

# INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

Texas A&M University-San Antonio adheres to high standards of academic excellence and admits students in accordance with their level of academic preparation without regard to race, color, sex, age, religious commitment or national origin.

If the university grants a student admission on the basis of incorrect information or omitted facts, which, if known, would invalidate the applicant's eligibility, that student's admission is invalid. The completed application and supporting documents (i.e. official transcripts from ALL previous college and universities, official transcripts showing high-school graduation, and test scores: SAT or ACT) constitute the basis upon which the Office of Admissions will determine eligibility for admission.

Applications will be processed after all admission required documentation has been received. An application is considered to be complete only when the Admission Office has received all required documentation for admissions, including completed application through ApplyTexas.org, required test scores, application fee, foreign credentials, and official transcripts from all previous academic work as requested. Completed applications are processed in the order in which they are made complete. Applicants are typically informed of their admission decision within two week from the point of completion. Incomplete applications will not be processed and will be withdrawn by the university after the census date for the term. Admission decision processing turnaround times may vary as deadlines approach. We highly recommend students answer the questions on the application accurately.

Prospective students are strongly encouraged to apply early. Applicants who do not enroll for the term in which they are admitted are required to reapply, must pay an additional application fee and will be re-evaluated to determine admissibility.

## International Undergraduate Admissions Application Fee

Applicants applying or reapplying to Texas A&M University-San Antonio are required to pay a non-refundable application fee of \$50.00. Each application submitted incurs a required non-refundable application fee, regardless of completion status or admission decision. It is recommended that payment be submitted via the ApplyTexas application. However, payment is also currently accepted in person (cash, card, check, money order or via mail by check, or money order). All payments should be sent directly to:

Student Business Services  
Texas A&M University-San Antonio  
Frank L. Madla Building, Room 135  
One University Way  
San Antonio, TX 78224

## Application and Transcript Submission

A student must complete the ApplyTexas application online at [applytexas.org](http://applytexas.org). In cases where multiple applications are submitted, the application submitted most recently, regardless of term or type, will void all previously submitted applications. Applicants must submit

official transcripts from all U. S. institutions attended in the United States or out of the United States. To be considered official, transcripts should have: an original signature of a school official and/or the school seal, must be printed within a year of the submission date, must be received directly from the sending institution, or hand-delivered in a sealed envelope from the sending institution. Additionally, the Office of Admissions accepts electronic documents as official when sent via a secure electronic transcript service (i.e. E-scrip, National Student Clearinghouse, Parchment, and Trans Networks). Only U.S. High school transcripts are accepted from the school's registrar or counselor through the Texas Records Exchange (TREx). Home school transcripts must be notarized in order to be considered official. Final high school transcripts can be dated over one year from the print date as long as it has an original signature of a school official and/or the school seal, is received directly from the sending institution, or is hand-delivered in a sealed envelope from the sending institution.

## Foreign Documents and Credits

Applicants who have prior course work from a foreign college or university will be required to submit a course-by-course foreign credential evaluation from an agency registered through the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). The Office of International Affairs has a list of foreign credential evaluators listed on their website, found at [www.tamusa.edu/InternationalAffairs/](http://www.tamusa.edu/InternationalAffairs/) (<http://www.tamusa.edu/InternationalAffairs/>)

Applicants who have participated in a study abroad program may also be required to submit a course-by-course foreign credential evaluation from a NACES member agency. Transcript evaluations from an evaluation service which is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (<http://www.naces.org/members.html>) is required, and will be accepted.

## Texas Success Initiative (TSI)

The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requires students to be assessed in reading, writing and mathematical skills before enrolling in a Texas public college or university. Texas Education Code Section 51.3062 provides institutions of higher education a means of determining students' readiness to enroll in freshman-level course work.

