

Frequently Asked Questions

COVID-19 FAQs

Will the Committee be conducting in-person interviews for the 2020-2021 application cycle?

Due to COVID-19, our Committee will be conducting virtual interviews. Our secondary application system/software will have an integrated platform through Zoom to conduct secure video interviews with our Committee members.

My university conducted only online coursework for Spring and Summer 2020 terms. Will the science courses I took online or P/F be considered to satisfy your basic course requirements?

We are modifying our criteria for the 2020 spring semester and summer sessions to deem online lecture and laboratory courses acceptable on this temporary basis. Science courses taken prior to universities going online should have been taken at the school with in-class lab components. We will remain open to adjust future policies as needed.

Because of delayed and reduce testing opportunities, I will not have an MCAT score until after I submit my AMCAS application materials. Should I apply without it? Will I be at a disadvantage?

Many prospective applicants have had to delay their MCAT dates. We are taking all extenuating circumstances into consideration when we are reviewing applications for the upcoming cycle. You do not need to wait to receive your MCAT score to submit our secondary application. Submit as early in the cycle as you are able. The score will populate automatically to your application when released. The Committee will evaluate applicants without their MCAT score in place. They will consider those for interview without an MCAT, provided there is a confirmed future test date pending. We will not make any offers of admission without an MCAT score.

General FAQs

How does your Committee consider multiple MCAT scores?

The Committee has access to all past scores from every MCAT attempt. They will focus on the highest total score from a single test sitting. We consider all test scores to be valid within four years of the application year.

Does your school have a minimum GPA or MCAT requirement?

Our Committee evaluates applications holistically, including academics and all other relevant experiences and we do not use any GPA or MCAT cut-offs when considering applicants. You can find averages for the previously accepted class within the 'How to Apply' link on our website. We do not pre-screen applicants and anyone who feels they have a strong application are encouraged to apply.

What is the maximum number of letters of recommendation?

Every applicant needs a minimum of three letters to have a complete application and the maximum number of letters is AMCAS' limit of ten (10).

I am a non-traditional applicant who has been out of undergraduate for some time and I have lost touch with my professors. Can I use other sources for my letters of recommendation?

The Committee recognizes the challenge for non-traditional applicants to stay in contact with undergraduate professors. Therefore, you are encouraged to find authors who may provide you with a well-rounded endorsement for your candidacy at this point in your career. For example, non-traditional applicants have used letters from post-bacc professors, employers, physicians they have shadowed or from individuals with whom they've done research.

Is my AP credit acceptable for your basic course requirements?

In the rare case the course in question is listed on your verified AMCAS application with a *letter grade* that you received, as opposed to a number or P/F, the course can be considered. Otherwise, the AP credit is not acceptable and other upper level coursework in the same subject would need to be taken.

Most of my English courses were satisfied by AP credit. Can I substitute another class or do I need to enroll in another English course to be eligible?

You could enroll in English, literature or composition courses to be completed by the end of the application cycle, but most writing-intensive, Humanities-type courses are acceptable to satisfy the English requirement. However, business, health or science-based courses cannot be used to fulfill the requirement. We ask when it comes time to submit your secondary application, you indicate this and provide supporting documentation, like a syllabus. Applicants must have at least 18 credit hours total of English and/or Humanities courses.

Does the School of Medicine offer fee waivers on a case by case basis?

We sympathize with the financial burdens that some applicants face during the application cycle. Unfortunately, the Committee is only able to offer secondary application fee waivers to applicants who have been approved for the Fee Assistance Program (FAP) by the AAMC.

Does your school accept out of state or international applicants?

Saint Louis University is a private institution and has no regional preference when it comes to admissions. We do accept international students, which includes Canadians, and have no limitations or quotas as to how many we accept. Our admissions are entirely merit based.