

FRESHMEN ADMISSIONS

A student is considered a freshman if they:

- graduated high school or earned a General Equivalency Diploma (GED),
- will graduate high school or earn a GED, or
- has not attended a full term (Fall or Spring) at a postsecondary school after high school/GED completion.

Freshman 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

Freshman students will also be required to submit:

- Proof they have had the Bacterial Meningitis immunization within the last five years
- Official college transcripts from dual credit or concurrent enrollment courses
- Official high school transcript with graduation date
- Proof they satisfied the Texas Success Initiative

Test Optional:

- Students have the option of submitting their ACT or SAT scores but are not required to do so. ACT and SAT scores may help in determining your admission decision and/or scholarship awarding.

State of Texas Uniform Admission Policy

Texas Education Code (TEC) 51.803-51.809 (<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/ED/htm/ED.51.htm>)

If you attend an out-of-state high school or are a home-schooled student, you are exempt from the Uniform Admission Policy.

Texas A & M University - Texarkana shall admit other applicants for admission as undergraduate students under section 51.805 (<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.51.htm#51801>) of the State of Texas Uniform Admission Policy.

Undergraduate Denied Admissions Appeal

Undergraduate students that do not meet our admissions standards have the opportunity to appeal their denied admission decision. All appeals must be complete; incomplete submissions will not be processed or sent to the admissions appeal committee.

Who can appeal: Any undergraduate student that has been denied admission to the university.

How do I appeal: The applicant must submit their appeal in writing via the online form (<https://it-lf-ecmf2.ads.tamu.edu/Forms/UGADAPL/>). All supporting documentation must be included in its entirety to be considered. When you sign the online form you are not only agreeing to the terms of the appeal but also you are affirming all information required is attached. INCOMPLETE APPEALS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

When should I appeal: You may appeal your admission decision immediately after we have denied you admission to the university and you have been notified of that decision. All applicants will be notified by US mail. Your completed appeal must be received 15 business days before the first day of class.

What should I add to my appeal:

- Letter of appeal detailing
 - Any new academic or personal information pertaining to your appeal
 - Any extenuating circumstances (e.g. hospitalization, military service, family crisis, hardship)

- Reason for reconsideration
- Information that clearly shows the student to be better prepared for success at the University level.
- Any supporting documentation that substantiates your appeal (Optional)
- Letter of Recommendation (Optional)

How long will it take to learn the outcome of my appeal: Your completed appeal will be processed within 10 business days after it has been received.

Important Information:

- Documentation must show verifiable evidence supporting the justification for the appeal.
- The appeal process is limited to admission to the university only; it does not guarantee admission to a particular program of study.
- All students whose appeal is approved will be admitted on probation and will be required to sign a Learning Contract. If the student fails to achieve an institutional GPA of 2.0 or higher at the end of the first semester, the student will be placed on academic suspension for a period of one year and will be ineligible to re-enroll until such time period has lapsed.
- This is an admissions appeal ONLY and approval of an admissions appeal does not guarantee that the student will be eligible to receive financial aid. Financial aid appeals are considered separately from admissions appeals.
- Please note that for an appeal to have merit, it must bring to light new academic and personal information, as well as information pertaining to extenuating circumstances, that had not been present in the original application that clearly shows the student is better prepared for success at the university level.