Prior to registration, each student must be assessed in three skill areas (reading, writing, and mathematics) by taking the TSI assessment and achieving the following scores:

- **TSI Assessment (prior to January 11, 2021)**
  - Mathematics: 350 or higher
  - Reading: 351 or higher
  - Writing:
    - Placement score of at least 340 and an essay score of at least a 4; OR
    - Placement score of less than 340, ABE Diagnostic level of 4 or higher and an essay score of at least a 5.
- **TSI Assessment 2.0 (after January 11, 2021)**
  - ELAR:
    - College Readiness Classification of 945 or higher and an essay score of 5 or higher; OR
    - College Readiness Classification of at least 944, diagnostic score of 5 or higher, and an essay score of 5 or higher.
  - Math:

- College Readiness Classification of 950 or higher; OR
- College Readiness Classification of at least 949 and diagnostic score of 6.

International students have the option to take the exam from their home country through a virtual proctoring network. Please contact the A&M-San Antonio TSI Office at [tsi@tamusa.edu](mailto:tsi@tamusa.edu) to inquire about this service. The fee for the completion of the assessment instrument will be paid by the student. Passing TSI scores are set by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and are subject to change at any time. Please contact the TSI Office for the most up-to-date passing scores. If you believe you qualify for an exemption, please contact the TSI Office at [tsi@tamusa.edu](mailto:tsi@tamusa.edu).

All students who are not college ready will be required to enroll in the appropriate co-requisite course each fall and spring until the student passes and completes appropriate co-requisite course and is deemed college ready. This policy may change based on recommendations from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) or because of extenuating circumstances. Students who are not TSI complete in any area (Reading, Writing, and/or Math) will be unable to register for TSI restricted courses in that area and in upper division (3000-4000) courses until the student demonstrates college readiness in all areas.

## Concurrent or Transient Admission for International Students

International students who are seeking to apply as concurrent or transient at Texas A&M-San Antonio must contact the Office of International Affairs and meet with the International Programs Advisor.

## Non-Degree Seeking International Students

International students who are seeking to apply as non-degree seeking at Texas A&M-San Antonio must contact the Office of International Affairs or meet with the International Programs Advisor.

## Conditional Admission for International Students

International applicants may be considered for conditional admission only if they are on a visa that does not fall under the F-1 category.

Students on F-1 visa status will not be considered for conditional admission, *"The provisional issuance of Forms I-20 is a violation of 8 CFR 214.3(k). According to that regulation. A designated school official may not issue a Form I-20 until the appropriate school authority has determined that the prospective student's qualifications meet all standards for admission at the school which has accepted the prospective student for enrollment in a full course of study."*

## International Freshman Admission Procedure and Deadlines

The application for admission and required supporting documentation (i.e. test scores and U.S. or foreign transcripts and/or foreign credential evaluations) must be submitted to the Office of Admissions by the following deadlines to ensure the application is processed prior to the beginning of the semester:

Deadline	Date
Fall Priority	TBD
Fall Final Deadline	June 25 (For students in the U.S.) July 1 (for students abroad)
Fall Final Required Admission Documents Deadline	July 25
Spring Priority	TBD
Spring Final Deadline	November 18 (For students abroad) December 2 (For students in the U.S.)
Spring Final Required Admission Documents Deadline	December 2
Summer Priority	TBD
Summer Final Deadline	TBD

The application will not be accepted after the final deadline date. Supporting documents to complete admission files must be received by 5 p.m. on the date of the final deadline. Deadlines that fall on a weekend or holiday will be extended to the following business day. Applications that are not completed by the final deadline will not be processed for an admission decision for that application term and will be withdrawn by the university.

International applicants studying in the U.S. must request an official transcript indicating grades at least through the applicant's junior year. The transcript should include:

- current class rank,
- GPA,
- diploma program,
- and completed, or if necessary, in progress coursework that will be completed through the senior year.

