

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 should refer to the website <http://mays.tamu.edu>. Applicants to programs at TAMU Health should refer to the website <https://health.tamu.edu/academics/admissions.html>. Applications to the DVM Professional Program should refer to the website <https://vetmed.tamu.edu/dvm/>. Applicants to the School of Law should refer to the website <http://law.tamu.edu/>. 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 only in exceptional cases for low-income applicants and McNair Scholars. To receive the waiver, the applicant should provide an award letter from the current school's financial aid office showing the award of a Pell Grant. McNair Scholars must provide a letter from their McNair Program Director verifying their status as a McNair Scholar in good standing to receive the fee waiver. Waiver of the \$90 international application fee is not available.

Applicants may submit one application per Organization in the respective CAS, and applicants to academic programs are required to accept an offer of admission in Howdy to be formally admitted and enable registration. 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 (per 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 international 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 Credentials Verification service (CSSD).

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 prior to the deadline set by the academic program. 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.

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 language of origin is not English may take either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic. 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/>) and IELTS information from <http://www.ielts.org/>. Applicants from non-English speaking countries must present a TOEFL score of at least 80 Internet-based, a TOEFL Essentials score of an 8.5, or an IELTS (Academic) score of at least 6.0 overall band to qualify for admission to graduate studies and receive the documents necessary to apply for a visa. The IELTS One Skill Retake is accepted for ELP Certification purposes only. The MyBest TOEFL score is not accepted. 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 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).

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 Graduate and Professional School. Admission to post-baccalaureate non-degree status does not establish eligibility for admission to degree-seeking status.

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.

Non-degree Status International Students

A post-baccalaureate non-degree status international student (G6 classification) must meet the graduate English Language Proficiency requirements unless he/she is included in one of the following categories:

1. A post-baccalaureate non-degree status student admitted to Texas A&M under a special arrangement approved by the Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management or a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that postpones the English Language Proficiency requirements for the duration of the program. (For this category, the student's Departmental Graduate Advisor must request the postponement through the Graduate and Professional School.)
2. A reciprocal educational exchange program student admitted to Texas A&M through the Education Abroad Programs Office. (For this category, postponement of the English Language Proficiency requirement for the duration of the reciprocal educational exchange program will be handled by the Office of Admissions.) Please contact Education Abroad Programs for additional information about this type of student.

An appeal for a post-baccalaureate international non-degree status student should be made through the Departmental Graduate Advisor.

Prospective Student Centers

Texas A&M University has several conveniently located Prospective Student Centers throughout the state, staffed with 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 advisors who serve the Brazos Valley, Central Texas and El Paso areas as well as advisors throughout the U.S. to assist out-of-state applicants. Visit the website admissions.tamu.edu/connect (<https://admissions.tamu.edu/connect/>) for more details.

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

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

500 N Jackson Rd, Suite A-7
Pharr, TX 78577
(956) 683-8647

San Antonio Regional Prospective Student Center¹

40 NE Loop 410, Suite 605
San Antonio, TX 78216
(210) 212-7016

¹ Se habla español.

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 or professional student (G6, G7, G8, and professional classifications) 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 or professional student (G6, G7, G8, and professional classifications) who has not attended Texas A&M for a period of over one year must apply for readmission.
3. The department, college, school, or the Graduate and Professional School is responsible for placing academic or administrative blocks.

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 may be required by the graduate program to which an applicant is applying. 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 transcripts with degree confirmation, diploma(s)
- 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,
- CV/resume.

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 2024–2025, the GRE and GMAT Focus 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 Focus, prospective applicants should contact the Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ, or the Graduate Management Admission Council.

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