

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **COVID-19 FAQs**

#### ***Will the Committee be conducting in-person interviews for the 2021-2022 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.

### **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 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.