

California Institute of Technology

Pasadena, CA

Freshman Admission Requirements
Entrance Difficulty

Most Difficult: More than 75% of freshmen were in the top 10% of their high school class and scored over 1310 on the SAT I or over 29 on the ACT; about 30% or fewer of all applicants accepted.

HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

High School Graduation	High school diploma or equivalent is not required
High School Program	

High School Units Required or Recommended

Subject	Required Units	Recommended Units
English	3	4
Mathematics	4	
Science	2	4
Foreign Language		3
Social Studies	1	3
History	1	
Academic Electives		

Examinations

Exam	Required Units	Scores Due in Admissions Office
SAT or ACT	Required	December 31
SAT Only		
ACT Only		
SAT and SAT Subject Tests, or ACT	Required	December 31
SAT Subject Tests Only	Required	
SAT Essay Component Policy	Essay component required	
ACT Writing Test Policy	Writing component required	
ACT Writing Test Policy	SAT: Not used ACT: Not used	

Applying for Admission
Admissions Office

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Application Dates and Fees

Regular Admisson Deadline	January 3
Application Fee	\$75
Application Fee Waiver	Available
Regular Admission Notification	April 1
Accept Offer of Admission	May 1
Waiting List Used	Yes
Defer Admission	Student can defer admission

Transfer Admission **Transfer applications accepted**

Early Admission

Early Decision Offered	No
Early Decision Deadline	
Early Decision Notification	
Early Action Offered	Yes
Early Action Deadline	November 1
Early Action Notification	December 15

Application Form

Common Application	Accepted
Universal College Application	Not accepted
Electronic Application	Available

Other Application Requirements

Interview	Not Required
Essay or Personal Statement	Required for all freshmen
Letters of Recommendation	2 required for all freshmen
Other	
Financial Need	Financial need is not a consideration in the admissions process

Selection of Students

Factor	Very Important	Important	Considered	Not Considered
Rigor of Secondary School Record	X			
Academic GPA		X		
Standardized Tests	X			
Class Rank		X		
Recommendations	X			
Essay	X			
Interview				X
Level of Applicant's Interest				X
Extracurricular Activities		X		
Volunteer Work			X	
Particular Talent/Ability			X	
Character/Personal Qualities	X			
First Generation to Attend College			X	
State Residency				X
Geographic Residence				X
Relation with Alumnus			X	
Religious Affiliation/Commitment				X
Ethnicity			X	
Work Experience			X	

Profile of Fall Admission

Overall Admission Rate	7% of 8,208 applicants were admitted
Women	12% of 2,342 applicants were admitted
Men	4% of 5,866 applicants were admitted
Students Enrolled	242 (45%) of 543 admitted students enrolled
Women	108 (38%) of 284 admitted students enrolled
Men	127 (49%) of 259 admitted students enrolled
Early Decision Admission Rate	
Early Action Admission Rate	Not reported
Students Offered Wait List	634
Students Accepting Wait List Position	512
Students Admitted From Wait List	6

Grade Point Average of Enrolled Freshmen (4.0 scale)

Average GPA	Not reported
3.75 and Above	Not reported
3.50 - 3.74	Not reported
3.25 - 3.49	Not reported
3.00 - 3.24	Not reported
2.50 - 2.99	Not reported
2.00 - 2.49	Not reported

SAT Scores of Enrolled Freshmen

SAT Math	790-800 range of middle 50%
Score of 700 - 800	99%
Score of 600 - 700	1%
Score of 500 - 600	Not reported
Score of 400 - 500	Not reported
Score of 300 - 400	Not reported
Score of 200 - 300	Not reported
SAT EBRW	740-780 range of middle 50%
Score of 700 - 800	95%
Score of 600 - 700	5%
Score of 500 - 600	Not reported
Score of 400 - 500	Not reported
Score of 300 - 400	Not reported
Score of 200 - 300	Not reported

ACT Scores of Enrolled Freshmen

ACT Composite	35-36 range of middle 50%
Score of 30 - 36	100%
Score of 24 - 29	0%
Score of 18 - 23	0%
Score of 12 - 17	0%
Score of 6 - 11	0%
Score of 5 or Below	0%

Other Qualifications of Enrolled Freshmen

High School Class Rank	Top tenth: 96% Top quarter: 100% Top half: 100%
National Merit Scholar	Not reported
Valedictorian	Not reported
Class President	Not reported
Student Government Officer	Not reported