,000 LL Or - TOEFL (IBT) 88/120 Internet Based Test Or IELTS 6.5 Or SAT 1 $\geq$ 530 with each essay sub score $\geq$ 4
	<b>Sophomore</b> - Sec.3 - IB DP candidate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimum SAT 1 score of 1200 (EBRW and Math) <i>Refer to specific faculty requirements</i></li> <li>- School grades (IB1, IB2 / Sec.1, Sec.2)</li> </ul>			
<p><i>SAT I scores and school grades each count 50% of admission requirements at AUB. The scores of the SAT 1 October test are the last scores considered for AUB early admission. The scores of the SAT 1 December test are the last scores considered for AUB regular admission.</i></p>					

		<b>LAU</b>	<b>www.lau.edu.lb</b>	<b>Application fee: 85\$</b> <b>Online application fee: 65\$</b>	
<b>Regular Admission: Jan. 31, 2020</b> <b>Late Admission: July. 15, 2020</b>		<b>Entrance Requirements</b>		<b>English Proficiency</b>	
	<b>Freshman</b> - 12 AP - IB DP Course candidate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimum SAT 1 score of 1000 (EBRW &amp; Math)</li> <li>- School grades (G10, 11, 12)</li> </ul>		<b>AND</b>	- LAU EEE* 550 Test fee 60\$ Or - TOEFL (IBT) 90/120 Or - SAT 1 Writing & language Minimum 27 Or - IELTS 7
	<b>Sophomore</b> - Sec.3 - IB DP candidate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimum SAT 1 score of 1100 (EBRW and Math) <i>Refer to specific faculty requirements</i></li> <li>- School grades (last 3 years)</li> </ul>			
<p><i>School grades count 60% and SAT I scores count 40% of admission requirements at LAU. The scores of the SAT 1 December test are the last scores considered for LAU early admission. The scores of the SAT 1 May test are the last scores considered for LAU regular admission. Scholarships are awarded for top ranking and high SAT scores.</i></p>					

<b>Early Admission: November 27, 2019</b> <b>Regular Admission: Feb.26, 2019 - July 23, 2020</b>	<b>NDU</b>	<b>www.ndu.edu.lb</b>	<b>Application fee: 100,000L L</b>	
		<b>Entrance Requirements</b>		<b>English Proficiency</b>
	<b>Freshman</b> - 12 AP - IB DP Course candidate	- Minimum SAT 1 score of 900 (EBRW & Math) - School grades (G10, 11, 12)	<b>AND</b>	- NDU EEE* 650 Test fee 75,000 LL Or - TOEFL (IBT) 96/120 Or - SAT 1 EBRW Minimum 540 Or - IELTS 7
	<b>Sophomore</b> - Sec.3 - IB DP candidate	- SAT 1 Math score <i>Refer to specific faculty requirements</i> - Or NDU Math Entrance Exam Test fee 75,000 L.L. - School grades (last 3 years)		
<p><b><i>School grades count 60% and SAT I scores count 40% of admission requirements at NDU. Our school has a protocol with NDU which will provide scholarships for students with top ranking (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>), and/or averages 14/20 and above, or IB 36/42 and above, and/or high SAT I scores.</i></b></p>				

<b>Early Admission: December 20, 2019</b> <b>Regular Admission: June 30, 2020</b>	<b>UOB</b>	<b>www.balamand.edu.lb</b>	<b>Application fee: 80\$</b>	
		<b>Entrance Requirements</b>		<b>English Proficiency</b>
	<b>Freshman</b> - 12 AP - IB DP Course candidate	- Minimum SAT 1 score of 1000 (EBRW & Math) - School grades (G10, 11, 12)	<b>AND</b>	- TOEFL (IBT) 71/120 Or - IELTS 5.5 Or - SAT 1 Writing & language Minimum 25
	<b>Sophomore</b> - Sec.3 - IB DP candidate	- Minimum SAT 1 score of 1100 (EBRW and Math) <i>Refer to specific faculty requirements</i> - School grades (last 3 years)		
<p><b><i>SAT I scores and school grades each count 50% of admission requirements at UOB. Early admission applicants may qualify for a scholarship based on their school grades and/or SAT I scores</i></b></p>				

\*EEE – English Entrance Exam

\*\* Deadlines are subject to change. University and school group registration deadlines will be announced at a later date. Fees are subject to change.

