

# INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS

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## International Undergraduate Admissions

### Applying for Admission

International students must submit their international application via our homepage at [tamut.edu](http://tamut.edu) 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](http://registrar.tamu.edu/Registrar/media/REGI_Forms/residency_affidavit.pdf)))

### 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.

### Foreign Credential Evaluation

Students applying for International Admissions will be required to obtain a Foreign Credential Evaluation if their former or current high school or university is located outside of the United States. An official transcript (or other required academic documents) directly from the university or high school will be sufficient for an in-house evaluation to be completed. Texas A&M University-Texarkana will accept Foreign Credential Evaluations from evaluation providers in NACES or AICE. 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. For Graduate Admissions, the bachelor's degree earned at a foreign institution must be equivalent to an accredited U.S. institution four-year degree.

### Documentation needed to getting your I-20 Documentation (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.
  - a. Support for the 2022-2023 academic year is \$34,615 for undergraduate students and \$29,392 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, F1 visa) 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/>) website.

### Admission Standards (p. 1)

**In addition to meeting English language proficiency, freshman students are required to meet one of the following to be admitted to the university:**

- Rank in top 30 percent of their graduating class
- Have a composite ACT score of 21 or better
- Have a minimum combined SAT (prior to March 2016) of 980
- Have a minimum combined SAT (March 2016 or later) of 1060
- Have a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 GPA Scale

**In addition to meeting English language proficiency, transfer students are required to meet the following to be admitted to the university:**

- Any post-secondary transferable credit in a full term (Fall or Spring) after high school/GED completion. If a student only attends the summer term immediately following high school completion they will still be considered a freshman and;
- 2.0 grade point average (GPA) or higher

**Students will also be required to submit:**

- Proof they have had the Bacterial Meningitis immunization within the last five years (for students under the age of 22)
- Official U.S. college transcripts from dual credit or concurrent enrollment courses in the United States or foreign credential evaluation if college credits were received outside the U.S. (if applicable)
- Official U.S. high school transcript or foreign credential evaluation with graduation date (required for freshmen)
- Official ACT/SAT scores (if applicable)
- Proof they satisfied the Texas Success Initiative
- Application fee (\$50 non-refundable)

### Language Proficiency

All 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;
- A minimum PTE Score of 50, or;
- A minimum Duolingo English Test score of 105, 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/program, or;
- Have citizenship in: 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

## Intensive English Program (IEP)

### Admission Requirements

- Original high school transcript of senior year showing graduation date, OR
- University transcript, OR
- Acknowledgement letter of current semester in higher education
- **All documents must be in their original form and be accompanied by English translation.**
- Color copy of passport identification page

### 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.

Contact the international studies office at [internationalprograms@tamut.edu](mailto:internationalprograms@tamut.edu) for more information.