

Chapter XIV: SENIOR TEST RESULTS

Senior Examination in the Major

Who takes it?

All seniors take a senior examination in the major.

When is it administered?

During the senior year.

How long does it take for a student to complete the senior test?

This depends on the test, but the average is about 2 1/2 hours.

What office administers it?

Assessment and Testing Office.

Who originates the test?

The faculty select the test that best suits their majors.

SENIOR TESTS AT TRUMAN

AS OF FALL 1999

MFAT (Major Field Achievement Test)

for Accounting (Business Administration)

Biology

Business (Finance, Management, and Marketing)

Chemistry

Computer Science

Economics

History

Mathematics

Music

Physics

Political Science

Psychology

Sociology & Anthropology

Mosby AssessTest

for Nursing

MLA Cooperative Foreign Language Proficiency Tests

for Spanish

Praxis Series Content Knowledge Exams
for French
German

GRE (Graduate Record Examinations) General Test
for Art
Art History
Agricultural Science
Classics (additionally, they may also use a locally designed translation test)
Communication (Journalism and Speech)
Communication Disorders
English
Exercise Science
Philosophy and Religion
Theatre

Certified Health Education Program
for Health

ACAT (The Area Concentration Achievement Tests)
for Justice Systems (additionally, they might use a locally designed test)

When are the results typically available?

Usually several months after the test is given. University averages are typically available in the summer for the fiscal year.

What type of information is sought?

Generally information relating to general knowledge in the major. In some cases, the tests provide subscores for particular areas of the major. The GRE General Tests are generally used in majors where there is currently no senior examination appropriate to the major. It generally provides information on analytical, quantitative, and verbal skills.

From whom are the results available?

Assessment and Testing Office and later from Division Offices.

Distribution is regularly made available to whom?

Individual results are communicated to students and their advisors. University, division, and discipline averages are sent to the President, VPAA, Division Heads, Assessment Committee, and selected administrators.

Are the results available by division or discipline?

Yes.