Students who wish to continue their university studies in:

- **Engineering;** must be strong in Math, Physics, and Chemistry
- **Medicine;** must be strong in Math, Biology, and Chemistry; Physics is a plus.

## SAT PREPARATION PLAN

**In grade 11/ IB1/ Secondary 2:** Students must register to sit for SAT 1 test **at least twice** during the academic year: SAT 1 is offered in October, December, March, and May. The spacing of the exams will allow enough time between the test dates to receive the scores, prepare, and register again. Online scores are reported 3 weeks after the test date. Mailed student score reports will be received 45 days after the test, if you choose to receive them.

**In grade 12/ IB2 / Secondary 3:** At the start of the senior academic year, students should register to take the test in October and/or December if they need to improve their SAT 1 score to ensure university acceptances. SAT 1 scores of March and May test dates can still be accepted by some universities. Students following the American and the IB Program must sit for SAT 2 subject tests. May and June test dates will be available for retakes to obtain the required total set by the government and the equivalency committee, and to fulfill school graduation and university entrance requirements.

SAT 1 tests are administered **4 times each academic year only**. They are set on a Saturday. Students may choose from a list of assigned test centers to sit for the exam. Students who miss **ALL** registration deadlines may inquire about the online **waitlist** registration (additional late fee charges apply). You may register for only one SAT (1 or 2) test per test date.

**SAT** test dates and preliminary registration deadlines for the academic year 2019/2020.:

<b>TEST DATE</b>	<b>Available Tests</b>	<b>AMIDEAST Deadline* (01-989901)</b>	<b>On line Registration deadline (Valid credit card needed) <a href="http://www.collegeboard.org">www.collegeboard.org</a></b>
<b>Oct. 5, 2019</b>	<b>SAT SAT Subject Tests</b>	<b>August 21, 2019</b>	<b>September 6, 2019</b>
<b>Nov. 2, 2019</b>	<b>SAT Subject Tests only</b>	<b>Sept. 18, 2019</b>	<b>October 3, 2019</b>
<b>Dec. 7, 2019</b>	<b>SAT SAT Subject Tests</b>	<b>October 23, 2019</b>	<b>November 8, 2019</b>
<b>Mar 14, 2020</b>	<b>SAT only</b>	<b>January 29, 2020</b>	<b>February 14, 2020</b>
<b>May 2, 2020</b>	<b>SAT SAT Subject Tests</b>	<b>March 18, 2020</b>	<b>April 3, 2020</b>
<b>June 6, 2020</b>	<b>SAT Subject Tests only</b>	<b>April 22, 2020</b>	<b>May 8, 2020</b>

*\*Registration deadlines will be confirmed at the beginning of the academic year*

**HOW TO REGISTER FOR SAT 1 REASONING TEST OR SAT 2 SUBJECT TESTS:**

1. **By mail through school/AMIDEAST (01/989901).** Students must submit:

2. A completed application (available at school)
3. 112 \$ for SAT 1 or 139 \$ for SAT 2 (subject to change next year)
4. A colored picture (5.50 cm x 5.50 cm)
5. Sign the terms of the agreement for AMIDEAST/Collegeboard
6. Request your admission ticket 10 days prior to the test date

2. **On line.** Students must:

1. First **create** an account on [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) if they don't already have one
2. Complete the application on line
3. Upload a colored picture (5.50 cm x 5.50 cm)
4. Make payment with a valid credit card
5. Print the admission ticket

**On the day of the test** you must show proof of identity to be admitted to take the test.

You must present:

- Your admission ticket

**And**

- Your **original recent** Ikhraj Keid, or your **ID card** with a **recent picture**, or a **valid passport** with a **recent picture**. (photocopies will not be accepted)

**Do not throw your admission ticket away.** You will need your registration number for future references and information.

