

Undergraduate Admission FAQ

Application Process

- ✓ How many students apply, and how many do you accept?
- ✓ What do you look for in an application?
- ✓ What is the average GPA and standardized test score for an admitted student?
- ✓ Where can I find your application?
- ✓ When are the application deadlines?
- ✓ Does Pepperdine offer interviews as part of the application process?
- ✓ What courses are required for me to complete in high school?
- ✓ How many units must be completed to be considered a transfer student?
- ✓ What are the transcript requirements for home-schooled students?
- ✓ Will Pepperdine accept CA students who have changed their grades to P/NP per CA AB 104?

Early Action Admission

⤴ Does Pepperdine offer Early Action or Early Decision?

Pepperdine offers Early Action admission consideration for first-year students for the fall term (excluding nursing program applicants). Early Action is nonbinding, meaning applicants are not required to enroll at Pepperdine if admitted. Pepperdine does not offer Early Decision at this time.

The **Early Action** application deadline is November 1, and applicants will receive an admission decision by January 10. The enrollment deadline is May 1.

The **Regular Decision/ Transfer** application deadline for fall is January 15, and applicants will receive an admission decision by April 1. The enrollment deadline is May 1.

The **Nursing** application deadline for fall is January 15, and applicants will receive an admission decision by April 1. The enrollment deadline is May 1.

Applicants will receive the same consideration for admission and financial assistance regardless of whether they apply for Early Action or Regular Decision. For a complete application timeline, check out the [Apply Now page](#).

- ✓ **When will I be notified about financial aid if I am admitted as an Early Action applicant?**
- ✓ **If I am denied admission as an Early Action applicant, can I reapply as a Regular Decision applicant for the same term?**
- ✓ **What additional materials should I submit to strengthen my application if I am postponed to Regular Decision?**

Test Optional

- ✓ **Are the SAT/ACT required?**
- ✓ **How will submitted test scores be factored into the application review?**
- ✓ **Will I be at a disadvantage if I don't submit test scores?**
- ✓ **If I don't submit test scores, is there anything else I can do to make my application stand out?**
- ✓ **Who can apply without a test score?**
- ✓ **What is the policy for home-schooled applicants?**
- ✓ **How should I decide whether or not to submit test scores?**
- ✓ **Will I be considered for merit aid if I don't submit test scores?**
- ✓ **How do I indicate that I want my test scores to be considered?**
- ✓ **If I choose to submit test scores, when do they need to be submitted by?**
- ✓ **How do I submit test scores?**

Standardized Tests

- ✓ Are the SAT/ACT required?
- ✓ Do I need to take the SAT II Subject Exams?
- ✓ Is the ACT writing test or SAT essay required?
- ✓ When should I take the SAT/ACT?
- ✓ How do I submit my test scores?
- ✓ Do you superscore the SAT and ACT?
- ✓ Are international students required to take the TOEFL or IELTS?

Student Life

- ✓ What is the demographic breakdown of the student body?
- ✓ What do students do for fun?
- ✓ Do I have to live on campus my first year?
- ✓ Can I bring my car on campus as a freshman?
- ✓ What measures does Pepperdine take to ensure student safety?
- ✓ What is the cost of attendance?

Academics

- ✓ What are the most popular majors at Pepperdine?
- ✓ What is the average class size at Seaver College? What is the student to professor ratio?
- ✓ Do you have Teaching Assistants or Graduate students teaching classes?

- ✓ Can I minor or double major?
- ✓ How do your study abroad/international programs rank compared to other universities?
- ✓ Do my AP or IB courses transfer to Pepperdine?
- ✓ What is Pepperdine's policy on granting transfer credit for college or dual enrollment classes?

Graduate Outcomes

- ✓ What is Pepperdine's four-year graduation rate?
- ✓ What percentage of students are employed after graduation?
- ✓ Where do Seaver graduates work?
- ✓ How many Pepperdine students are accepted to graduate school?
- ✓ How does Pepperdine prepare students for their careers?

Visiting Campus

- ✓ When are campus visits offered?
- ✓ Can I sit in on a Pepperdine class or meet with an Academic Division?
- ✓ Does Pepperdine host regional admission events?
- ✓ Where can I stay near campus?

Questions about financial aid? Visit the Financial Aid FAQ page .

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