Any student, who has graduated from high school at the time of application submission, must provide an official final high school transcript which includes: date of graduation, final class rank, GPA, diploma program, and grades from all courses taken. To be considered for admissions, official transcripts should have: an original signature of a school official and/or the school seal, must be printed within a year of the submission date, must be received directly from the sending institution, or hand-delivered in a sealed envelope from the sending institution. Additionally, the Office of Admissions accepts electronic documents as official when sent via a secure electronic transcript service (i.e. E-scrip, National Student Clearinghouse, Parchment, and Trans Networks). High school transcripts are accepted from the school's registrar or counselor through the Texas Records Exchange (TReX). Home school transcripts must be notarized in order to be considered official.

## International Freshmen Admission Requirements

### State of Texas Uniformed Admissions Policy

Texas Education Code (TEC) 51.803 – 51.809 requires all first-time freshmen seeking admission at a public four-year institution in Texas to satisfy one of the following college readiness standards in order to be eligible to be considered for admission.

- Successfully complete the Recommended, Advanced/Distinguished, Foundation with an Endorsement, Foundation, or Minimum High School Program, or complete the portion of the program that was

available to them; or successfully complete a curriculum that is equivalent<sup>1</sup> in content and rigor to the Distinguished, Advanced, Recommended, Foundation with an Endorsement, Foundation, or Minimum High School Program at a high school that is exempt from offering such programs; or

- Passed all five subject tests and earned a GED
- Rank in the top 50% of their high school graduating class
- Earn a cumulative high school grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale (other scales will be converted to a 4.0 scale)
- SAT: Minimum score of 940 on the redesigned SAT (critical reading and math sections); 860 on the SAT taken prior to March 2016
- ACT: Minimum composite score of 18

<sup>1</sup> Equivalencies must be determined by the high school counselor, or certifying official, using the High School Certification Form. If needed, form may be obtained from an A&M-SA Admission Counselor.

The units of study and acceptable high school courses are:

- English: 4 Credits;
- Laboratory Science: 4 Credits, at least 1 of which must be in Biology, Chemistry, or Physics;
- Mathematics: 4 Credits at the level of Algebra I or higher, which may include Plane Geometry;
- Social Studies: 4 Credits, which includes a 1/2 credit of Economics;
- Foreign Language: 2 Credits in one foreign language or American Sign Language.

## Testing

Applicants must either take the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT). Students are encouraged to take the SAT or the ACT during the spring of their junior year in U. S. high schools. Scores from tests taken later are acceptable if submitted by the freshman admission deadline. For the purposes of admission Texas A&M-San Antonio will consider student's highest section scores across all the dates the SAT or ACT were taken to form the highest possible composite score, also known as super-scoring.

## Automatic Admission

Applicants who rank in the top 25% of their U. S. high school class and have graduated or will graduate from an accredited U.S. high school with the Recommended or Distinguished program type are automatically offered admission upon completion of their admission file. Applicants who qualify for automatic admission are not required to meet the minimum SAT or ACT score requirements.

## Regular Admission

Applicants who graduated or will graduate from an accredited U.S. high school and who do not meet the automatic admission criteria as stated above must meet 2 of the 3 following requirements to be eligible for regular admission:

- Rank in the top 50% of their high school graduating class
- Earn a cumulative high school grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale (other scales will be converted to a 4.0 scale)
- Satisfy the required scores on the SAT or ACT assessment:

- SAT: Minimum score of 940 on the redesigned SAT (critical reading and math sections); 860 on the SAT taken prior to March 2016
- ACT: Minimum composite score of 18

## Readmission

Students who have enrolled at another institution after leaving A&M-SA and who are in good academic standing at that institution must submit a readmission application and pay the \$50 application fee. Additionally, they must request that official transcripts be sent to the Office of Admissions. Readmission applications can be submitted at [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org) (<http://www.applytexas.org/>). If work from former institutions is evaluated after readmission and it is determined that the student's transfer grade point average is below 2.0, the student will be deemed ineligible to continue. Students who have been on scholastic probation or were academically dismissed from the university and are returning to the university should refer to the Scholastic Probation and Dismissal section of the catalog.

