

CAAP Writing Skills Test - Fall 2005

CAAP Writing Skills Description

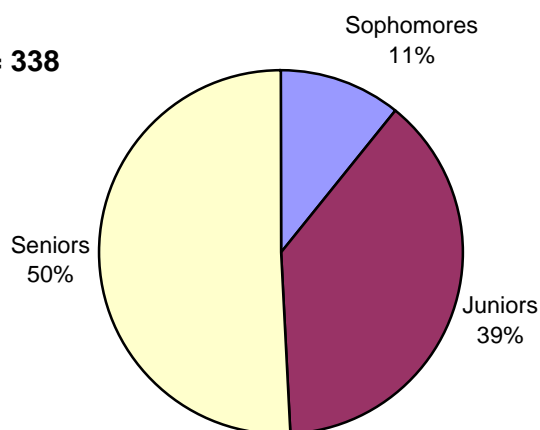
This 72-item, 40-minute test measures the student's understanding of standard written English in usage/mechanics and rhetorical skills. Spelling, vocabulary, and rote recall of grammar are not tested. The test consists of six prose passages, each of which is accompanied by a set of 12 multiple-choice 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
National Norm n =31,603	64.3	4.7
UNA n =338	64.6 55th percentile nationally*	4.5
• Usage & Mechanics Score	17.3 50th percentile nationally*	2.0
• Rhetorical Skills Score	17.2 50th percentile nationally*	2.4

Number of Students by Class*

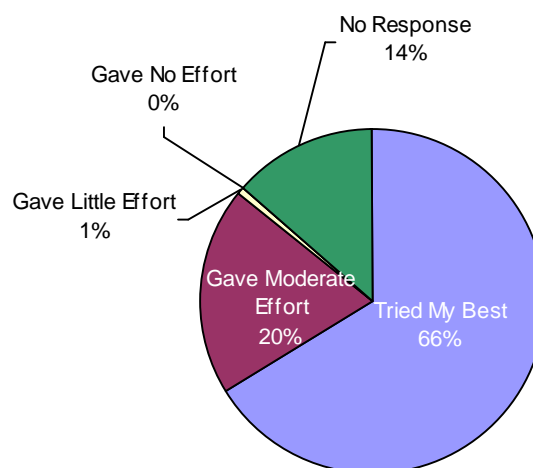
N = 338



Student Classification	Number of Students	Mean Score
Sophomores	36	64
Juniors	129	65
Seniors	170	64
Transfers	166	64 47th percentile nationally*
Non-Transfers	172	65 55th percentile nationally*

Self-Reported Cumulative GPA	Number of Students	Mean Score
Below 2.00	8	58
2.01 to 2.50	58	64
2.51 to 3.00	94	64
3.01 to 3.50	95	65
3.51 and above	83	66

Self-Reported Performance Effort



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