

ADMISSION

General Information*

A formal application is required from a person seeking admission or readmission to graduate studies. Applicants should refer to the program website for information regarding how to submit an application. Applicants to Engineering programs should refer to the website <https://engineering.tamu.edu> (<https://engineering.tamu.edu/>). Applicants to Mays Business School (MBA, EMBA, MS, MRE, PhD) should refer to the website <http://mays.tamu.edu>. Applicants to programs in the Health Science Center should refer to the website <https://health.tamu.edu/academics/admissions.html>. Applicants to all other graduate programs should refer to the website <http://admissions.tamu.edu> (<http://admissions.tamu.edu/>).

An application fee of \$65 for U.S. citizens and permanent residents or \$90 for international applicants (in addition to a centralized application service processing fee) is required to process an application for admission. The application fee is nonrefundable. The \$65 fee required of U.S. citizens or permanent residents may be waived but only in exceptional cases for low-income applicants. In such cases, a prospective applicant should provide the Office of Admissions a letter from his/her financial aid officer or other knowledgeable officer verifying the need for a waiver prior to submission of the application. 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. **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 may be considered for admission with unofficial test scores and uploaded transcripts (by departmental discretion), **official test scores and transcripts must be provided prior to enrollment.** The official test scores and transcripts will be compared to any unofficial documents provided for admission. If discrepancies are identified, the admission may be rescinded. Admission may also be rescinded if we discover or receive notification of fraudulent admission credential(s).

Some national application services require a credential evaluation to accompany foreign transcripts. Texas A&M University reserves the right to determine degree equivalencies and our evaluation may differ from the credential evaluation. Admitted applicants with records from China must provide verification reports from the China Higher Education Student Information and Career Center (CHESSIC) for transcripts and the China Academic Degrees and Graduate Education Development Center (CDGDC) for degrees.

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, gives 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 documents 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.

*Addendum to Policy for Graduate Admission as a Result of COVID-19

As a result of the COVID-19 crisis we recognize the challenges that our students may face as they attempt to meet program requirements due to changed career plans or accelerated plans for the pursuit of graduate education. Therefore, we will allow the following exceptions to the standard admissions process as outlined in the catalog for students who are currently attending Texas A&M University and who will graduate in Spring or Summer of 2020.

For the Summer and Fall terms of 2020:

1. Students will be provided with a short-form application to identify themselves as candidates for graduate admission.
2. Items typically required for graduate admission such as test scores may be waived at the discretion of the admitting department.
3. Upon selection for admission by the academic department, the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies will process the admission of the student.

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> (<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 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 146 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:

- American Samoa
- Anguilla
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Australia
- Bahamas
- 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 or to national application services using the appropriate institution code. The departmental code is not necessary.

IELTS scores should be sent electronically from the test center to: Texas A&M University (College Station and Galveston).

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.

Post-baccalaureate Non-degree Status (G6)

Application for post-baccalaureate non-degree classification requires a completed application form, 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 post-baccalaureate non-

degree classification must indicate a department of affiliation when he/she applies. Admission to post-baccalaureate non-degree classification requires departmental approval along with approval of the Office of Admissions. Admission to post-baccalaureate non-degree status (G6) normally remains valid for one year from the date of acceptance.

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

Post-baccalaureate non-degree classification is intended for a student with a baccalaureate degree from an institution of higher education wishing to take graduate level coursework without pursuing a degree.

If at a later date, a post-baccalaureate 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, a college or a department may decide whether or not to accept any G6 work toward the student's graduate degree. A maximum of 12 credit hours taken in post-baccalaureate non-degree status may be used in a student's degree plan with the approval of the student's graduate advisory committee, the department head and the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies. Admission to post-baccalaureate non-degree status does not establish eligibility for admission to degree-seeking status.

A post-baccalaureate 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 post-baccalaureate non-degree student must be reviewed by his or her department of affiliation for continuation at the end of each semester.

A post-baccalaureate non-degree student must maintain at least a 3.000 GPA on all coursework attempted to remain eligible to register. University departments and colleges may have additional and higher requirements.

For a scholastically deficient post-baccalaureate non-degree student, the student's home department shall determine eligibility for continued enrollment, and the department is responsible for placing a registration block on the student.

A post-baccalaureate non-degree status typically is not available to an international student.

Prospective Student Centers

Texas A&M University has several conveniently located Prospective Student Centers throughout the state, staffed with regional advisors ready to serve you. Please contact the center nearest you to learn more about admissions, financial aid, academic programs and student services. Texas A&M also has regional advisors who serve the Brazos Valley, Central Texas and El Paso areas as well as regional advisors throughout the U.S. to assist out-of-state applicants. Visit the website admissions.tamu.edu/psc (<http://admissions.tamu.edu/psc/>) for more details.

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Corpus Christi Regional Prospective Student Center¹

5350 South Staples, Suite 442
Corpus Christi, TX 78411
(361) 289-7905

Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Prospective Student Center¹

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

Houston Regional Prospective Student Center¹

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

Laredo Regional Prospective Student Center¹

6401 Arena Road, Suite 5A
Laredo, TX 78041
(956) 795-0412

Rio Grande Valley Regional Prospective Student Center¹

5277 North 23rd St.
McAllen, TX 78504
(956) 683-8647

San Antonio Regional Prospective Student Centers¹

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Readmission to Graduate and Professional Studies

A readmit is 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. A returning graduate student (G6, G7, G8) who has not attended Texas A&M for a period of over one year must provide an application for readmission and will be sent to the respective department for approval to admit.
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 determined 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, but are not limited to the following:

- holding an accredited baccalaureate degree (of at least three years) from a college, institution or university of recognized standing, or its equivalent, qualifies an applicant for 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 should check the specific program admission requirements and deadlines for completing an application file.

During 2020–2021, the GRE and GMAT will be given at various centers throughout the United States and in other countries, including Texas A&M University. The GRE is also offered by computer at Texas A&M University which allows 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 Management Admission Council.

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