

SAT Subject tests are not required at the majority of colleges and universities in the United States. However, many of the US and some international universities do require two or more SAT subject tests. The list below contains many universities that require the SAT subject test, as well as several that used to **require** subject test scores, but now simply **recommend** the subject tests. There are, of course, many other universities that recommend the SAT subject tests, and strong scores can often strengthen an application.

Be sure to get more information from each university's website. In some cases, the ACT with Writing can substitute for the SAT Subject tests, and universities change their admission criteria all of the time. All of the institutions below require or strongly recommend SAT Subject Tests for at least some of their applicants:

- [Boston University](#) (some programs)
- [Brown University](#)
- [California Institute of Technology \(Caltech\)](#)
- [Carnegie Mellon University](#) (requirements vary by school)
- [Cooper Union](#) (some programs)
- [Cornell University](#) (some programs)
- [Dartmouth College](#) (recommended, not required)
- [Duke University](#) (strongly recommended)
- [George Washington University](#) (required of some dual degree programs only)
- [Harvard University](#) (strongly recommended)
- [Harvey Mudd College](#)
- [Massachusetts Institute of Technology \(MIT\)](#)
- [Notre Dame \(Indiana\)](#) (home schooled applicants must take 3 SAT II or AP exams)
- [New York University \(NYU\)](#) (but SAT, ACT, IB or AP exams can substitute for SAT Subject Tests)
- [Princeton University](#) (strongly recommended)
- [Rice University](#) (not required if submitting the ACT)
- [Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute \(RPI\)](#) (only for accelerated programs in law or medicine)
- [Stevens Institute of Technology](#) (some programs)
- [Swarthmore College](#) (encouraged for engineering applicants)
- [Tufts University](#) (most programs)
- [University of California](#) -- The state system has changed its policy to read, "While SAT Subject Tests are not required, some campuses recommend that students vying for slots in competitive majors take the tests to demonstrate subject proficiency." You can get more information [here](#).
- [University of Pennsylvania](#) (recommended)
- [Vassar College](#) (scores will be considered, but are not required)
- [Washington and Lee University](#) (recommended for home-schooled applicants)
- Webb Institute
- [Wellesley College](#)
- [Wesleyan University](#) (school is test-optional, but scores are required and used for placement)
- [Yale University](#) (recommended)

The list of colleges and universities requiring the SAT Subject tests is constantly changing, so be sure to check with the universities to which you are applying. Also, many institutions will allow an applicant to substitute [AP scores](#) or ACT scores for SAT Subject test scores.