Online Assessment Guidelines for Graduate applicants

An online assessment will be administered for all graduate applicants for 2020 enrollment. Please be sure to read these guidelines before starting the online assessment. You CANNOT complete the online assessment using smartphones or tablets. Be sure you use a computer when completing the assessment.

The online assessment is composed of a recorded video interview, the Watson-Glaser Critical Thinking Appraisal III (WGIII) test, and the Core Abilities Assessment (CORE) test. The entire online assessment will last approximately 70 minutes. Once you start the online assessment, you will not be able to stop halfway through. Please take the online assessment when you are sure you will have enough time to complete it.

I. Register for the Online Assessment
Visit the registration website and enter your name, nationality, e-mail address, and Online ID number to receive the invitation e-mail to the online assessment.

II. Video Interview
The video interview will be conducted through a platform called HireVue. A link for how to access the video interview will be sent to you by email.

In the video interview, you will be given a number of questions and you will record your answers to them. Each question will have a set time limit for responding. The video interview itself will last approximately 15 minutes. Before starting the official interview, you will be given time to test the quality of your camera and microphone. You will also be able to answer a practice question multiple times. Once you begin the official interview, you will not be able to repeat questions.
Within the video interview, you will also complete two assessment tests, the Watson-Glaser Critical Thinking Appraisal III (WGIII)\(^1\) test and the Core Abilities Assessment (CORE)\(^2\). Together, these tests will take approximately 50 minutes to complete. Please follow instructions 1 through 6 below when taking the assessment tests.

1. One of the questions in the video interview will contain a link to the online assessment tests. Please click on this link **ONCE** (the page may take some time to load, but **please wait**.) After you click the
link, the online assessment tests will open in a new tab. **Please do not close the video interview tab.**

2. Leave the video interview tab open, and proceed through the assessment tests. You will first be asked to enter information about yourself:
   - First Name: Please write your first name
   - Last Name: Please write your last name
   - Email Address: Please write your email address
   - Username: **Please write your application number**
   - Alternate ID: **Please write your nationality**

3. When you proceed to the next page, you will be prompted to enter the following **Personal Information**:
   - Current or Most Recent Job Title: Please write “student,” “N/A,” or your current job title
   - Current or Most Recent Position Type: Please select “Not applicable,” or your position type
   - Current of Most Recent Industry: Please select “Not applicable,” or your industry
4. Next, you will be prompted to enter Voluntary Demographics information. This section is voluntary. Please leave the fields blank or answer as you wish.

5. Once you proceed to the next page, the assessment tests will begin one after another. First you will take the WGIII test, then you will take the CORE test. Before starting each test, you will see instructions and a set of example questions.
6. After you complete both assessment tests, please close the assessment test tab and return to the video interview tab. Please answer the remaining video interview questions and submit the video interview. After you submit the video interview, you will receive a confirmation email.

**Important Points:**
The online assessment is a very important part of your application to APU. As such, please be sure to follow these points:

- Please complete the online assessment by the **deadline** listed in the email notification. You will not be able to access the online assessment after the deadline.

- You must take the online assessment using a computer with a camera and working microphone. **Do not attempt to take the online assessment using a smartphone or tablet.**
• The online assessment cannot be stopped halfway, so make sure you will have enough time to complete the assessment without interruption.

• Be seated and record the interview with a plain background behind you.

• Check the lighting in the room to ensure that your face is clearly visible in the recording.

• Speak loudly and clearly.

• There is no dress code for the video interview, but dressing neatly and appropriately in a way you are comfortable with will signal to us you that are serious about APU and care about getting accepted.

• If you open another webpage or browse another website during the online assessment, your results will be invalidated. In addition, you may not use any additional materials during the online assessment.

• If anyone other than the applicant takes any portion of the online assessment, the results will be invalidated.

System Requirements:
The system requirements for using the HireVue video interview platform are as follows:

Operating System
- Windows 7 and above
- Mac OS X 10.9 and above

Web Browser
- Firefox (most recent update)
- Internet Explorer 10 and above
- Safari 7 and above
- Chrome (most recent update)

Please contact the Admissions Office if you have any questions or concerns.

1Watson-Glaser III Critical Thinking Appraisal (WGIII) - 30 minutes
The Watson-Glaser III Critical Thinking Appraisal (WGIII) measures a person’s ability to identify and analyze problems, as well as seek and evaluate relevant information to reach an appropriate and logical conclusion. The assessment reports on three aspects of verbal critical reasoning, specifically the ability to 1) recognize assumptions, 2) evaluate arguments, and 3) draw conclusions, as well as providing an overall measure of critical thinking proficiency.

2Core Abilities Assessment (CORE) - 20 minutes
The Core Abilities Assessment (CORE) consists of verbal, numerical, and abstract reasoning items and measures an individual's capacity to learn concepts and tasks, apply sound reasoning, and draw conclusions from information.

Sample Questions: https://downloads.pearsonassessments.com/images/assets/caa/example_questions_coreabilities.pdf