International Undergraduate Admissions

Applying for Admission

International students must submit their application via ApplyTexas (https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX) and must answer all questions on the application accurately and completely. 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, additional forms, official transcripts from all previous colleges and universities, and official transcripts showing high-school graduation, and supporting documents constitute the basis upon which authorities determine eligibility for admission.

You are an international student if you:

- are not a citizen or permanent resident of the United States or
- are not graduating from a Texas high school after three years in residence in Texas (please review Senate Bill 1528 http://registrar.tamu.edu/Registrar/media/REGI_Forms/residency_affidavit.pdf)

Application Fee

- $50 non-refundable application fee
- If paying by check or money order, make payable to Texas A&M University – Texarkana; include the student’s full name, application term, and ID number

Academic Requirements

Texas A&M University - Texarkana requires that international applicants show proof of successful completion of a course of study equivalent to that required of a U.S. citizen.

International transcripts must be evaluated by an independent credential evaluation agency before we consider you for admission to the university. All transcripts should be evaluated course by course and semester by semester. For Graduate Admissions, the bachelor degree earned at a foreign institution must be equivalent to an accredited U.S. institution four year degree.

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Language Proficiency

International applicants must be adequately proficient in English to be considered admissible to the university. The following satisfy the university’s language proficiency requirement:

- A minimum TOEFL Score of 71 iBT, 550 paper-based, 213 computer based or;
- A minimum SAT Critical Reading (Verbal) score of 500 - testing prior to March 2016, or A minimum SAT Reading Score of 27 - testing on or after March 1, 2016
- A minimum ACT English Score of 19, or;
- A minimum IELTS Score of 6.0 overall band, or;
- Completed ENG 1301 & ENG 1302 at a U.S. institution with a grade of "C" or better, or;
- Completed all Four Years in high school within the U.S., or;
- Transferred in with at least 48 credit hours from an English speaking country, or;
- Have citizenship in: Australia, American Somoa, Belize, Grenada, Grand Cayman, Guyana, New Zealand, The British Virgin Islands, Jamaica, United Kingdom, Ireland, Antigua, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Trinidad/Tobago, Scotland, South Africa, St. Lucia, Wales, Bahamas, Barbados, Canada (excluding French speaking Quebec), Switzerland.

International students must complete the admission requirements at least 60 days prior to the beginning of class.

Foreign Credential Evaluation

Students applying for International Admissions will be required to obtain a Foreign Credential Evaluation. The following are agencies in which Texas A&M University-Texarkana will accept Foreign Credential Evaluations. Transfer applicants should have their college or university transcripts evaluated course by course. For freshmen applicants, high school transcripts need only be evaluated to determine U.S. high school equivalency.

- World Education Services- www.wes.org (http://www.wes.org)
- Foreign Credentials Services of America- www.foreigncredentials.org (http://www.foreigncredentials.org)

Summary of Documents Required for Admission

- Application for admission ONLINE at www.applytexas.org (https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX)

- Priority Deadlines:
  - Fall - February 1st
  - Spring - October 1st
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- Summer - March 1st
- Official Transcript Credit Evaluation Report(s)
- Proof of Language Proficiency
- Test Scores (ACT, SAT, GRE, GMAT, MAT, CLEP, etc)
- Bacterial Meningitis for students under age 22. You may qualify for an exemption (catalog.tamut.edu/admissions/bacterial-meningitis).

Documentation needed to getting your 1-20 Documentation and F-1 Visa

Getting an F-1 Visa (submitted to the Office of International Studies)

1. Must be accepted to the university in an official degree program or the Intensive English Program for a full course of study
2. Personal financial documents showing the ability to pay for one year of academic enrollment or a Sponsor’s Statement signed by someone who will support the student for a minimum cost of attendance for one academic year. Sponsor statements cannot be signed by a spouse or another student and should be based on current financial information.
   a. Support for the 2016-2017 academic year is $26,872 for Undergraduate students and $22,622 for Graduate students. All financial documents and amounts need to be expressed in US Dollars and translated into English
3. Provide a copy of your passport
4. Submit and allow for time to receive all documents to the Office of International Studies 45 days before the first class day of the semester.
5. International Students should not make plans to depart for Texarkana until the acceptance letter and supporting documentation (i.e I-20) have been received.

Contact the Director of International Studies or visit the International Student (http://www.tamut.edu/Admissions/Apply/International) website for additional information.

Note: Graduate-studies, degree-seeking students must submit additional paperwork to the Graduate Studies Office for program admission. Students may find additional information on the Graduate Studies (http://www.tamut.edu/Academics/Colleges-and-Departments/Graduate-Studies/What%20Do%20I%20Need%20To%20Submit%20.html) website.

