

International Graduate Student Admission

Non-U.S. citizens or nonpermanent residents will be considered international applicants.

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>) and IELTS (<http://www.ielts.org>) is available online.

Scores must be sent directly to the Graduate School from the ETS or IELTS testing center, copies of scores are not accepted as official. At the time the student enrolls, the official test score must be less than two (2) years old. The UTSA institution code is 6919.

	TOEFL Internet	TOEFL Paper	IELTS
English Language Assessment Program (ELAP) Exempt	100	600	7
Graduate Admission Qualification ¹	79	550	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>) for more information.

Participation in UTSA's English Language Assessment Program (ELAP), before registration, is required of students with TOEFL scores below 600 (paper version) or 100 (Internet based) or an IELTS score below 7. Based on this assessment, students needing additional instruction in English are required to enroll in appropriate English for International Students (EIS) courses.

Because transcripts from foreign universities require special evaluation, prospective international students are advised to submit their application forms, test scores, and upload transcripts well in advance of deadlines. Early submission gives the University enough time to process the application and gives the applicant enough time to obtain visas and make travel arrangements if admission is granted. A nonrefundable application fee is required with each application for admission to the Graduate School.

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. 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 www.ielts.org.

TOEFL is an examination written by The Educational Testing Service for The College Board. For more information, visit 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.