When filling out the application, you may request to have your SAT scores sent directly from Collegeboard to the university of your choice. The first 4 university requests are free of charge. A charge of \$12 (subject to change) will be added to any additional requests and to requests ordered after the results are issued. Request to have your scores sent to **AMIDEAST, code 5027** to receive a paper score report. Sagesse High School SAT school code is **685 485**.

**Some local university codes:**

<b>AUB</b>	<b>0902</b>	<b>LAU</b>	<b>2595</b>
<b>Balamand</b>	<b>2960</b>	<b>NDU</b>	<b>7696</b>
<b>Equivalency Committee</b>	<b>6128</b>	<b>Hagazian</b>	<b>0108</b>

**Scores are available Online, 3 weeks after the test date. If you have not done so already, create an account on Collegeboard. Make sure that the information you key in, is the same every time you register, and, is the same as your ID. If you forget your user name and password, do not create a new account. Just click on the Forgot my username and/or Forgot my password to regain access to your account.**

**NB: Students who register on line must choose to receive a paper score report. Otherwise, you will not receive your scores in the mail. The only score report you will get is Online.**

## **ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS:**

**The Internet-Based TOEFL (IBT)**, students may apply Online at [www.ets.org/TOEFL](http://www.ets.org/TOEFL). A valid credit card must be available for the payment fee of \$180 USD (subject to change). Registration can also be done at AMIDEAST (01-989901) with cash payment of \$212 USD (includes service charge, subject to change).

**The IELTS test** - the International English Language Testing System. Students may apply Online at [ielts.britishcouncil.org](http://ielts.britishcouncil.org). A valid credit card must be available for the payment fee of \$200 USD (subject to change). Registration can also be done at the British Council (01-428900)  
If you are applying to universities in England, Canada and Australia, IELTS is preferred.

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## **STUDENTS WHO ARE CONSIDERING APPLYING TO UNIVERSITIES ABROAD**

(US, UK, Canada, Australia, etc..) should start researching the entrance requirements of their chosen university: application, SAT, TOEFL, IELTS, school grades, recommendations, extracurricular activities, deadlines, scholarships, etc. . . They must plan accordingly in selecting their subject courses and levels. As they browse through the universities' websites, they should look for the following links: **New students**, or **Undergraduate students**, or **Prospective students**, or **Freshman students**. The links vary from one university's website to another.

The major components of US applications are the following:

1. Application
2. Exams (SAT 1, SAT 2, TOEFL)
3. Extracurricular Activities
4. Personal statement, Essay(s)
5. Recommendation Letters
6. Transcripts

With this in mind, **senior** students should start early and plan accordingly. They should **ALLOW ENOUGH TIME** to complete the application, prepare their essays, request and collect their documents (recommendation letters, transcripts...), to be able to upload and/or send their file to the university's Admissions Office before the set deadline. As a guide, the file should be completed and ready to be submitted on line or mailed by the end of November. Online applications are **highly recommended** (a valid credit card must be available). Applications and catalogues can be requested ahead of time to be mailed to their home or school address. They may also download the information from the university's website. Establish contact through email with the admissions office to get more information.

**Some universities in Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, and Europe, will not accept students into their first year program if they are not awarded the International Baccalaureate Diploma.** Students awarded an IB Diploma course results (IB certificate), Lebanese Baccalaureate, or High School Diploma may have to first complete a university preparatory year in Canada, a foundation year in the UK, or a TAFE year in Australia before they are admitted into their Major of studies. Students may complete a university freshman year or a Sophomore year before transferring to a university abroad.