## Admission Committee Review

International applicants attending U.S. high schools who **do not meet automatic or regular admission requirements** may still be considered for admission under the Admission Committee Review process. The Undergraduate International Admission Committee will review an applicant's high school class rank, standardized test scores, and high school coursework. The committee will also consider other factors, such as:

- Participation in extracurricular activities
- Leadership experience
- Community service
- Talents and awards
- Employment and internships
- Summer activities
- Experience surmounting obstacles to pursue higher education

Although a personal statement essay, resume, and letters of recommendation are not required for regular admission, students who do not meet regular or automatic admission requirements are strongly encouraged to submit these supplemental materials for the admission committee to review. These items may be submitted to the Office of Admissions by email at [admissions@tamusa.edu](mailto:admissions@tamusa.edu) (@tamusa.edu) or by mail:

Office of Admissions  
Texas A&M University-San Antonio  
One University Way  
San Antonio, TX 78224

Students admitted under committee review may be subject to specific enrollment conditions established by the International Undergraduate Admission Committee based on the applicant's individual circumstances and academic record.

Admission to the University does not guarantee admission to a particular college or academic program. For more information related to degree requirements, applicants are encouraged to speak to their Academic Advisor at New Student Orientation.

## Admission Denial

Applicants who are denied admission based on not meeting freshman admission requirements have the right to appeal the decision (<sup>1</sup> See exemption note below). Appeals are evaluated on a case-by-case basis and will not be accepted after August 10 (fall term), Jan 10 (spring term) or May 10 (summer terms). Submission of an appeal does not guarantee a change in the admission decision. Applicants who have extenuating circumstances or those that have improved academic credentials may submit an appeal. In order to be considered for an Admissions Decision Appeal, applicants are required to submit the following documents to the Office of Admissions: 1) Admissions Decision Appeal Form 2) A personal statement addressing the reason for the appeal and a plan for success at A&M-San Antonio.

<sup>1</sup> **Note: Applicants who are on F-1 student visa and denied admission based on not meeting freshman admission requirements, cannot appeal the decision since F-1 students cannot be “conditionally” accepted.**

## ACT Residual Testing

Texas A&M University-San Antonio (A&M-SA) offers alternative admission testing for applicants who have applied to the university and who were unable to take the SAT or ACT on a nationally scheduled test date. The ACT Residual scores are only valid at the institution where the applicant takes the test. Therefore, the exam is only available to applicants who have applied to A&M-SA. No student reports or high school report will be generated and no additional score reports may be ordered from A&M-SA or ACT to send to another institution. Students may not repeat Residual testing until 60 days have passed since their previous testing, but they may take the national ACT immediately. If the 60-day limit is violated, the retest scores will be cancelled automatically without refund. Residual testing can only be used for admission purposes at A&M-SA, the ACT residual exam is not accepted for NCAA initial eligibility, cannot be used for TSI exemptions, and cannot be used when applying for scholarships.

### Registration for ACT Residual Testing

Registration information and test fees are collected by the university. Students must schedule their appointment with the Testing Center and pay a non-refundable exam fee. Once scheduled, the Testing Center will work with the Office of Admissions to verify student's eligibility. ACT permits examinees to use a calculator on the Mathematics test but not on any other tests. Use of a calculator is optional. All problems can be solved without a calculator. Any four-function, nonscientific, or graphing calculator may be used, unless it is specifically prohibited by ACT. Please visit <http://www.actstudent.org/> to see if your calculator will be allowed prior to the test day.

### Preparation

Students can take practice tests on the ACT website at <http://www.actstudent.org/>.

### Test Day

On the day of the test, you should report to the building and room listed when you registered for the exam. You must bring a current photo-id (issued by a school, employer, or city/state/federal government agency). The test is comprised of four sections, English, Math, Reading, and Science. Actual test time is 2 hours and 55 minutes. Candidates should allot for 4 hours for the exam, this includes the check-in process, the reading of test instructions, and a break.

