

Undergraduate Admission Test (UAT)

Information Booklet

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General Information

The **Undergraduate Admission Test (UAT)** is an aptitude test specifically designed to assess candidates who wish to pursue undergraduate studies at Addis Ababa University (AAU). Its purpose is to gauge candidates' verbal and quantitative reasoning abilities, which are considered crucial indicators of their potential for success in AAU's undergraduate programs. For a comprehensive list of these programs, please visit: <https://admission.aau.edu.et/UndergraduateProgramsOnly>

The test is divided into two main sections: **verbal reasoning** (55 items) and **quantitative reasoning** (45 items). The first section includes two domains: reading, and writing and language. The second section consists of four domains: heart of algebra, problem-solving data analysis, transition to advanced math, and additional topics in math. In total, the test covers 100 multiple-choice questions with four options.

Online Registration Requirements

To register for the **UAT**, please follow the steps below:

- Visit <https://Portal.aau.edu.et>
- Follow the application procedures outlined by the Office of the Registrar.
- Select your preferred location for the UAT from the provided options.
- Proceed to the payment page by clicking "Continue to Payment," then click "Proceed to Payment."
- Complete your payment (750 Birr/ Seven hundred and fifty Birr/) for the test and registration) using Telebirr.
- Download your UAT admission ticket by clicking "UAT Admission Ticket", which is necessary for admission to the exam hall.
- Stay updated with further announcements on the Telegram channel, Testing Center_IER_AAU (<https://t.me/aaUGAT>)

Administration of UAT

The **Institute of Educational Research (IER) - Testing Center** coordinates the overall administration of the UAT in collaboration with the Office of the ICT Directorate, Undergraduate Programs, Registrar Office, colleges/institutes of AAU and/or public universities. The test is administered digitally through AAU's testing portal by using the University's private network infrastructure. The digital format of the UAT provides several advantages, such as improved efficiency, streamlined test administration, and automated scoring processes.

Test takers are required to take the test in designated computer labs at various colleges and institutes of AAU and/or public universities, which ensures standardized conditions for all participants.

Duration of the Test

A total of **two** hours are allocated to complete the entire test, with each section having a time limit of **60 minutes**. It is imperative to strictly adhere to these time limits, as each section will automatically close after the 60-minute duration prompting test takers to proceed to the next section. It is strictly prohibited to attempt to move from the current section to the next or previous section before the allocated 60 minutes have elapsed.

Responsibilities of UAT Test Takers

Test takers have the following important responsibilities to ensure a smooth and fair testing. These responsibilities.

- **Familiarize themselves with the test format:** Take the time to review sample practice tests or mock exam to become acquainted with the types of **UAT** questions.
- **Adhere to test instructions:** Follow all instructions provided by the test administrators.

- **Maintain test integrity:** Maintain the highest level of integrity during the test by not engaging in any form of cheating, or getting unauthorized assistance.
- **Use authorized materials only:** Only use materials, resources, or aids that are explicitly permitted by the test administrators.
- **Present a valid identification document:** Produce a valid identification document and **UAT Admission Ticket** as required by the test administration.
- **Come with specified materials for testing:** Come prepared for the test with the necessary materials, including an acceptable calculator (such as a four-function calculator), as well as writing implements (pen or pencil) for rough works. Test takers will be provided with a blank sheet of paper for rough work. The rough work paper will be collected at the end of the test.
- **Arrive in Time:** Candidates scheduled for **morning** session testing, are required to arrive at their respective testing site/hall at **8:00 a.m.** or earlier, whereas candidates scheduled for the **afternoon** session testing are required to arrive at their respective testing site/hall at **1:00 p.m.** or earlier.

Items Prohibited in the Testing Room

Test security is our priority! In the testing hall, it is important to be aware of the materials that are prohibited to maintain a fair and standardized testing environment. The following materials are typically prohibited:

- ⊗ **Electronic devices:** These includes cell phones, smartphones, tablets, smart watches, laptops, and any other electronic devices that can store or access information.
- ⊗ **Internet access:** Devices or tools that provide internet access, such as Wi-Fi routers or portable hotspots, are not allowed.
- ⊗ **Communication devices:** Any device capable of communication, including but not limited to, headphones, earphones, Bluetooth devices, or any other device that can transmit or receive information are prohibited.
- ⊗ **Books, notes, or study materials:** Bringing books, notes, textbooks, handouts, pamphlets, scratch papers or any unauthorized study materials into the testing hall is prohibited.
- ⊗ **Unauthorized calculators:** Test taker are not allowed to use scientific and programmable calculators.
- ⊗ **Unauthorized aids:** Any additional aids, such as rulers, protractors, compasses, or formula sheets should not be brought into the testing hall.

Test Takers with disabilities

Test takers with disabilities are entitled to reasonable accommodations in order to ensure equal access to the testing process. It is the responsibility of the test taker with a disability to disclose their specific disability type during the application process in order to receive appropriate accommodations. By disclosing their disability, they can initiate the process of requesting and coordinating the necessary accommodations. In addition to disclosing their disability, test takers should actively communicate their specific requirements and needs to the coordinator at the respective testing center.

Please note that visually impaired applicants will utilize the screen reader JAWS to complete the UAT. Individual readers are not permitted for the UAT. Test takers with other disabilities will be assigned to rooms that are suitable for their specific needs.

Exam Schedule

The examination schedules will be released on the official website of AAU (<http://www.aau.edu.et/>) as well as the Telegram channel of IER-Testing Center (<https://t.me/aauGAT>). We strongly advise applicants to consistently check both the website and telegram channel for any updates regarding their designated test center, date, and time for UAT.

Scoring

In order to ensure transparency and facilitate test takers' comprehension of their performance, the assessment results will incorporate various equivalent metrics. Upon test completion, the test takers will be able to access their raw score, T-score, and percentile rank. These metrics will offer a comprehensive assessment of their performance in relation to the normative group, enabling test takers to evaluate their position and make well-informed decisions based on their results.

However, test takers must wait for the passing score for the UAT test. This score will be announced on the AAU's website and Testing Center's telegram channel.

Reporting

Test takers can access their UAT results certificate digitally. To enhance authenticity and verification, a QR code and URL link to the IER-Testing Center will be included. By scanning the QR code or visiting the URL link, test takers or relevant parties can easily validate the certificate's authenticity. This helps to ensure that the results are genuine and issued by the authorized testing center. The QR code or URL link also provides additional information if needed, offering a comprehensive and transparent verification process.

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