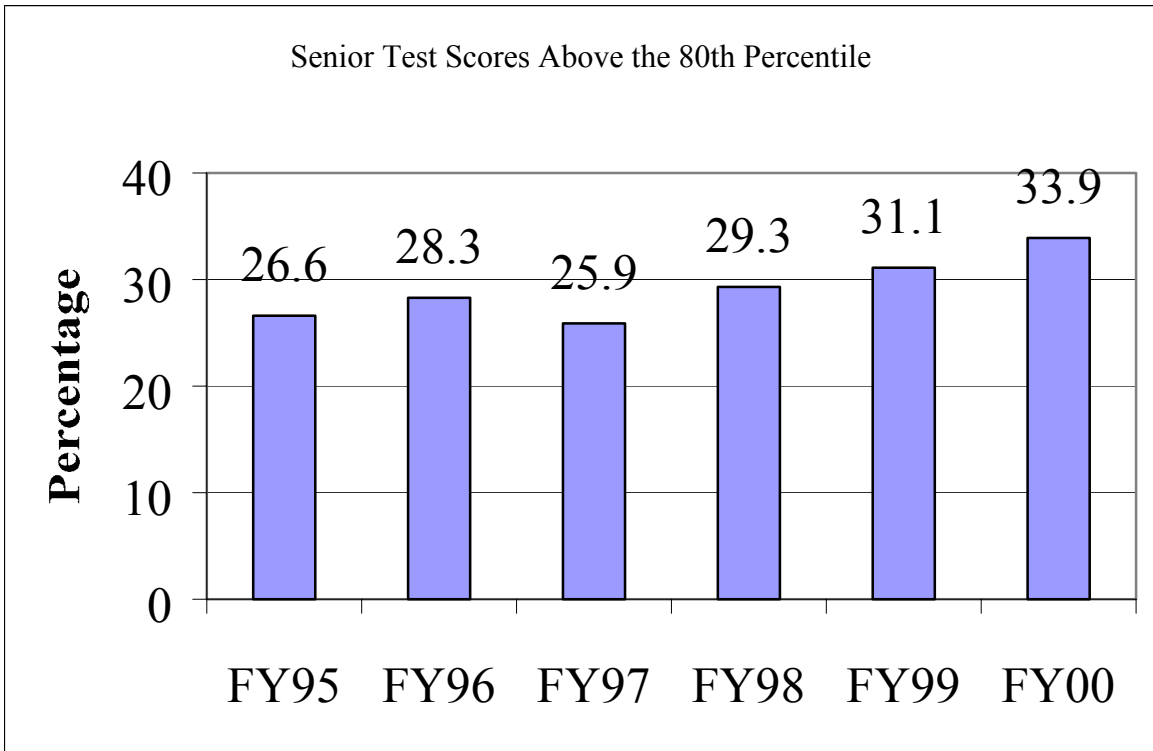
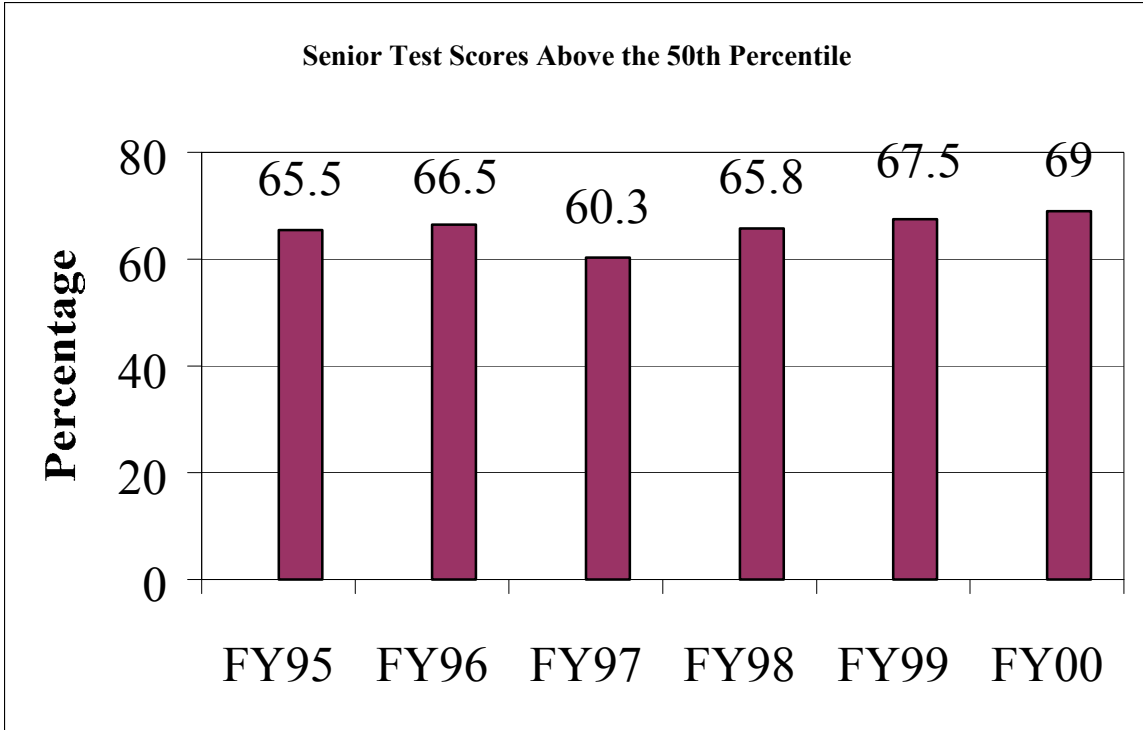
Are the results comparable to data of other universities?

Usually though not always (this may depend on the test involved).

Comments:

Senior test scores continue to be a major concern.

A major problem with comparing numbers from year to year arises from the fact that the university had no formal policy on how to count double-majors and double-degrees. Currently, the system is that if a student takes the same test for two degrees (e.g., BA & BS) that one score counts for both programs. Double-majors who take different tests have each score count for the appropriate major. Those with two option areas in the same major and who take the same test, count it only once.



**Senior Tests at Truman
(as of 12/27/99)**

Major Field of Achievement Test in each respective discipline for the following:

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Economics
- History
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology & Anthropology

General GRE for the following disciplines:

- Agricultural Science
- Art
- Art History
- Communication (LSAT is an acceptable substitute for the GRE only if the student is going to law school)
- Communication Disorders
- English (LSAT is an acceptable substitute for the GRE only if the student is going to law school)
- Exercise Science
- Philosophy & Religion
- Theatre

MLA Foreign Language Exam in the respective discipline's language for:

- Spanish

Praxis Series:

- French Content Knowledge Exam for French
- German Content Knowledge Exam for German

Mosby Assess Test:

- Nursing

Area Concentration Achievement Test in Criminal Justice:

- Justice Systems

Certified Health Education Specialist:

- Health