## Test Scores

Students will not receive a copy of their test score, rather test scores will be forwarded to the Office of Admissions for review of admissibility. Students will receive notification by mail and e-mail regarding the admission decision post-test. Students may view their score through their student portal on the admissions checklist.

## International Students Freshman Admission Requirements

International freshman students who seeking admission to a bachelor's program at Texas A&M University-San Antonio must submit the following requirements:

1. Complete an application for freshmen as international student, including the non-refundable \$50 application fee. The Apply Texas Application is available online at [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org) (<http://www.applytexas.org/>).
2. Official U.S. high school transcripts. You must submit official transcripts from all U.S. high schools that you have attended. An official transcript bears the original signature of a school official and/or an official seal.
3. Transcript evaluations from an evaluation service which is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (<http://www.naces.org/members.html>) is required, and will be accepted. If the student has a foreign high school transcript, a foreign credential evaluation report document-by-document must be submitted for all high school and/or a course-by-course document for college coursework student has attended out of the United States. We do not need official foreign transcripts. **We *only* need the “foreign credential evaluation report.”**
  - The foreign credential evaluation report. All international foreign transcripts must be first evaluated by an agency registered through the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). The NACES website provides a list of agencies that are commonly used by students applying at Texas A&M University-San Antonio. The foreign credential evaluation report **must** reflect a detailed and official course-by-course description, and should not be more than one year old from the report's issued date.
  - Once your transcript is evaluated, the agency you choose must forward the evaluation report directly to:  
Office of Admission  
One University Way  
San Antonio, Texas 78224
4. SAT or ACT scores: For the purpose of admissions, students must satisfy the required scores on the SAT or ACT assessment below:
  - SAT: Minimum score of 940 on the redesigned SAT (critical reading and math sections);
  - 860 on the SAT taken prior to March 2016.
  - ACT: Minimum composite score of 18
  - SAT code: 5996; ACT code 5350.

Equivalencies must be determined by the high school counselor, or certifying official, using the High School Certification Form. If needed, form may be obtained from an A&M-SA Admission Counselor.

5. Possess the equivalent of a 2.0 out of a 4.0 grade point average for admission consideration if coming from a foreign or domestic high school.



6. Proof of English Proficiency: The following scores are considered equivalent to the TOEFL scores of 500/173/61:

- SAT Verbal 500; ACT Verbal 19 English; TAKS 2200 English/3 Writing; TAAS 1770; SLEP 53; or IELTS 5.0 overall band score. SAT or ACT scores are not required for admission but can be used for placement purposes.

Students may be eligible for a TOEFL waivers based on the following:

- Completion of the advanced-level Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP) offered by the Texas International Education Consortium (TIEC)
- Students who have completed their entire formal education at the secondary or postsecondary level in the following countries are exempt from the TOEFL requirement:
  - American Samoa
  - Ghana
  - Anguilla
  - Gibraltar
  - Antigua and Barbuda
  - Grenada
  - Australia
  - Guyana
  - Bahamas
  - Ireland
  - Barbados
  - Jamaica
  - Belize
  - Liberia
  - Bermuda
  - New Zealand
  - British Virgin Islands
  - Nigeria
  - Canada (except Quebec)
  - Saint Kitts and Nevis
  - Cayman Islands
  - Saint Lucia
  - Dominica
  - Trinidad/Tobago
  - Federated States of Micronesia
  - Turks and Caicos Islands
  - Gambia
  - United Kingdom

Please note: Applicants from Puerto Rico, where Spanish is the primary language, are required to submit a TOEFL or equivalent.

- Students who have completed all four years in an accredited U.S. high school.
- Students who have earned at least 12 transferrable semester credits AND completed English Composition I and II, with grades of C or better in each, in university-level courses from an accredited U.S. college or university, or an institution of higher education in one of the countries listed above, are exempt from TOEFL. ESL Courses will not count as transferrable courses. No online English courses are accepted for English Proficiency.

