Graduate Degree-Seeking Student Admission

University-Wide Admission Requirements

In order to be considered for unconditional admission to a graduate program, an applicant must submit a graduate application along with a nonrefundable application fee and meet the following criteria:

1. Earned a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university in the United States or have proof of equivalent training at a foreign institution.
2. A minimum grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in the last 60 semester credit hours for graduate degree-seeking or the last 30 semester credit hours for special graduate and non-degree-seeking.
3. Completed at least 18 semester credit hours (12 of which must be at the upper-division level) or foreign institution equivalent coursework in the area or areas in which the graduate degree is sought or in related areas as determined by the Graduate Program Committee for the proposed major.
4. Be in good standing at the last institution attended.
5. Unless otherwise specified, an official GRE or GMAT score must be submitted.
6. An applicant from a country where the first language is not English, unless a bachelor's degree or higher was earned in an English-speaking country, must have a minimum score of 550 on paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), 79 on internet-based TOEFL, or 6.5 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).
7. Meet additional admission criteria set forth by the graduate program of interest (see Graduate Program Requirements and Course Descriptions).

Students granted admission to a master’s program at UTSA who do not register for courses the semester of admittance or for the following long semester must reapply for admission.

Doctoral students who are admitted but do not register for courses the semester of admittance are required to reapply and pay a nonrefundable application fee for the next available term, by the application deadline. Any subsequent application for admission must be in accordance with current admission requirements and deadlines. New transcripts, test scores, and other supporting documents are required after one academic year, since files for admitted students who do not register for courses are not retained after that period. (See program descriptions in Chapter 6, Graduate Program Requirements and Course Descriptions, for specific program admission requirements.)

Admission Classifications

Graduate applicants are admitted to the Graduate School in one of three classifications: graduate degree-seeking, special graduate (non-degree), or non-degree-seeking. Additionally, provisional limitations of conditional or conditional on academic probation may be used in conjunction with admission.