Admissions

Application Procedures for Freshmen

Applications for admission to the freshman class must be filed by November 1 for Early Decision (ED) and January 1 for Regular Decision (RD). The applicant should also arrange to take the required standardized tests by the October test date (ED) or the December test date (RD).

Additional application information and required forms can be found at apply.jhu.edu/apply/application.html. The Common Application and the Universal Application are both accepted; a Johns Hopkins Supplement is required for both. The completed application should be submitted with a nonrefundable $70 application fee. The university will also consider College Board fee waiver certificates or fee waiver requests submitted by counselors.

Early Decision applicants are notified of their decision by December 15, Regular Decision applicants by April 1. Those who have applied for financial assistance will be notified of financial aid decisions at that time. Students must notify the Undergraduate Admissions Office of their intention to enroll and submit a nonrefundable $600 enrollment and housing deposit by the Candidate Reply Date of January 15 for Early Decision and May 1 for Regular Decision.

Please note this important policy: Students wishing to enroll in the biomedical engineering (BME) major must indicate BME as their first-choice major on their applications. Students are admitted specifically into the BME major, based on evaluation of credentials and space available. Students can be admitted to the university without acceptance to the BME major. No separate application is required. Notification of acceptance into the BME major is given at the time of decision notification. (For more information, see Biomedical Engineering.)

Secondary School Preparation

Applicants are responsible for seeing that all supporting materials, including two teacher recommendations and a complete transcript of work in high school, are submitted to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions by the appropriate deadline. The Midyear School Report must be returned by February 15 with the first-semester/trimester grade record. See all requirements at apply.jhu.edu/apply/deadlines.html.

Johns Hopkins does not have rigid course requirements for entrance. Students are expected to have completed a course of study in a secondary school that provides both a sound basic education and a solid preparation for the Johns Hopkins academic program. While the university recommends a broad preparation in high school, the Admissions Committee realizes that individuals have different strengths and welcomes applications from students with varied academic backgrounds. The quality of course preparation is considerably more significant than the number of courses completed. In all cases, students are expected to be skilled in the use of the English language (including writing) and to have a solid foundation in mathematics.

Standardized Testing

All freshman applicants must submit scores from all SAT tests (including subject tests) taken or all ACT tests taken; the Office of Undergraduate Admissions strongly recommends taking standardized tests by October for Early Decision applicants and December for Regular Decision applicants. Results of tests taken before the senior year are acceptable. The applicant must request that an official report of all required test results be sent to Johns Hopkins from the Educational Testing Service or ACT Inc.

The SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT with Writing Test is required. For those submitting SAT scores, Johns Hopkins recommends submitting SAT subject test scores.

Students who choose to take SAT subject tests are recommended to take tests in areas directly related to their academic interests. Applicants interested in an engineering major are strongly encouraged to submit scores from the Mathematics Level 2 SAT subject test and at least one science SAT subject test.

Early Decision Plan

Students whose first choice is Johns Hopkins are encouraged to apply under the Early Decision Plan. Each year, more than 30 percent of the university’s entering freshmen have taken this option. Students may apply under Early Decision to only one college or university. To do so at Johns Hopkins, they must file their application by November 1, signing the Early Decision Agreement with their parents and counselors. Candidates should take the required standardized tests no later than the October test date. (While students applying Early Decision to Johns Hopkins may not apply early decision elsewhere, they may apply under early action or regular decision plans to other colleges or universities.)

Early Decision candidates receive notification by December 15. Students accepted under Early Decision must notify the Undergraduate Admissions Office of their intention to enroll and submit a nonrefundable deposit by the Candidate Reply Date of January 15. Accepted Early Decision candidates must immediately withdraw their applications to other schools.

Students who are accepted ED and qualify for assistance will receive an estimated aid offer along with their acceptance packets. This offer is based on information submitted on the College Scholarship Service PROFILE form.

A final aid offer will follow in the spring, pending receipt of the student’s Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and the student’s parents’ prior calendar year federal income tax returns. In the unlikely event that information on the FAFSA and tax returns varies significantly from original estimates, the financial aid package could change.

The Admissions Committee can deny admission at the ED review. A small number of students who are not admitted Early Decision are deferred and re-evaluated as Regular Decision candidates.

Early Decision applicants who applied to but were not admitted to the BME major are released from the Early Decision contract to enroll at Johns Hopkins and may apply to other colleges but must make a decision about enrollment at Johns Hopkins University and return their Candidate Reply Form to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions by January 15.

Deferred Entrance Option

The deferred entrance option is designed to give students a chance to take a break in their studies. Some students benefit from a change of pace between high school and college. To let students take full advantage of work and travel opportunities, the university allows some students to defer their entrance into the freshman class for one year or,
Admission of International Students

Johns Hopkins welcomes students from all around the world, and each year accepts international students from many different countries. The application for admission, along with the nonrefundable $70 fee, must be received by the November 1 deadline for Early Decision candidates and the January 1 deadline for Regular Decision candidates. Each candidate is also responsible for ensuring that all supporting materials, including an official transcript of academic work for the years equivalent to the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades in the U.S. system, are sent directly to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions by the appropriate school official. If the transcript is in another language, it must be accompanied by an official English translation, certified as a true copy by the proper school official. Two letters of recommendation in English or with an English translation are also required.

