

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 SPRING 2001

MFAT (Major Field Achievement Test)

in Accounting
Biology
Business Administration (Finance, Management, and Marketing)
Chemistry
Computer Science
Economics
History
Mathematics
Music
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology/Anthropology

Mosby AssessTest

in Nursing

CHES (Certified Health Education Specialist) Exam

in Health Science

MLA Cooperative Foreign Language Proficiency Tests
in Spanish

Praxis II Exam: Content Knowledge
in French
German

GRE (Graduate Record Examinations) General Test
in Art
Art History
Agricultural Science
Classics
Communication
Communication Disorders
English
Exercise Science
Philosophy and Religion
Russian
Theatre

LSAT (Law School Admission Test)
in Communication
English

ACAT (The Area Concentration Achievement Tests)
in Art-Visual Communication
Justice Systems

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?

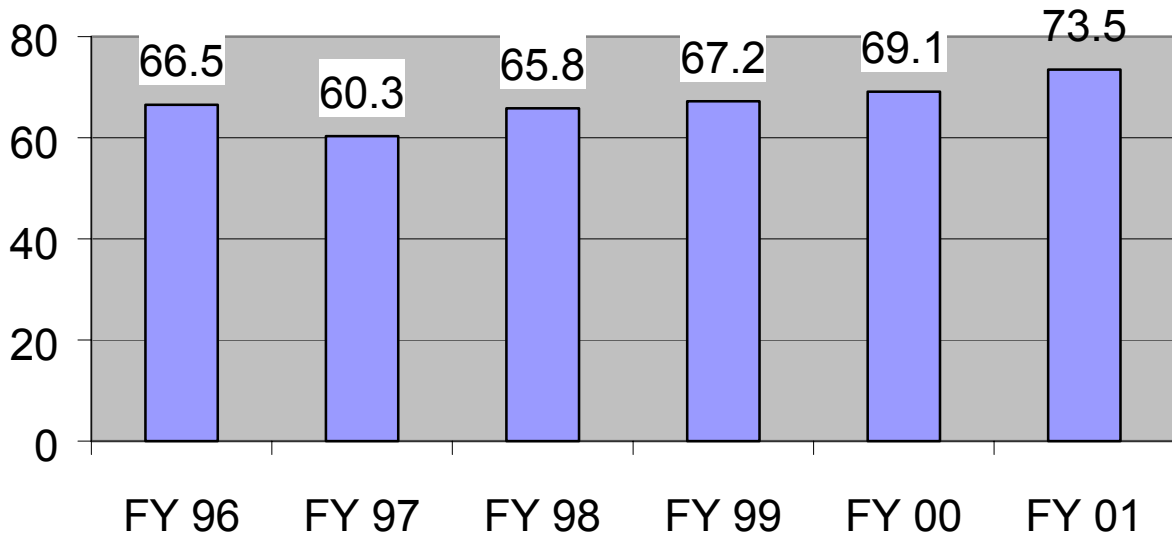
Usually though not always (this may depend on the test involved).

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.

Percent Scoring Above the 50th Percentile on Senior Tests



Percent Scoring Above the 80th Percentile on Senior Tests

