

Bloomington Faculty Council
Resolution Regarding a Test Optional Approach to Undergraduate Admissions
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Whereas IU Bloomington strives to provide greater and more immediate access to students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds, retain IU Bloomington's position as a leader in academic excellence and research, and enable the campus to mitigate enrollment risks connected to upcoming demographic shifts, and

Whereas for many students the combination of a high school GPA and a standardized test score can be predictive of college success, numerous reports suggest that for some students, specifically from low and moderate income families and students who are first generation, a standardized test score may not fully represent their academic strengths, and

Whereas, studies show that the adoption of a well-executed test-optional admission policy can lead to an increase in overall applications, as well as an increase in the representation of underrepresented minority students in the applicant pool and the freshman class, and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Bloomington Faculty Council endorses the adoption of the test optional approach to undergraduate admissions proposed by the Educational Policies Committee,

And encourages the University Faculty Council to amend policy ACA-54 (Establishing Campus Undergraduate Admission Policies) accordingly.