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### **Changes to the Requirements for SAT/ACT scores in the English Language Based Admissions 2021 (September Entry)**

We are aware that, because of cancellations, delays, and/or insufficient capacity due to the impact of COVID-19, applicants in some regions are unable to take the SAT with Essay test and/or the ACT Plus Writing test (hereafter referred to “SAT/ACT”) that they need in order to satisfy the educational certification requirement.

For those who are unable to take the SAT/ACT, we have decided to ask them to satisfy the following alternative requirements: (1) to write an essay on a specific topic given by ICU and (2) to do an online interview. These requirements are hereafter referred to as the “Essay and Interview Exam.”

Those who need to take the “Essay and Interview Exam” instead of taking the SAT/ACT will need to submit an additional application form. This application form includes a question that asks the applicants to explain the reasons and circumstances why they were unable to take the SAT/ACT. If ICU finds that the reasons/circumstances are reasonable, the applicant will be allowed to take the “Essay and Interview Exam.” For all other cases where SAT/ACT scores are required, applicants will still be required to submit SAT/ACT scores.

The applicants who wish to apply to take the “Essay and Interview Exam” must apply for the second application period of the English Language Based Admissions 2021 (September Entry). The “Essay and Interview Exam” will not be available for the first application period.

These alternative requirements apply only to the English Language Based Admissions 2021 (September Entry). The changes do not apply, for example, to the English Language Based Admissions 2021 (April Entry).

More detailed information will be announced on ICU’s website at a later date. If you have any questions about the “Essay and Interview Exam” or about other educational certifications, please contact ICU’s Admissions Center.