International Graduate Student Admission

Non-U.S. citizens or non-permanent residents will be considered international applicants. A nonrefundable application fee is required with each application for admission to the Graduate School.

All applicants (domestic and international) who have taken university/college coursework outside of the United States must have the coursework and degree evaluated by a UTSA approved foreign credentialing service (as listed on the Graduate School website [https://graduateschool.utsa.edu/admissions/admission-requirements-checklist](https://graduateschool.utsa.edu/admissions/admission-requirements-checklist)). It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure the foreign credential evaluation arrives by the posted deadline. Any evaluation which is received after the posted deadline will not guarantee the applicant an admissions decision. Because transcripts from foreign universities require special evaluation, prospective students with foreign credentials are advised to submit their application, test scores, upload transcripts, and submit evaluations well in advance of deadlines. Early submission gives the University enough time to process the application and gives the international applicants enough time to obtain visas and make travel arrangements if admission is granted.

If accepted into a graduate program, official transcripts and degree certificates in both original language and English translations must be submitted prior to the second term of enrollment. Official documents submitted to the foreign credentialing agency can be used to fulfill this requirement.

In addition to meeting the general requirements for admission, applicants whose native language is not English must demonstrate sufficient competency in English to study effectively at the University. These applicants are required to submit scores on either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) to the Graduate School. Information about TOEFL [http://www.ets.org/toefl](http://www.ets.org/toefl) and IELTS [http://www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org) is available online. TOEFL scores may be waived for international students from countries where English is the official language spoken; or for noncitizens of the United States earning a bachelor’s degree or higher in the United States or other countries where English is the official language.

**TOEFL Internet TOEFL Paper IELTS**

| English Language 100 | 65 | 7 |
| Assessment Program (ELAP) Exempt | 79 | 60 | 6.5 |

1 The minimum score required on the TOEFL or IELTS. Individual degree programs may have higher TOEFL or IELTS requirements for their various programs. Consult the Graduate School website [http://graduateschool.utsa.edu](http://graduateschool.utsa.edu) for more information.

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

- 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

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 the IELTS website [http://www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org).

TOEFL is an examination written by The Educational Testing Service for The College Board. For more information, visit the ETS website [http://www.ets.org/toefl](http://www.ets.org/toefl).

If attendance under the F-1 (student) visa is anticipated, students will be required to submit a financial statement guaranteeing the ability to pay all expenses while a student at UTSA. The statement may be sent from a parent or guardian when endorsed by a bank or other reliable institution, or from a U.S. citizen who will accept responsibility for the student’s financial needs.

The above criteria serve as guidelines for admission for international students. The credentials of each applicant are examined on an individual basis by the Graduate School and the appropriate Graduate Program Committee, with admission granted only to those who show promise of success in graduate study at UTSA.