International Undergraduate Student Admission

Definition

Applications from individuals who plan to enroll while residing in the United States on a non-immigrant visa are processed as international students. International students can apply by submitting the International Student ApplyTexas Application (https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX) (electronic version).

All international students, including first-time freshmen and transfer students, must prove proficiency in the English language by taking either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) examination. English as a Second Language courses will be required for those students who need additional language training. Passing the TOEFL or IELTS does not guarantee admission to UTSA.

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<th>TOEFL Internet</th>
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<td>Admission Qualification-English Proficient</td>
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<td>Admission Qualification-Minimum Score Accepted¹</td>
<td>79</td>
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¹ The UTSA English Language Assessment Procedure (ELAP) is required. Students may be assigned to take up to four English classes for International Students (EIS (http://education.utsa.edu/images/uploads/EIS%20Course%20Description.pdf)) based on the ELAP results.

TOEFL is an examination written by The Educational Testing Service of The College Board. For more information, visit www.toefl.org (http://www.toefl.org). IELTS is jointly managed by University of Cambridge English for Speakers of Other Languages (Cambridge ESOL) Examinations, British Council, and IDP Education Australia: IELTS Australia. For more information, visit www.ielts.org (http://www.ielts.org). The TOEFL or IELTS will be waived if:

- The applicant graduated from a U.S. high school and completed three years of regular English courses.
- The applicant completed college-level English Composition I with a grade of "B-" or better.
- The applicant scored 500 or greater on the verbal/reading section of the SAT.
- The applicant scored 21 or greater on the English section of the ACT.

Applicants from the following countries are exempt from submitting the TOEFL or IELTS scores:

- American Samoa
- Australia
- Bahamas
- Barbados

- Belize
- Canada (except Quebec)
- Dominica
- Grand Cayman
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Ireland
- Jamaica
- Liberia
- New Zealand
- Sierra Leone
- Trinidad/Tobago
- United Kingdom
- U.S. Pacific Trust

International First-Time Freshmen

Applicants for admission to UTSA as international first-time freshmen must:

1. Have qualifications equivalent to those of students entering from accredited secondary schools in the United States, as determined by the UTSA International Undergraduate Admissions.
2. Submit all application materials including application for admission, nonrefundable application fee, official secondary school transcripts/certificates, official SAT or ACT scores, official TOEFL or IELTS scores, and all supporting documents to International Undergraduate Admissions, Office of International Programs (http://international.utsa.edu/admissions).

International undergraduate admission to The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) is offered to academically qualified international applicants. Completed applications are evaluated through an individual review process after all supporting admissions materials are received by the Office of International Programs, International Undergraduate Admissions. Students who are admitted to the university are not guaranteed admission to a specific academic program.

UTSA Freshman Admission Criteria

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<th>High School (HS) Rank in Class</th>
<th>Minimum Combined SAT Scores (Math and Critical Reading)</th>
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<td>Top 25%</td>
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<td>SAT score of 1100 or higher: Guaranteed Admission, Others by Committee Review: Minimum SAT=900 for consideration</td>
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<td>Third 25%</td>
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1 First-Time Freshman applicants who are in the top 25 percent (first quartile) of their high school graduating class at an accredited high school and meet the first-time freshman curriculum requirements are admitted without minimum score requirements on the ACT or SAT; however, scores must be submitted to UTSA in order to complete the application process.

**Admission By Committee Review**

Applicants ranking in the second, third, or fourth quartile with the required minimum SAT or ACT score and applicants from a home school, unaccredited high school or an accredited high school that did not provide a student ranking will be considered for admission through Committee Review. Factors considered in the review process will include:

- achievement in academic or nonacademic endeavors
- first-generation college student status
- extracurricular activities
- leadership
- community activities
- work experience
- socioeconomic background
- experience surmounting obstacles to pursue higher education.

Applicants should take care to complete all required and optional portions of the application for admission, in order to convey information about these additional factors of admission by committee review.

Submission of the following documents is also recommended, but not required:

1. A one-page, single-spaced essay from the ApplyTexas application (https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX), Topic C: Topic C: Considering your lifetime goals, discuss how your current and future academic and extra-curricular activities might help you achieve your goals.
2. Up to two letters of recommendation, based on community involvement, high school academics or employment.

All supporting material should include the student’s full name and date of birth as it appears on the ApplyTexas application. The supporting materials should be mailed to: The University of Texas at San Antonio, Office of International Programs, International Undergraduate Admissions, One UTSA Circle, San Antonio, Texas 78249.

Consult the UTSA International Undergraduate Admissions website at utsa.edu/international/transfer (http://www.utsa.edu/admissions/undergrad/requirements/international-transfer.html) for detailed transfer admission criteria or call 210-458-7995.

**International Application Deadlines**

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<td>Fall Semester</td>
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Transfer Coursework

Upon admission, UTSA grants credit for college-level transfer coursework, earned with a grade of “D” or higher, from regionally-accredited colleges and universities. Applicability of such coursework toward the UTSA degree plan is at the discretion of the major academic department. General information about transferring courses may be found in the UTSA Undergraduate Catalog.

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**International Transfer Students**

Transferring from schools outside the United States: International transfer students who have earned 30 or more transferable credit hours from an accredited college or university in a country other than the United States must have a 2.50 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale, as determined by International Undergraduate Admissions. A foreign credential evaluation is required for any non U.S. college, university or other post-secondary school transcript. UTSA undergraduate admissions accepts evaluations from Foreign Credential Services of America (FCSA) or any member mentioned online at www.naces.org (http://www.naces.org).

Transferring from schools within the United States: International transfer students who have earned 30 or more transferable credit hours from a regionally accredited college or university in the United States must have a 2.25 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale all college work attempted.

Freshman-Transfer: Students with less than 30 semester credit hours earned at the time of applying must meet freshmen and transfer admission requirements.