- ACCUPLACER 78 Reading/88 Writing/5 or higher on Essay can be used as a TOEFL exemption.
- Earned a bachelor's degree from a US Institution.

7. Immigration Requirements: Proof of ability to meet personal and academic expenses.

- A Financial Statement reflecting a minimum of \$33,887 (U.S.) per year (must be in the English language) is currently required to meet such expenses. The financial support documents must be less than six months from the issuing date. Student must submit this documentation to the Office of International Affairs.
- Copy of Immigration documents: Visa, Passport, I-94, all I-20's since the student entered to the United States. Student must submit this documentation to the Office of International Affairs

## International Students Transfer Admission Requirements

Transfer applicants have graduated from high school and matriculated into a college/university. Developmental courses and vocational/technical courses are not considered academic and will not be transferable.

## International Transfer Admission Deadline

To ensure full consideration, the completed ApplyTexas Application (for U.S. Transfer Admission) and all required documents and supporting material must be on file in the Office of International Affairs by the following dates:

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The application review process will not begin until all documents are received. To be considered official, U.S. transcripts should have: an original signature of a school official and/or the school seal, must be printed within one year, must be received directly from the sending institution, or hand-delivered in a sealed envelope from the sending institution. Additionally, the Office of Admissions accepts electronic documents as official when sent via a secure electronic transcript service (i.e. E-scrip, National Student Clearinghouse, Parchment, and

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Students on F-1 visa status will not be considered for conditional admission, *"The provisional issuance of Forms I-20 is a violation of 8 CFR 214.3(k). According to that regulation. A designated school official may not issue a Form I-20 until the appropriate school authority has determined that the prospective student's qualifications meet all standards for admission at the school which has accepted the prospective student for enrollment in a full course of study."*

## International Freshmen-transfer Admission Requirements:

**Freshmen transfer students with 29 college credit hours or less (not including developmental courses) must meet the following admission criteria:**

- Freshmen admissions requirements listed above
- Cumulative college transfer grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Must be eligible to return to all previously attended colleges or universities.

**International freshman-transfer students who seeking admission to a bachelor's program at Texas A&M University-San Antonio must submit the following requirements:**

1. Complete the online international **transfer application** for admission for Texas A&M University-San Antonio at [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org) (<http://www.applytexas.org/>).
2. Pay non-refundable \$50.00 application fee.
3. Submit official transcripts from all U.S. high schools that you have attended. An official transcript bears the original signature of a school official and/or an official seal.
4. Official U.S. college transcripts. You must submit official transcripts from all U.S. institutions that you have attended. An official transcript bears the original signature of a school official and/or an official seal.
5. Transcript evaluations from an evaluation service which is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services is required, and will be accepted. If the student has a foreign high school transcript, a foreign credential evaluation report document-by-document must be submitted for all high school and/or a course-by-course document for college coursework student has attended out of the United States. We do not need official foreign transcripts. *We only need the "foreign credential evaluation report."*
  - The foreign credential evaluation report. All international foreign transcripts must be first evaluated by an agency registered through the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). The NACES website provides a list of agencies that are commonly used by students applying at Texas A&M

University-San Antonio. The foreign credential evaluation report **MUST** reflect a detailed and official course-by-course description, and should not be more than one year old from the report's issued date.

- Once your transcript is evaluated, the agency you choose must forward the evaluation report directly to:

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One University Way

San Antonio, Texas 78224

*If previous institutions participate in the sending of secure electronic transcripts (i.e. E-script, National Student Clearinghouse, Parchment, or Trans Networks), transcripts should be sent via email to:*

Admissions@tamusa.edu

Applications will not be evaluated until the above criteria have been met.

