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PITT

A Quick Reference Guide

Who goes to Pitt?

University of Pittsburgh

2009-2010 Application Process

Admission Notes

1. **Holistic Review of Applicants:** We remain committed to the individual review of each applicant, taking into consideration grades, grade trends, the quality and level of challenge in an applicant's curriculum (as evidenced by AP, Honors, IB, and College in High School classes), the SAT Critical Reading and Math scores or the ACT, and self-presentation in the form of a personal essay and/or letters of recommendation from one or more people who know the applicant well.
2. **The Campus Visit:** We strongly urge students to plan on making a campus visit so they can realistically assess whether they would be comfortable at the University of Pittsburgh. We offer many opportunities on weekdays for students to familiarize themselves with us, as well as on Saturdays and at on-campus programs. You can see what's available (and when) at our web site.

To arrange a visit, students can call or e-mail our Undergraduate Visit Center at: 412-624-7711 or visitctr@pitt.edu, or set up a visit online at: www.oafa.pitt.edu 'Come Visit.' On weekdays we offer:

- Group information sessions
 - Campus tours
 - The opportunity to **Sample A Class**
 - Personal appointments
 - Open houses and/or information sessions by the:
 - College of Business Administration (M-F)
 - University Honors College (M & F only)
 - School of Engineering (M-F)
 - School of Nursing (M & F only)
 - Study Abroad Office (M, W, F only)
3. **Application:** We recommend that students apply and pay the \$45 application fee online at www.oafa.pitt.edu. You can request printed application supplies online at the same site by clicking on 'Counselors & Teachers.'

One application will cover five review processes:

- Admission
- Scholarship (students must apply by January 15!)

- Eligibility for participation in the University Honors College
- Guaranteed admission to 14 graduate/professional programs—business, communication science, dental medicine, dietetics (coordinated), education, engineering, law, medicine (the completed application, along with supporting credentials, should be received on or before December 15 from interested students), nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, public health, public and international affairs, and social work (guidelines for these programs are online, at the ‘Freshman Guarantee’ link on the admissions homepage or the ‘Guarantees, Graduate/Professional Schools’ link on the ‘Counselors & Teachers’ web site).
- First step in the financial aid process

4. **Deadlines:** We practice rolling admission, however, the majority of students apply before the January 15 scholarship deadline. Over 21,000 applications are received for about 3,540 spaces, therefore, early application is important especially for smaller programs that may fill up as early as December.

Scholarship note: Senior SAT/ACT’s received after an admissions decision has been made but before the January 15 scholarship deadline will result in a re-review by the Scholarship Committee if the results change a student’s profile enough to put him/her into a potential scholarship category.

5. **Transcripts:** We will accept a **faxed transcript** if it comes directly from the high school, provided a final, official, transcript is sent by mail for those students who graduate and eventually enroll at the University.

FAX: 412-648-8815

6. **College entrance examination results:** We will initially accept SAT I or ACT scores on a student’s high school transcript, but students should arrange for official scores to be sent if they haven’t already. Linkages are available on our web site or below:

- Pitt’s SAT identifying code # 2927; www.collegeboard.com/testing
- Pitt’s ACT identifying code # 3734; www.act.org/aap

7. **Class rank:** If your school gives students a choice about reporting their rank to colleges, please note on the transcript that the student has chosen this option so we won’t call you to request a class rank, a standard procedure if we see other applicants with ranks being reported.

