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【SILS 2021 AO September Entry】 Measures in response to COVID-19

In the face of COVID-19 pandemic, SILS has decided to take the following measures for 2021 AO September Entry applicants.

1. Test optional policy

We acknowledge that the pandemic has led to cancellations and postponement of standardized tests/university entrance examinations all over the world. In response to such unprecedented circumstances, the submission of the results of university entrance qualification examinations/standardized tests will be optional for applicants for 2021 September admission.

When making the decision on whether or not to include your exam results in your application, the followings should be taken into consideration;

- SILS does not plan to adopt a test-optional policy permanently and considers the exam results as an important factor to evaluate the applicants' academic ability. Applicants who have taken/can take the exams are encouraged to submit the exam results to demonstrate their academic ability and potential.
- However, submission of test scores alone will NOT determine the screening result. Document screening will be conducted in a holistic and contextual way, thus applicants will not be unfairly penalized by not submitting the exam results.
- Applicants who cannot/choose not to submit the exam results are requested to submit a statement, which must be included in the application forms. Detailed directions will be given in the Application Guidelines.
- All applicants are still required to submit a document to prove their applicant qualification. (e.g. If you are applying as a holder of the following qualifications, you will still be required to submit a certificate to prove your eligibility; International Baccalaureate Diploma, Baccalauréat, Abitur, or General Certificate of Education Advanced Level)

2. English proficiency test accommodations

The basic rules stay the same for English proficiency test scores; the submission will NOT be waived unless you submit a certificate of university entrance qualification examination/standardized test administered for an education system in which the first language is English (such as SAT, ACT, GCE, IBDP entirely taught in English). However, SILS will accept the following English proficiency test scores in addition to the currently accepted test scores (TOEFL iBT, TOEIC L&R, IELTS(Academic) , GEPT, and Eiken).

- TOEFL(iBT) Special Home Edition
 - IELTS Indicator
 - Duolingo English Test
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- Test scores should be directly sent to the SILS Admissions office. Detailed submission methods will be explained in the Application Guidelines.
 - If you originally planned to submit the results of university entrance qualification examination/standardized test conducted in English but cannot/plan not to submit the test scores, you are required to submit English proficiency test scores to demonstrate your English proficiency regardless of your native language.
 - If you cannot submit any of the designated English proficiency test scores, please contact the SILS Admissions Office in advance.

The above measures are only effective for SILS 2021 AO September Entry as of 25 September, 2020. The SILS Admissions Office will continue to carefully observe the influence of the pandemic and may take additional measures.

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