Transfer Student Admission

Students should apply for admission as transfer students if they have previously completed any credit courses at the college level after high school graduation, with the exception of those who attend college during the summer immediately after high school graduation (first-time freshmen). Applicants may be attending another college or university and may have coursework in progress at the time of their application to UTSA.

Successful applicants for admission as transfer students must have at least a 2.25 cumulative grade point average on a 4.00 scale. When calculating the grade point average to determine eligibility for admission for transfer students, all transferable college-level courses attempted are used in the calculation (grades are not replaced when courses are repeated).

Application Procedures

An ApplyTexas application, nonrefundable application processing fee, and official college transcripts from each institution where college-level work was ever attempted must be received by the appropriate application deadline. The official transcripts are to be requested and sent from each institution from which college coursework was attempted and/or earned. For applicants (transfer applicants with 1 to 29 semester credit hours completed), a final high school transcript and an official copy of the SAT or ACT score (sent directly from the testing service) must also be provided to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions by the appropriate deadline.

Admission is conditional for students who are admitted with work in progress (WIP) from another institution. An official transcript reflecting the work in progress and any subsequent work must be submitted upon completion of the work. Financial aid can be applied toward tuition and fees upon submission of the complete college transcript(s) indicating all college coursework attempted. Registration for future semesters is also contingent upon receipt of the college transcript(s).

Transfer Applicants with fewer than 12 Semester Credit Hours Completed

Applicants for admission who have completed fewer than 12 college-level transferable semester credit hours (not including dual credit) at the time of application must:

• meet the guaranteed admission rank-in-class and SAT/ACT requirements that apply to first-time freshmen;
• have a minimum 2.25 cumulative grade point average on a 4.00 scale on college-level transferable coursework attempted;
• be academically eligible to return to the most recently attended institution. Transcripts or additional documentation may be required to demonstrate that this requirement has been met; and
• not be ineligible to return to the most recently attended institution for disciplinary reasons. By applying to UTSA, applicants affirm that they meet this requirement.

Transfer Applicants with 12 to 29 Semester Credit Hours Completed

Applicants for admission who have 12 to 29 college-level transferable semester credit hours (not including dual credit) at the time of application must:

• have a minimum 2.75 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale on college-level transferable coursework attempted; or
• have a minimum 2.25 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale on college-level transferable coursework attempted and meet the guaranteed admission rank-in-class and SAT/ACT requirements that apply to first-time freshmen;
• be academically eligible to return to the most recently attended institution (transcripts or additional documentation may be required to demonstrate that this requirement has been met); and
• not be ineligible to return to the most recently attended institution for disciplinary reasons. By applying to UTSA, applicants affirm that they meet this requirement.

Transfer Applicants with 30 or More Semester Credit Hours Completed

Applicants for admission to UTSA who have completed 30 or more college-level transferable semester credit hours at the time of application must:

• have a minimum 2.25 cumulative grade point average on a 4.00 scale on college-level transferable coursework attempted;
• be academically eligible to return to the most recently attended institution. Transcripts or additional documentation may be required to demonstrate that this requirement has been met; and
• not be ineligible to return to the most recently attended institution for disciplinary reasons. By applying to UTSA, applicants affirm that they meet this requirement.

Transfer Coursework

Upon admission, UTSA awards credit for college-level transfer coursework, earned with a grade of “D” or higher, from regionally-accredited colleges and universities. Admitted students may submit a petition for credits to the related major academic department to receive credit earned from a non-regionally accredited college or university. Based on course level, rigor, quality, comparability, and degree program relevance, credits may be awarded on an individual basis at the discretion of the major academic department.

Applicability of such coursework toward the UTSA degree plan is at the discretion of the major academic department. Any such credit accepted in transfer must be validated by 30 semester credit hours of coursework in residence at UTSA, with a grade point average of 2.0 or higher in a degree plan.

UTSA reserves the right to refuse recognition of credit from a college or university if it is determined the course does not meet the department’s standards of level, rigor, quality, comparability, and degree program relevance.

General information about transferring courses may be found in the UTSA Undergraduate Catalog.
Outreach to Prospective Transfer Students

In an effort to help facilitate the transfer process from two-year and four-year institutions to UTSA, several programs and resources have been established to assist transfer students.

UTSA currently offers 13 articulation agreements with two-year institutions that assist students with course selections and course transferability. Following a degree/transfer plan maximizes the 66 transferable hours a student can take at a community college prior to transferring to UTSA.

Colleges with Articulation Agreements with UTSA

- Alamo Colleges
- Austin Community College
- Coastal Bend College
- Dallas County Community College
- Del Mar College
- Houston Community College
- Laredo Community College
- Lone Star College
- San Jacinto College
- South Texas College
- Southwest Texas Junior College
- Texas State Technical College - Harlingen
- Victoria College

In addition to the above-mentioned degree/transfer plans, UTSA also provides a host of transfer resources on the Undergraduate Admissions website: www.utsa.edu/transfer. The online equivalency table can assist transfer students in evaluating how their existing course credits might satisfy the requirements of a UTSA degree plan.

UTSA provides Admission Counselors and Transfer Specialists to assist prospective transfer students from two-year and four-year institutions in understanding the admission requirements and the application process as it relates to each individual transfer student.

For more information on transferring to UTSA, please visit the Undergraduate Admissions website (http://www.utsa.edu/admissions/undergrad/requirements/transfers.html) or call 210-458-8000.