Some helpful websites for important information:

Australia:	<p><b>www.uac.edu.au</b> (<i>Common application for some Australian Universities</i>)  <a href="http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au">www.studyinaustralia.gov.au</a>  <a href="http://www.go8.edu.au/europe">www.go8.edu.au/europe</a></p>	
Canada	<p><b>www.ouac.on.ca</b> (<i>Common application for some Canadian Universities</i>)  <a href="http://www.mcgill.ca">www.mcgill.ca</a>  <a href="http://www.concordia.ca">www.concordia.ca</a>  <a href="http://www.educationau-incanada.ca">www.educationau-incanada.ca</a>  <a href="http://www.CanStudyCanada.com">www.CanStudyCanada.com</a></p>	
Services in Lebanon	<p><b>www.amideast.org/lebanon</b>  <i>(SAT &amp; TOEFL registration, Information on US universities and scholarships)</i>  <a href="http://www.princetonreviewlebanon.com">www.princetonreviewlebanon.com</a>      <a href="http://www.testprepinstitute.com">www.testprepinstitute.com</a>  <a href="http://www.globalstudyuk.com">www.globalstudyuk.com</a>      <a href="http://www.skillzbeirut.com">www.skillzbeirut.com</a>  <a href="http://www.educomoverseas.com">www.educomoverseas.com</a>      <a href="http://www.nooreed.com">www.nooreed.com</a>  <a href="http://www.studypedia.com">www.studypedia.com</a>      <a href="http://www.questeducation.me">www.questeducation.me</a>  <a href="http://www.kaplanpathways.com">www.kaplanpathways.com</a>      <a href="http://www.IELTSlebanon.com">www.IELTSlebanon.com</a></p>	
Switzerland	<p><a href="http://www.aseh.ch">www.aseh.ch</a>      <a href="http://www.imi-luzern.com">www.imi-luzern.com</a>  <a href="http://www.ehl.edu">www.ehl.edu</a>      <a href="http://www.lesroches.edu">www.lesroches.edu</a>  <a href="http://www.swisseducation.com">www.swisseducation.com</a>      <a href="http://www.glion.edu">www.glion.edu</a></p>	
United Kingdom	<p><b>www.ucas.co.uk</b> (<i>Common application for UK universities</i>)  <a href="http://www.ielts.britishcouncil.org">www.ielts.britishcouncil.org</a> (<i>English proficiency test</i>)  <a href="http://www.vision.edu.co.uk">www.vision.edu.co.uk</a>  <a href="http://www.bmat.org.uk">www.bmat.org.uk</a> (<i>BioMedical Admission Test for pre- Med applicants</i>)  <a href="http://www.lnat.ac.uk">www.lnat.ac.uk</a> (<i>National Admission Test for Law applicants</i>)  <a href="http://www.risehigher.co.uk">www.risehigher.co.uk</a>  <a href="http://www.naric.org.uk">www.naric.org.uk</a> (<i>for qualifications</i>)  <a href="http://www.educationuk.org">www.educationuk.org</a>  <a href="http://www.kic.org.uk/ar">www.kic.org.uk/ar</a> (<i>Kaplan International Colleges for preparatory year</i>)</p>	
United States	<p><b>www.collegeboard.org</b> (<i>SAT registration, careers, and universities</i>)  <b>www.commonapp.org</b> (<i>Common application for many US universities</i>)  <b>www.khanacademy.org</b>  <a href="http://www.goabroad.com">www.goabroad.com</a>  <a href="http://www.ets.org/toefl">www.ets.org/toefl</a> (<i>TOEFL test registration and information</i>)  <a href="http://www.princetonreview.com">www.princetonreview.com</a>  <a href="http://www.petersons.com">www.petersons.com</a>  <a href="http://www.usnews.com/education">www.usnews.com/education</a>  <a href="http://www.aco.eu.com">www.aco.eu.com</a> (<i>American Colleges overseas</i>)  <a href="http://www.EnvisionEnroll.com/Tech">www.EnvisionEnroll.com/Tech</a> (<i>Summer enriching programs</i>)  <a href="http://www.nslcleaders.org">www.nslcleaders.org</a> (<i>National student leadership conference</i>)  <a href="http://www.highereducationseekers.com">www.highereducationseekers.com</a> (<i>US west coast campus tours</i>)  <a href="http://www.college-visits.com">www.college-visits.com</a> (<i>US college tours</i>)  <a href="http://www.bridge-u.com/ultimate-us-university-guide">www.bridge-u.com/ultimate-us-university-guide</a></p>	

