



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

Each student is unique and deserves the opportunity to tell their story on their own terms. To provide students with greater flexibility, the application process to UChicago became test-optional in 2018. Since this change, thousands of students have chosen to apply to UChicago without standardized testing, instead choosing to highlight their successes in other inspiring and distinctive ways.

Part of being flexible in the application requirements means also recognizing that many students find testing to be a powerful way to highlight their academic potential. Yet, extreme testing limitations students are facing due to COVID-19 have made accessing these tests very difficult. In order to maintain our commitment to flexibility in the application process, the University of Chicago is excited to announce a new partnership with schoolhouse.world, a new non-profit from Sal Khan of Khan Academy, to accept a new and innovative academic testing certification.

Students are currently able to achieve academic certification through schoolhouse.world in Calculus and Statistics. Certification is achieved by completing an online Khan Academy test and recording yourself as you work through the questions. Certified peers will review your video to confirm your score was achieved through mastery in the subject area. After successfully submitting your video for certification, you will then have the opportunity to review other students as they work through the test.

While UChicago remains completely test-optional in our application process, if a student finds testing to be a strong marker of their academic ability, this is a great option and a wonderful way to give back to other students in a similar situation! The best part of this new certification is that it is open to anyone, completely free, and can be done from anywhere that has an internet connection. You can learn more at: <https://schoolhouse.world/certification>. Sal Khan will also be joining me to discuss these programs in depth on October 8th at 7:00 PM CDT. You can [register here](#) to join the discussion!

We hope you are excited about this new opportunity and we look forward to reviewing students' applications soon—with or without testing!

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