2017-2018 Freshmen International Admission Requirements

Transfer International Admission Requirements

The university considers an applicant a transfer student if the applicant has attempted 30 or more college level credit hours at a regionally accredited institution after high school graduation or upon completion of their General Equivalency Diploma (GED). Transfer applicants must be eligible to enroll at all colleges or universities previously attended.

In order for a transfer student to be considered for admission at Texas A&M University - Texarkana must meet the following admission requirements:

- 30 or more transferable credit hours and;
- 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) or higher.

If both of the above criteria are not met, the student will be denied admissions to the university.

All transfer coursework that is not from the U.S., must be articulated by a transfer equivalency agency.

Please use the physical address as the mailing address when requesting transcripts and test scores:

Texas A&M University -Texarkana
7101 University Avenue
Texarkana, TX 75503

- or -

transcripts@tamut.edu

All regionally accredited coursework will be evaluated by our admissions counselors once the transcript is received.

Intensive English Program (IEP)

Our Mission

The mission of the Texas A&M University-Texarkana Intensive English Program (IEP) is aligned with the university's mission, which is to provide "students the opportunity to acquire the knowledge, abilities, and skills to become leaders in their chosen profession and to prepare for the opportunities of serving in a global environment." IEP seeks to provide global, international experiences for A&M -Texarkana students and faculty as reflected in its mission. For international students and scholars, the program seeks to offer academically challenging, engaging, and rewarding
educational experiences by offering quality English as a Second Language (ESL) teaching and student support services. Through personal attention, our IEP administration and faculty strive to assist participant students in developing linguistic, academic, and professional skills, which will aid in their acquisition of the cultural adaptation skills necessary to function and succeed in a global society in which English is the primary language of communication.

Program Description
The Intensive English Program (IEP) prepares international students for success in academic programs or professional careers by offering academically challenging, engaging, and rewarding educational experiences and student support services. It offers opportunities for studying in small group environment with access to all campus resources. The program focuses on developing the English language domains necessary for effective written and oral communication and critical reading and listening. It also targets the mastery of study and research skills, as well as proficient intercultural communication, required for optimal second language development.

Program Highlights
• Length of Study: 8 week-terms during the summer, fall (2 terms) and spring (2 terms) and 16 week-terms in the fall and in the spring semester.
• Proficiency levels: Beginning to advanced levels focusing on developing fundamental English skills and college preparatory targeting the development of English language skills required for admission to regular degree programs. Students are placed into levels based on their placement test scores.
• Small classes with highly qualified faculty provide instruction 20 hours per week, Monday to Friday, tutoring, and personalized academic support.
• College preparatory courses: Academic Reading, Academic Writing and Advanced Grammar, Research Skills and Research Paper Writing.
• Individual tutoring and language lab activities in the afternoons. Students must make appointment with the tutors at the Success Center.
• 24-hour access to language software and laboratory activities in the afternoon. These services have to be access through the library website (students must log on when accessing these services out of campus).
• Access to all university facilities and academic and student support services (wireless internet and computers, gym and recreational sports, library, clubs, campus and dorm amenities and recreation).
• Welcome reception and student participation in cultural and recreational activities and one trip (Dallas or Shreveport) (fees apply).
• Life on campus at Bringle Lake Village to allow students the opportunity to experience college life.

2017-2018 PROGRAM COST
Application Fee: $50

Tuition: $1,900* for the 8-week program and 5-week intensive; $3,600* for the 16-week program (full term)

*Program costs include application fee, tuition, textbooks, laboratory and computer use, access to university services, airport arrival and pick-up from the Texarkana Regional Airport

Insurance: All students will be automatically registered to the Texas A&M System insurance. A charge of $947 per semester is made to the student account upon arrival to campus.

**Installment plan (4 installments) is available for the 16-week term (excludes the insurance premium)

**Cost does not include personal expenses. **Students are responsible for purchasing meals not included in the meal plan.

Tuition packet includes:
• Welcome reception and international open house
• 20 hours of instruction per week
• Small classes with highly qualified faculty
• Afternoon tutoring and personalized academic support (requested by the student, administered on an individual basis)
• Mentoring and counseling
• Cultural activities and participation in the host family program (must be requested by the student; not a home-stay program)
• Access to all university facilities and academic and student support services (wireless internet and computers, gym and recreational sports, library, clubs, campus and dorm amenities and recreation)

Payment Information:
All payments must be made through the Touchnet Payment Gateway at Web for Students. You will receive information on how to make these payments with the letter of pre-acceptance to the program. For more information on how to make the required payments, see Application and Admission Checklist for information on payment. You have to make the application fee payment of $50 and a $300 - down payment to the program tuition before the I20 is issued and sent to your for the visa application.

HOUSING APPLICATION
Students are required to stay at the university dorms. Housing application fee is $100. The $100 housing application fee is non-refundable.

- Students should not apply for housing until the acceptance letter and all the legal documentation for the application to the visa have been received by mail.

Contact the IEP at internationalprograms@tamut.edu