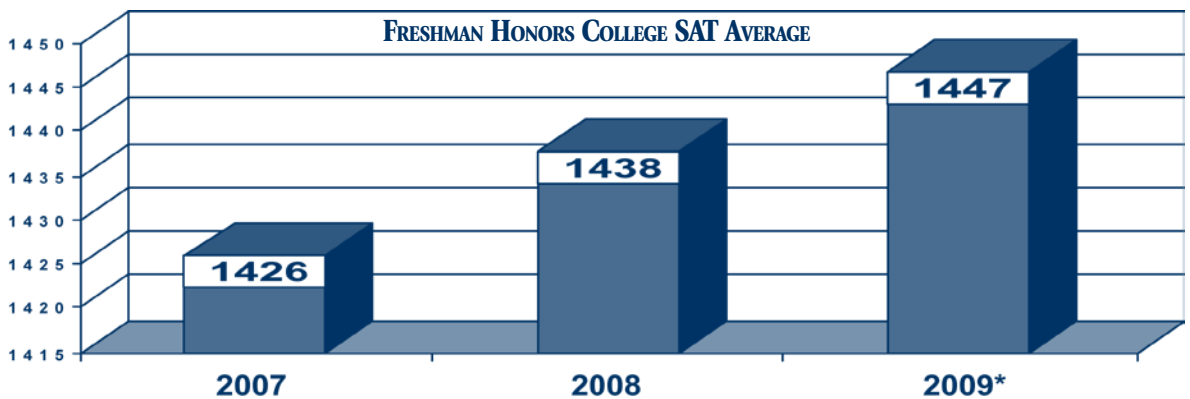
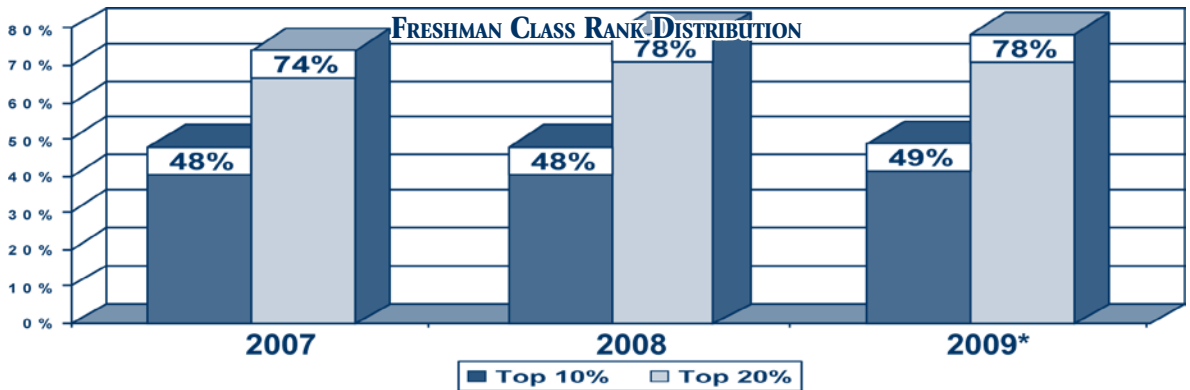
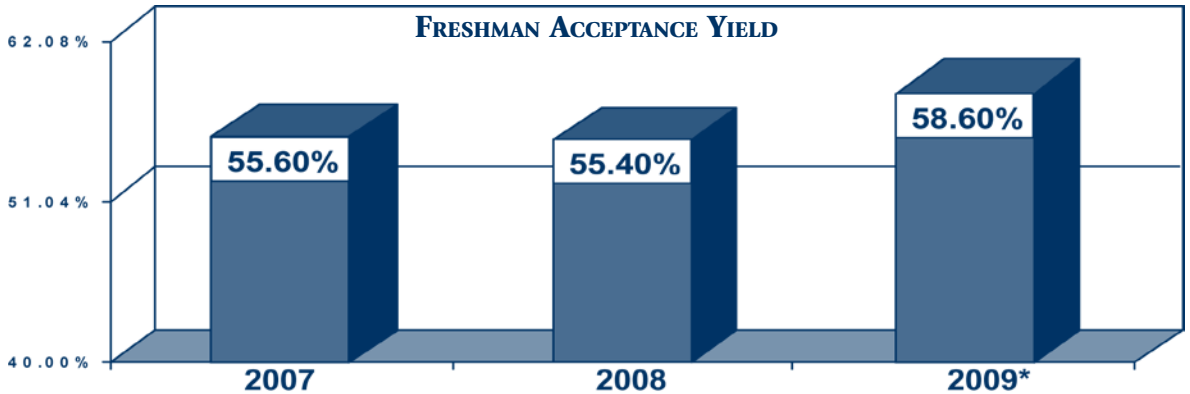
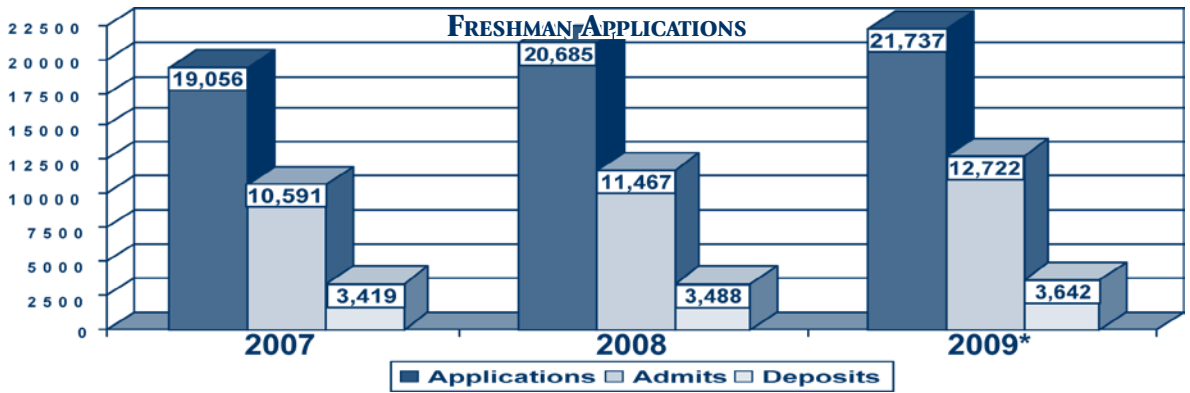
8. **The Personal Essay:** The application essay is optional, but we strongly recommend it. When many students apply for a few spaces, it becomes increasingly critical for applicants to take an active role in their admissions process. The same applies to letters of recommendation. They should, however, be from someone who can comment knowledgeably about the applicant.