International students seeking to transfer to the university must submit the application with fee by the deadlines noted above under Admission of Transfer Students.

An international candidate who is pursuing the G.C.E. Advanced Level studies, the French Baccalaureate, the Abitur, the International Baccalaureate, or any similar program, but who has not begun studies at the university level, is considered for admission as a freshman applicant. A candidate who has begun, but not completed, university-level studies is considered for admission as a transfer applicant.

All international students must submit the Certification of Finances form, available online at apply.jhu.edu/apply/application.html. While international students are ineligible for federal financial aid at the undergraduate level, Johns Hopkins does provide limited need-based financial assistance. Visit jhu.edu/finaid for details.

All international candidates must arrange to take and have official scores for the ACT or SAT sent directly to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Freshman candidates taking the SAT are encouraged to also submit scores for at least three SAT subject tests.

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required of all applicants who do not speak English at home AND have not attended an English-language school for five years or longer. All other international applicants are not required to submit TOEFL scores but may do so to supplement their applications.

Johns Hopkins prefers a score of 600 on the written test. The preferred sub-scores for the Internet-based TOEFL (iBT) are 26 (Reading), 26 (Listening), 22 (Writing), and 25 (Speaking). A score of 670 or higher on the Critical Reading section of the SAT Reasoning Test or scores of 30 or more on both the ACT Reading and English sections waives the TOEFL requirement for all students.

Test results must be sent to us directly from the testing agency. We cannot accept photocopies of test scores.

Campus Visits

Because a visit to the campus is an important step in the process of determining where a student should begin his/her undergraduate studies, the Admissions Committee encourages students to see the Homewood campus and take advantage of the opportunity to speak with students, faculty, and members of the Admissions staff.

Information on undergraduate admission to Johns Hopkins can be located on the web at apply.jhu.edu.

Interviews

Interviews are an optional part of the admissions process and meant to be informative rather than evaluative. Though interviews are not required for admission, they can be a helpful way for applicants to learn more about Johns Hopkins. On-campus interviews are scheduled online by appointment only on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. throughout the year with some exceptions during the university holiday season and the month of January. Students should request on-campus interviews at least two weeks in advance, and may check availability by visiting apply.jhu.edu/visit/interviews.html. On-campus interviews are conducted by a student Admissions representative. National Alumni Schools Committees have been established in many parts of the United States to assist the Admissions Committee by interviewing students who have applied for freshman admission. For information about off-campus alumni interviews, visit apply.jhu.edu/visit/alaminterviews.html. Off-campus interviews are for high school seniors only and can be requested during the fall semester.

Information Sessions

Information sessions provide an opportunity for prospective students and their families to learn about the university. They are conducted...
by a member of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions or a student Admissions representative. These sessions are held Monday through Friday throughout the year and on selected Saturdays in the fall and summer. Information about dates and times can be obtained from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website.

**Campus Tours**

Tours of the historic Homewood campus are conducted by the Blue Key Society, a voluntary organization of undergraduates. Tours are offered on weekdays during most of the school year and summer, as well as on selected Saturdays in fall and summer. Tours are not offered during examination or vacation periods, but students are welcome to visit the campus at any time. Information about dates and times can be obtained from the Undergraduate Admissions Office website.

**Open Houses and Overnight Visits**

Special Open House programs are offered on two Saturdays in the fall. In addition, eligible seniors can attend one of several overnight visits offered throughout the fall. Space is limited, and online reservations are required.

**Placement and Standing**

**Advanced Placement Program**

Johns Hopkins participates in the Advanced Placement Program conducted by the College Board and grants academic credit for scores of 4 or 5 (or, in some cases, 3) on certain Advanced Placement (AP) examinations. Students who take any AP examinations should have the results forwarded to the Undergraduate Admissions Office. For an updated list of credits awarded for a particular AP examination, please visit [http://apply.jhu.edu/apply/examcredit/](http://apply.jhu.edu/apply/examcredit/).

**International Baccalaureate Placement**

Students may receive college credit for higher level International Baccalaureate (IB) courses if they attain IB grades of 6 or 7 for some subjects. For an updated list of credits awarded for a particular IB course, please visit [http://apply.jhu.edu/apply/examcredit/](http://apply.jhu.edu/apply/examcredit/).

Students who obtain grades of A or B on G.C.E. Advanced Level exams are eligible for credit commensurate with the comparable course at Johns Hopkins. International curriculum students interested in receiving credit for other advanced-level studies may have their work evaluated by the appropriate academic departments.

**Please note:** In addition to allowable credits from AP or IB higher-level exams, entering freshmen may transfer up to 12 credits from course work taken at other colleges. If a student enters the university with AP or IB credits for a specific course and then takes an equivalent course offered by the university, his or her AP or IB credits are disallowed.