

# CAAP Writing Skills Test - Spring 2003

## CAAP Writing Skills Description

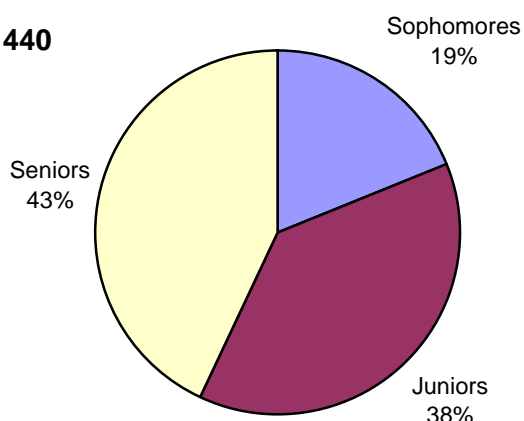
This 72-item, 40-minute test measures the student's understanding of standard written English in usage/mechanics and rhetorical skills. Spelling, vocabulary, and rote recall of grammar are not tested. The test consists of six prose passages, each of which is accompanied by a set of 12 multiple-choice items. A range of passage types is used to provide a variety of rhetorical situations.

Usage/Mechanics	44% of test	32 items
Punctuation	8% of test	6 items
Grammar & Usage	11% of test	8 items
Sentence Structure	25% of test	18 items
Rhetorical Skills	56% of test	40 items
Strategy	21% of test	15 items
Organization	14% of test	10 items
Style	21% of test	15 items

UNA & National Norms	Mean Score	Standard Deviation
<b>National Norm</b> n =43,043	<b>64.5</b>	<b>4.6</b>
<b>UNA</b> n =440	<b>64.5</b> 53rd percentile nationally*	<b>4.7</b>
• <b>Usage &amp; Mechanics Score</b>	<b>17.2</b> 50th percentile nationally*	<b>2.2</b>
• <b>Rhetorical Skills Score</b>	<b>17.2</b> 47th percentile nationally*	<b>2.4</b>

## Number of Students by Class\*

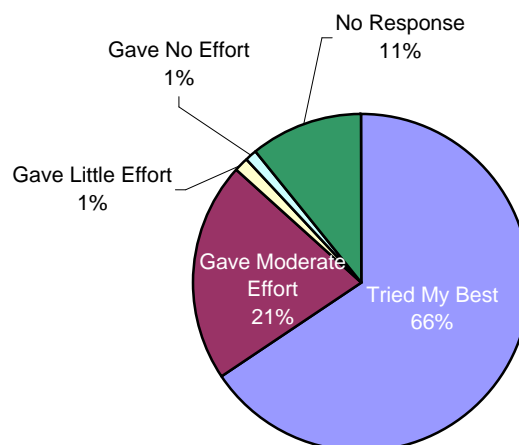
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Student Classification	Number of Students	Mean Score
Sophomores	83	65
Juniors	166	64
Seniors	189	64
Transfers	184	64 45th percentile nationally*
Non-Transfers	254	65 53rd percentile nationally*

Self-Reported Cumulative GPA	Number of Students	Mean Score
<b>Below 2.00</b>	16	62
<b>2.01 to 2.50</b>	99	62
<b>2.51 to 3.00</b>	135	64
<b>3.01 to 3.50</b>	111	66
<b>3.51 and above</b>	78	67

## Self-Reported Performance Effort



\*National CAAP norms are developed using only rising junior scores from around the nation.