6. SAT or ACT scores: For the purpose of admissions, students must satisfy the required scores on the SAT or ACT assessment below:

- SAT: Minimum score of 940 on the redesigned SAT (critical reading and math sections);
- 860 on the SAT taken prior to March 2016.
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7. Possess the equivalent of a 2.0 out of a 4.0 grade point average for admission consideration if coming from a foreign or domestic high school.
8. Proof of English Proficiency: The following scores are considered equivalent to the TOEFL scores of 500/173/61:
  - SAT Verbal 500; ACT Verbal 19 English; TAKS 2200 English/3 Writing; TAAS 1770; SLEP 53; or IELTS 5.0 overall band score. SAT or ACT scores are not required for admission but can be used for placement purposes.
  - Students may be eligible for a TOEFL waivers based on the following:
  - Completion of the advanced-level Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP) offered by the Texas International Education Consortium (TIEC)
  - Students who have completed their entire formal education at the secondary or postsecondary level in the following countries are exempt from the TOEFL requirement:
    - American Samoa
    - Ghana
    - Anguilla
    - Gibraltar
    - Antigua and Barbuda
    - Grenada
    - Australia
    - Guyana
    - Bahamas
    - Ireland
    - Barbados
    - Jamaica
    - Belize
    - Liberia

- Bermuda
- New Zealand
- British Virgin Islands
- Nigeria
- Canada (except Quebec)
- Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Cayman Islands
- Saint Lucia
- Dominica
- Trinidad/Tobago
- Federated States of Micronesia
- Turks and Caicos Islands
- Gambia
- United Kingdom

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- Students who have completed all four years in an accredited U.S. high school.
  - Students who have earned at least 12 transferrable semester credits AND completed English Composition I or II, with grades of C or better in each, in university-level courses from an accredited U.S. college or university, or an institution of higher education in one of the countries listed above, are exempt from TOEFL. ESL Courses will not count as transferrable courses. No online English courses are accepted for English Proficiency.
  - ACCUPLACER 78 Reading/88 Writing/5 or higher on Essay can be used as a TOEFL exemption.
  - Earned a bachelor's degree from a US Institution.
9. Immigration Requirements: Proof of ability to meet personal and academic expenses.
- a. A Financial Statement reflecting a minimum of \$33,887 (U.S.) per year (must be in the English language) is currently required to meet such expenses. The financial support documents must be less than six months from the issuing date. Student must submit this documentation to the Office of International Affairs.
  - b. Copy of immigration documents: Visa, Passport, I-94, all I-20's since the student entered to the United States. Student must submit this documentation to the Office of International Affairs.
  - c. Transfer-In Form: Student must contact the Office of International Affairs to complete their SEVIS immigration transfer process.

## International Transfer Admission Requirements

**Transfer Students with 30 or more credit hours (not including developmental courses) must meet the following:**

- Cumulative college transfer grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Must be eligible to return to all previously attended colleges or universities in and out of the United States.

**International transfer students seeking admission to a bachelor's program at Texas A&M University-San Antonio must submit the following requirements:**

1. Complete the online International Transfer application for admission, for Texas A&M University-San Antonio at <https://www.applytexas.org> (<https://www.applytexas.org/>).
2. Pay non-refundable \$50.00 application fee.
3. Official U.S. college transcript. The transcripts should not be dated more than one year old from the print date on the transcript. An official transcript bears the original signature of a school official and/or an official seal. Remedial or duplicate credits cannot be transferred.
4. Transcript evaluations from an evaluation service which is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (<http://www.naces.org/members.html>) is required, and will be accepted. If the student has a foreign high school transcript, a foreign credential evaluation report document-by-document must be submitted for all high school and/or a course-by-course document for college coursework student has attended out of the United States. We do not need official foreign transcripts. *We **only** need the "foreign credential evaluation report."*
  - **The foreign credential evaluation report.** All international foreign transcripts must be first evaluated by an agency registered through the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). The NACES website provides a list of agencies that are commonly used by students applying at Texas A&M University-San Antonio. The foreign credential evaluation report **MUST** reflect a detailed and official course-by-course description, and should not be more than one year old from the report's issued date.
  - Transcript or evaluation report can be sent directly to:  
The Office of Admissions  
One University Way,  
San Antonio, Texas 78224

*If previous U.S. institutions participate in the sending of secure electronic transcripts (i.e. E-script, National Student Clearinghouse, Parchment, or Trans Networks), transcripts should be sent via email to: [admissions@tamusa.edu](mailto:admissions@tamusa.edu). ([admissions@tamusa.edu](mailto:admissions@tamusa.edu)) Students who do not enroll for the term in which they are admitted are required to reapply, must pay an additional application fee and will be re-evaluated to determine admissibility.*

Applications will not be evaluated until all official transcripts from previous colleges and/or universities are received and application fee payment has been made.

