Admission

Admissions information, including access to the online application for admission (during admission periods), is available at www.qatar.tamu.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/. Additional information may be obtained by calling (+974) 4423-0135, or by visiting the Office of Research and Graduate Studies at the Engineering Building located in Education City, Doha, Qatar. To be considered a candidate for admission to Texas A&M at Qatar, the prospective student must formally apply by submitting all of the required documents and test scores and meeting all of the admission requirements. Required documents may include the following:

1. Completed application.
2. Passport copy (resident permit if required).
4. Official test scores (GRE, TOEFL or IELTS).
5. Statement of purpose.
6. Resume/curriculum vitae.
7. Letters of recommendation.
8. Application fee.

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. 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.

Additionally, applicants who are citizens of the following countries will be exempt from the English Language Proficiency requirement for admission and considered English Language Proficiency (ELP) Verified:

- Barbados
- Belize
- Bermuda
- British Virgin Islands
- Canada (except Quebec)
- Cayman Islands
- Dominica
- Federated States of Micronesia
- Gambia
- Ghana
- Gibraltar
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Ireland
- Jamaica
- Liberia
- New Zealand
- Nigeria
- Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Saint Lucia
- Trinidad/Tobago
- Turks and Caicos Islands
- United Kingdom

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.

English Language Proficiency Requirements

All international graduate students whose native language is not English must meet minimum English proficiency standards.

To achieve admission, international graduate students must attain English proficiency verification.

To become eligible to teach in positions such as Graduate Assistant-Teaching, Instructor, Lecturer, etc., the State of Texas Education Code (Section 51-917) requires that international graduate students attain English proficiency certification.

Citizens of certain English-speaking countries are exempt from the verification requirement. Refer to the list on the Office of Admissions (http://admissions.tamu.edu/international/graduate) website.
Refer to the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies website for more information regarding English Language Proficiency (http://ogaps.tamu.edu/New-Current-Students/English-Language-Proficiency) requirements.

English Proficiency Verification can be attained using the following:

- a TOEFL score of at least 80 on TOEFL iBT (550 paper-based), or
- an IELTS score of at least 6.0, or
- a GRE Verbal Reasoning score of at least 146 (400 on the old scale), or
- a GMAT Verbal score of at least 22, or
- a PTE Academic score of at least 53, or
- Beginning with Summer/Fall 2017 enrollment, the Office of Admissions will exempt applicants of certain English-speaking countries from the English proficiency requirement for admission and will consider these students English Language Proficiency Verified. Refer to the list on the Office of Admissions (http://admissions.tamu.edu/international/graduate) website. Acquiring alternative verification (http://ogaps.tamu.edu/New-Current-Students/English-Language-Proficiency/Alternative-Verification-Guidelines) during the admission process from the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies via a departmental request. An international graduate student holding a master’s degree from an accredited institution located in the U.S. qualifies for alternative verification.

Individual colleges or departments may choose to establish test standards that exceed the University minimums listed above. Scores from TOEFL, IELTS and PTE examinations administered more than two years before submission of the admissions application are not eligible for use in attaining English proficiency verification.

International Graduate Students Serving in Teaching Positions

To become eligible to hold a teaching position at Texas A&M University such as Graduate Assistant-Teaching, Instructor, Lecturer, etc., the State of Texas requires that international graduate students attain English proficiency certification either before or after enrollment.

International graduate students who wish to serve in teaching positions can certify for English proficiency before enrollment by achieving requisite scores on the oral component of the following standardized tests: TOEFL, IELTS or PTE exams. [See chart below.] Also, departments may request alternative certification under certain conditions [See details below].

If international graduate students who wish to serve in teaching positions do not achieve requisite standardized test scores prior to enrollment, they can certify by passing the oral skills assessment of the English Language Proficiency Exam (ELPE) offered by Testing Services on the Texas A&M campus.

Eligibility levels for international graduate students serving in teaching positions:

Level 1: Students eligible for teaching assignments

Level 2: Students conditionally eligible for teaching assignments for one semester only, but must simultaneously participate in Texas A&M University Center for Teaching Excellence English Language Proficiency (CTE-ELP) instruction and achieve a certifying score on the oral skills assessment of the ELPE by the end of the semester.

Level 3: Students not eligible for teaching assignment. Students should participate in spoken language training (such as those offered by TAMU CTE-ELP or other independent English language instruction providers) to assist them in meeting English language proficiency requirements.

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Alternative Certification for international graduate students serving in teaching positions

Departments have the option to request alternative certification from the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies on behalf of an international graduate student who wishes to serve in a teaching position.

- An international graduate student who has received a baccalaureate degree following four years of study at an accredited institution located in the U.S. qualifies for alternative certification.
- Departments can request alternative certification for an international graduate student who is a citizen of certain English-speaking countries listed under required documents on the Office of Admissions (http://admissions.tamu.edu/international/graduate) website.
- All other requests for alternative certification require strong department justification. The Office of Graduate and Professional Studies will evaluate requests on a case-by-case basis.

For more information please visit, https://www.qatar.tamu.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions.