Admission

General Information

A formal application is required from a person seeking admission or readmission to graduate studies. A statewide ApplyTexas application can be used to apply to any public university in the state of Texas and can be accessed at http://www.applytexas.org. Applicants may be considered for only one degree-seeking application at a time for a particular semester.

An application fee of $50 for U.S. citizens and permanent residents or $90 for international applicants is required to process an application for admission. The application fee is nonrefundable. Checks or money orders (U.S. currency) should be made payable to Texas A&M University. All financial dealings with Texas A&M University may be done by check or money order provided it displays an agency bank in the U.S. and has magnetic ink character recognition (MICR) routing numbers at the bottom of the check. The $50 fee required of U.S. citizens or permanent residents may be waived, but only in exceptional cases, for low-income applicants. In such cases, an applicant should include with the application for admission a letter from his/her financial aid officer or other knowledgeable officer verifying the need for a waiver. Waiver of the $90 international application fee is not available.

With the approval of the degree granting unit providing admission, admission to graduate studies normally remains valid for one year from the term of acceptance with one $50 or $90 (as appropriate) application fee. Admission deferral requests must be made before the start of the term of the original application. An extension to the one-year time limit may be granted, if requested by the applicant in writing and approved by the degree granting unit.

Departments may have admission requirements in addition to those of the University. In such cases, higher departmental requirements supersede those of the University. While an application for admission may be considered with unofficial test scores and uploaded transcripts (by departmental discretion), official test scores and transcripts are required for enrollment. The official test scores and transcripts will be compared to any unofficial documents used for admission. If discrepancies are identified, the admission may be rescinded.

The normal requirement for admission to graduate studies is a scholastic record which, over at least the last two years of full-time academic study in a degree program, provides evidence of the applicant’s ability to do successful graduate level work. An applicant whose academic record is not satisfactory, or who is changing fields of study, may be required to take additional work in preparation for graduate study. Such work will normally be arranged in conference with the graduate advisor or the head of the student’s major department. Before accepting a student for graduate study, a department may require that the student pass a comprehensive examination covering the basic undergraduate work in that field.

To allow time for processing, application forms should be filed at least six weeks prior to the opening of the semester. Admission to graduate studies cannot be completed until all the credentials requested in the application form have been received and evaluated.

In addition to the records sent to the Office of Admissions, an applicant should have in his/her possession a copy of his/her record for use in conferences with the graduate advisor or graduate faculty in his/her department. An applicant, otherwise qualified for admission to graduate studies, may not be approved in instances where the facilities and staff available in the particular field are not adequate to take care of the needs of the student. All applicants to Mays Business School (MBA, EMBA, MS, MRE, PhD) should refer to the website http://mays.tamu.edu/ and use the Mays online application system.

International Admission Status

An applicant from another country seeking admission to graduate studies must meet the same requirements for admission as applicants from the United States. In addition, he or she must demonstrate the ability to read, write, speak and understand the English language. A prospective student whose native language is not English may take either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or the PTE Academic exam. All exams are offered at locations around the world. Applications for these exams together with additional information about these examinations may be found on their websites; TOEFL information may be obtained at http://www.ets.org/toefl, IELTS information from http://www.ielts.org/ and PTE Academic from http://pearsonpte.com/. Applicants from non-English speaking countries must present a TOEFL score of at least 550 paper-based, 80 Internet-based, an IELTS score of at least 6.0 overall band or a PTE Academic score of 53 to be admitted to graduate studies and receive the documents necessary to apply for a visa. An applicant may be exempt from the English Language Proficiency requirements by completing all credits of a baccalaureate degree or higher in the United States or scoring a 400 or 146 (on new scale) or higher on the Verbal section of the GRE. Additionally, applicants from the following countries may be exempt from the English Language Proficiency requirement for admission and considered English Language Proficiency (ELP) Verified:

- American Samoa
- Australia
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Canada (except Quebec)
- Dominica
- Grenada
- Grand Cayman
- Guyana
- Ireland
- Jamaica
- Liberia
- New Zealand
- Trinidad/Tobago
- United Kingdom
- U.S. Pacific Trust

Some departments reserve the right to require a TOEFL/IELTS/PTE Academic score even though it may be waived by one of the above criteria. NOTE: Applicants from these countries will be considered ELP Verified, but must still follow the ELP Certification process to serve as Teaching Assistants.

Official TOEFL scores are reported directly by the Educational Testing Service to Texas A&M University using institution code 6003. The
departmental code is not necessary. IELTS scores should be sent electronically from the test center to:

Admissions Processing  
Texas A&M University  
P.O. Box 40002  
College Station, TX 77842-4002

PTE Academic scores must be assigned to Texas A&M University electronically via the PTE score reporting website. To send your scores, log in to the Pearson portal and follow the steps online.

Postbaccalaureate Non-degree Status (G6)

Application for postbaccalaureate non-degree classification requires a completed application form (http://www.applytexas.org), a statement about the applicant’s need for the proposed coursework at Texas A&M University and his or her ability to successfully complete that coursework, the required application processing fee and a complete, official transcript showing completion of a baccalaureate degree. An applicant for postbaccalaureate non-degree classification must indicate a department of affiliation when he/she applies. Admission to postbaccalaureate non-degree classification requires departmental approval along with approval of the Office of Admissions. Admission to postbaccalaureate non-degree status (G6) normally remains valid for one year from the date of acceptance.

