

## Proposed Expansion of Optional Test Score Consideration to Include the Classic Learning Test (CLT)

Add CLT to list of optional test sources for admission review:

<https://catalog.umw.edu/undergraduate/admission-enrollment/admission-following-high-school/>

Proposed Academic Catalog updates.

### Introduction:

A student who wishes to enter Mary Washington as a first-year immediately after graduating from high school should submit the Common Application including UMW supplemental questions, along with the non-refundable application fee or an official fee-waiver form. High school transcripts should be submitted directly to the University from the school. Applicants who choose or are required to submit the results of the SAT, ACT, CLT or any other standardized tests should have those scores sent directly to the Office of Admissions at the University of Mary Washington.

### Under Standardized Tests:

Students may opt to not provide a standardized test score as part of the packet of material required for consideration for admission. *Home schooled applicants or candidates applying from schools that provide written evaluations rather than grades must submit SAT, ACT or CLT test results.* Tests should be taken no later than January or February of the senior year of high school.

### Rationale:

Faculty approved a test optional admission policy in 2015 allowing applicants to determine if they wish to submit ACT or SAT scores for admission consideration as part of a holistic review. The Office of Admissions proposes expanding the list of approved optional college entrance exams to include scores from the Classic Learning Test also known as CLT.

CLT was founded in 2015 as an alternative to the ACT and SAT for juniors and seniors. Over the past decade they have expanded to include testing for early high school students similar to the PSAT as well as a middle school testing tool.

The CLT can be administered in school or remotely. It has three sections:

- Verbal Reasoning (section 1/40 questions)
- Grammar/Writing (section 2/40 questions)
- Quantitative Reasoning (section 3/40 questions)

A perfect score is 120.

Source material used for reading passages includes classic and historic reads – Plato's *Republic* and *The Federalist Papers* as examples.

Math rigor is emphasized and includes Algebra I/II, Geometry, and Trigonometry.

Benefits to students include:

- Unlimited free score sharing with colleges and university
- Online free practice tests via the CLT website
- Detailed analytic reports post-testing

For comparison -

**CLT - 2 hours/120 minutes - \$69, unlimited free score reports**

- Verbal Reasoning (40 mins/40 questions)
- Grammar/Writing (40 mins/40 questions)
- Quantitative Reasoning (40 mins/40 questions)

**ACT - 2 hours and 5 mins/125 minutes - \$68, first four score reports free/\$20 for additional**

- English (35 mins/50 questions)
- Math (50 mins/45 questions)
- Reading (40 mins/36 questions)

Additional cost and time are required to add:

- Optional Science (40 mins/40 questions)
- Optional Writing (40 mins/1 essay)

**SAT - 2 hours and 14 mins/134 minutes - \$68, first four score reports free/\$15 for additional**

- Reading & Writing (64 mins - two 32-minute modules)
- Math (70 mins- two 35-minute modules)

[Concordance](#) between the CLT and the SAT has been established.

Currently, CLT is accepted by over [300 colleges and universities](#) across the US and internationally including [Christopher Newport](#) and [Radford](#) in Virginia.

Benefit to UMW is expanded prospective student awareness of UMW at no additional cost.