5. Transfer grade point average of a 2.0 on a 4.0 grade point average.
6. Proof of English proficiency (see below).
7. Immigration Requirements: Proof of ability to meet personal and academic expenses.
  - a. A Financial Statement reflecting a minimum of \$33,887 (U.S.) per year (must be in the English language) is currently required to meet such expenses. The financial support documents must be less than six months from the issuing date. Student must submit this documentation to the Office of International Affairs.
  - b. Copy of immigration documents: Visa, Passport, I-94, all I-20's since the student entered to the United States. Student must submit this documentation to the Office of International Affairs
  - c. Transfer-In Form: Student must contact the Office of International Affairs to complete their SEVIA immigration transfer process.

## Proof of English Proficiency for Undergraduate Transfer Students

Texas A&M University-San Antonio requires all applicants from foreign countries to demonstrate their ability to speak, write, and understand the English language by taking the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Exam. A minimum TOEFL score of 500 (paper-based) or 61 (Internet-based) is required. Students must use Texas A&M University-San Antonio's school code for the TOEFL, which is 6712.

The following scores are considered equivalent to the TOEFL scores of 500/173/61:

- SAT Verbal 500; ACT Verbal 19 English; TAKS 2200 English/3 Writing; TAAS 1770; SLEP 53; or IELTS 5.0 overall band score. SAT or ACT scores are not required for admission but can be used for placement purposes.

Students may be eligible for a TOEFL waivers based on the following:

- Completion of the advanced-level Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP) offered by the Texas International Education Consortium (TIEC).
- Students who have completed their entire formal education at the secondary or postsecondary level in the following countries are exempt from the TOEFL requirement:
  - American Samoa
  - Ghana
  - Anguilla
  - Gibraltar
  - Antigua and Barbuda
  - Grenada
  - Australia
  - Guyana
  - Bahamas
  - Ireland
  - Barbados
  - Jamaica
  - Belize
  - Liberia
  - Bermuda
  - New Zealand
  - British Virgin Islands
  - Nigeria
  - Canada (except Quebec)
  - Saint Kitts and Nevis
  - Cayman Islands
  - Saint Lucia
  - Dominica
  - Trinidad/Tobago
  - Federated States of Micronesia
  - Turks and Caicos Islands
  - Gambia
  - United Kingdom

**Please note:** Applicants from Puerto Rico, where Spanish is the primary language, are required to submit a TOEFL or equivalent.

- Students who have completed all four years in an accredited U.S. high school.
- Students who have earned at least 12 transferrable semester credits AND completed English Composition I and II, with grades of C or better in each, in university-level courses from an accredited U.S. college or university, or an institution of higher education in one of the countries listed above, are exempt from TOEFL. ESL Courses will not count as transferrable courses. No online English courses are accepted for English Proficiency. ACCUPLACER 78 Reading/88 Writing/5 or higher on Essay can be used as a TOEFL exemption.
- Earned a bachelor's degree from a US Institution.

## Conditional Admission for International Students

International applicants may be considered for conditional admission only if they are not on a F-1 student visa. Students on F-1 visa status will not be considered for conditional admission, *"The provisional issuance of Forms I-20 is a violation of 8 CFR 214.3(k). According to that regulation. A designated school official may not issue a Form I-20 until the appropriate school authority has determined that the prospective student's qualifications meet all standards for admission at the school which has accepted the prospective student for enrollment in a full course of study."*