Enrollment of a postbaccalaureate non-degree student may be limited by college or departmental policies.

Postbaccalaureate non-degree classification is intended for a student with a baccalaureate degree from an institution of higher education.

If at a later date, a postbaccalaureate non-degree student decides to pursue a graduate degree, the student must understand that limitations may be placed on coursework taken while in G6 status. Specifically, the student must understand that a college or a department may decide whether or not to accept any G6 work toward the student’s graduate degree; however, with the approval of the student’s graduate advisory committee, the department head and the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies, a maximum of 12 credit hours taken in postbaccalaureate non-degree status may be used on a student’s degree plan. Admission to postbaccalaureate non-degree status does not establish eligibility for admission to degree-seeking status.

A postbaccalaureate non-degree classification application is handled on a first come, first served basis. An application submitted within one month of registration may not be processed in time to begin that semester or term.

Enrollment of a G6 student in courses may be limited by college and departmental policies. Each postbaccalaureate non-degree student must be reviewed by his or her department of affiliation for continuation at the end of each semester.

A postbaccalaureate non-degree student must maintain at least a 3.00 GPR on all coursework attempted to remain eligible to register. University departments and colleges may have additional and higher requirements.

For a scholastically deficient postbaccalaureate non-degree student, the student’s home department shall determine eligibility, and the department is responsible for placing a registration block on the student.

A postbaccalaureate non-degree status normally is not available to an international student.

Prospective Student Centers

Texas A&M University has eight Prospective Student Centers throughout the state. You can meet one-on-one with an admissions counselor or a financial aid advisor and learn more about academic programs, admissions, financial aid and scholarships, housing, and student services at Texas A&M University. Call the Prospective Student Center (PSC) nearest you to set up an appointment to learn more about your future at Texas A&M.

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Texas A&M University  
109 John J. Koldus Building  
1265 TAMU  
College Station, TX 77843-1265  
(979) 458-0950  
admissions@tamu.edu

Brazos Valley Contact Information

217 John J. Koldus Building  
1265 TAMU  
College Station, TX 77843-1265  
(979) 458-0966

Central Texas Regional Prospective Student Center

Visit http://admissions.tamu.edu/psc for contact information.

Corpus Christi Regional Prospective Student Center

5262 South Staples, Suite 115  
Corpus Christi, TX 78411  
(361) 289-7905

Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Prospective Student Center

3900 Arlington Highlands Blvd., Suite 273  
Arlington, TX 76018  
(817) 375-0960

Houston Regional Prospective Student Center

1225 North Loop West, Suite 200  
Houston, TX 77008  
(713) 454-1990

Laredo Regional Prospective Student Center

107 Calle Del Norte, Suite 102  
Laredo, TX 78041  
(956) 795-0412
Readmission to Graduate and Professional Studies

(A student who has previously enrolled in Graduate and Professional Studies at Texas A&M University.)

1. A returning graduate student (G6, G7, G8) who has attended Texas A&M University within the past 12 months will not have to submit an application for readmission.

2. An application from a returning graduate student (G6, G7, G8) who has not attended Texas A&M for a period of over one year will be sent to the respective department for approval before the student is readmitted.

3. The department, college, or Office of Graduate and Professional Studies is responsible for placing academic or administrative blocks. The Office of Admissions will check for blocks before a student is readmitted.

Regular Admission Status

Admission to graduate programs at Texas A&M University is evaluated by individual degree programs. The overall admission criteria for the University are based on the entire record of the applicant and availability of departmental resources. The items considered include:

- holding an accredited baccalaureate degree (of at least three years) from a college, institution or university of recognized standing, or its equivalent, guarantees consideration for admission,
- an official score on a standardized test is required unless otherwise specified by the graduate program to which an applicant is applying. A program can request exceptions to the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies. The scores can only be evaluated in a manner which complies with Chapter 51, Subchapter W of the Texas Education Code, Admissions and Scholarship policies for Graduate and Professional Programs,
- transcripts, official transcript (with degree confirmation),
- letters of recommendation,
- professional and/or academic experience and performance,
- promise of ability to pursue advanced study and research satisfactorily,
- adequate preparation to enter graduate school in the specific discipline or field of study,
- Statement of Purpose essay.

In addition to the above University admission requirements, some colleges, departments and programs require indicators of success, such as a portfolio or personal interview. Each applicant is directed to check the specific program admission requirements and deadlines.

During 2016–2017, the GRE and GMAT will be given at various centers, including Texas A&M University, throughout the United States and in other countries. The GRE is also offered by computer at Texas A&M University which allows a more rapid score reporting. To determine the most convenient locations to take either the GRE or GMAT, prospective applicants should contact the Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ, or the Graduate Admission Council. All applicants to Mays Business School (MBA, EMBA, MS, MRE, PhD) should refer to the website http://mays.tamu.edu and use the Mays online application system. Applicants to programs in the Health Science Center should refer to the website http://www.tamhsc.edu/prospective/contacts.html and use the designated application systems.

Applicants who do not possess a degree considered to be equivalent to a U.S. bachelor’s degree or higher will be denied admission.

Senior Citizens

A senior citizen, 65 years old or older, may audit courses with the permission of the instructor, if space is available in the assigned classroom. This individual need not be admitted to the University and academic records of attendance will not be maintained.

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