

# 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 online International Student ApplyTexas Application or Common App (<https://future.utsa.edu/international/>).

All international students, including first-time freshmen and transfer students, must prove proficiency in English by submitting scores from an approved English language proficiency exam. Approved English language proficiency exams include: TOEFL, IELTS, Duolingo English Test (DET), PTE Academic, iTEP Academic, Cambridge C1 Advanced. Passing an approved English language proficiency exam does not guarantee admission to UTSA.

Approved English Language Proficiency Tests for Undergraduate Applicants	Minimum Test Scores
TOEFL Internet-Based Test (IBT)	79 or greater
IELTS	6.5 or greater
Duolingo English Test (DET)	95 or greater
PTE Academic	58 or greater
iTEP Academic	3.8 or greater
Cambridge C1 Advanced	minimum scale 180 grade C or higher
SAT	500 or greater on the critical reading section
ACT	21 or greater on the English component
TOEFL Paper-Based Test (ITP)*	550 or greater

\* TOEFL Paper-Based (ITP) examination is accepted for UTSA Academic English Program or UTSA International Pathway applicants.

The English language proficiency exam score requirement 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 evidence-based reading/writing 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 English language proficiency exam scores:

- American Samoa
- Australia
- Bahamas
- Barbados

- Belize
- Canada (except Quebec)
- Dominica
- Ghana
- Grand Cayman
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Ireland
- Jamaica
- Liberia
- New Zealand
- Nigeria
- Sierra Leone
- Singapore
- South Africa
- Trinidad/Tobago
- Turks and Caicos Islands
- 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/marksheets/certificates, official English language proficiency exam scores, and all supporting documents to International Undergraduate Admissions.

International undergraduate admission to 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 International Undergraduate Admissions. Students who are admitted to the UTSA are not guaranteed admission to a specific academic program.

All supporting material should include the student's full name and date of birth as it appears on the application. The supporting materials should be mailed to: The University of Texas at San Antonio, International Undergraduate Admissions BRG 0.304A1, One UTSA Circle, San Antonio, Texas 78249.

Consult the UTSA International Undergraduate Admissions website (<https://future.utsa.edu/admissions/international/>) for detailed freshman admission criteria.

## 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) (<http://www.naces.org/>).

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

## Transfer Coursework

Upon admission, UTSA grants credit for college-level transfer coursework earned with a grade of "D" or higher from 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 (<http://catalog.utsa.edu/undergraduate/bachelorsdegreeregulations/transferringcourses/>).

## Shorelight Education Applicants

Qualifying students may apply for admission directly to the UTSA or apply through Shorelight Education (<https://shorelight.com/>). Undergraduate international students, regardless of their English language proficiency level, can participate in the personalized programs and services offered by Shorelight Education. These supportive services include admission support, enrollment services, academic support, and career development. UTSA will accept degree equivalencies and course evaluations as determined by Shorelight Education for admission purposes.

It is important that all materials submitted to UTSA or to Shorelight Education are complete and accurate. Incomplete applications cannot be processed, and those with inaccurate information may be canceled.

## International Application Deadlines

Fall Semester	June 1
Spring Semester	November 1
Summer Semester	April 1