9. **An initial application review can result in one of the following decisions:**

- **Admission** for qualified students who then have until May 1 to commit.
- **A request for additional information**, such as senior SAT/ACT results and/or mid-year grades for potentially admissible students.
- **Notification that a student's admission decision will be deferred until on-or-before April 1.**
- **Admission to the Options Program** followed by an offer of admission directly from one of our regional campuses located at Bradford, Greensburg, Johnstown, or Titusville.
- **Denial** of admission.

10. **Notes about the fall 2009 class** to assist you in counseling your students.

- 3698 freshman deposits
- 18.7% minority
- 49% are in the top 10% of their high school class
- 23% are among the top 10 students in their high school class
- 7% are valedictorians or salutatorians
- 39% earned a 4.0 or better GPA
- 95% of the freshmen took one or more AP, honors, IB, or college in high school classes during their high school career
- the freshman class attended over 1300 different high schools
- high school class sizes ranged from home-schooled students to 1361 students
- they come from 48 different states; the greatest number are from Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Ohio, Virginia, Illinois, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Florida, California, and Texas
- 69% are from Pennsylvania
- SAT subscore mid-50% ranges
 - Math: 590-680
 - Critical Reading: 570-680
 - Writing: 560-660
- ACT composite mid-50% range
 - 25-30



*Most recent available information at time of printing, as of 7/7/2009

11. We encourage students to get involved in their own admissions process. To that end, if students are wondering whether we have received information required to make their application complete, they can check online at my.pitt.edu to see what is still outstanding. If they wish to check on whether Supplemental Information such as a personal essay or letters of recommendation have been received, they can contact their admissions and aid processor, listed on the my.pitt.edu Web site and, for your convenience, below. Just choose the appropriate representative by the first letter of your student's last name:

A, B	Ms. Foster	stf12@pitt.edu	412-624-7194
C, I, P, W	Ms. Carosi	carosi@pitt.edu	412-624-7177
D, L, R	Ms. Hartman	loh9@pitt.edu	412-624-9995
E, F, G, Z	Mr. Crooks	jrc78@pitt.edu	412-624-7176
H, K	Ms. Pope	emp6@pitt.edu	412-624-7174
M, N, O	Ms. Lang	klang@pitt.edu	412-624-7175
Q, S, T, U, X, Y	Ms. Nagy	lnagy@pitt.edu	412-624-7197
J, V	Ms. Hornyak	dah10@pitt.edu	412-624-9993

12. For more information, go to www.oafa.pitt.edu and click on 'Counselors & Teachers.'

This Web site is designed to help you understand changes in our admissions profile and process so you can more comfortably communicate with students and families. On it you can access:

- An outline of the Pitt admissions process
- High school course requirements for different Pitt schools
- Profile of the fall 2009 incoming class
- Comparison of applications, admits, and admit-paid students (.pdf)
- Printable freshman application and recommendation form (.pdf)
- Costs and scholarship information
- Graduate/professional school guarantee criteria
- An online form for ordering more admissions materials
- A link with our online prospectus

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