

V. Admission Requirements



Admission

Admission requirements for undergraduate study at UT San Antonio are designed so that students admitted will have a high probability of success in undergraduate academic work. The criteria for the various classifications of admission are set forth in the following paragraphs.

Admission of First-Time Freshmen¹

In-state applicants for admission who have graduated from an accredited Texas high school within five years of the date of first enrollment at UT San Antonio and who have never attended a college or university must have a minimum total score on either the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) of the College Entrance Examination Board or the American College Testing Program (ACT) corresponding to their high school rank in class as indicated in the following table:

<i>High School Rank in Class</i>	<i>Minimum Total SAT Score</i>	<i>Minimum Total ACT Score</i>
Top 10%	Score must be submitted; no minimum score is required	Score must be submitted; no minimum score is required
Top 25% (but not top 10%)	700	15
Second 25%	750	17
Third 25%	800	19
Fourth 25%	850	21
GED Test ²	850	21

In-state applicants for admission who have graduated from an accredited Texas high school five or more years prior to the date of first enrollment at UT San Antonio and who have never attended a college or university are eligible for admission regardless of high school rank in class and irrespective of SAT or ACT scores, although the submission of SAT or ACT scores is required for admission.

¹When there are more qualified applicants than can be accommodated, The University may control enrollment by limiting the admission of first-time freshmen and other new students.

²Applicants furnishing results on the General Educational Development Test are required to have an average standard score of 45 or above on the five tests in the battery and to have no scores less than 35 on any of the five tests.

Out-of-state applicants for admission who have graduated from an accredited high school within five years of the date of first enrollment at UT San Antonio must be in the top half of their graduating class and must have minimum SAT or ACT scores corresponding to those required for in-state applicants who graduate in the top 25 percent or the second 25 percent of their class.

Out-of-state applicants for admission who have graduated from an accredited high school five or more years prior to the date of first enrollment at UT San Antonio and who have never attended a college or university are eligible for admission regardless of high school rank in class and irrespective of SAT or ACT scores, although the submission of SAT or ACT scores is required for admission.

Recommended preparation. High school students who anticipate applying to UT San Antonio are strongly encouraged to include in their preparation for university study work in courses involving language skills; courses in quantification skills; and courses in subjects contributing to a broad academic background, such as English and foreign languages, speech, social sciences, history, mathematics and sciences, and the fine arts.³ The nature and number of high school units⁴ are suggested as follows:

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Units</i>
English	4
Mathematics: algebra, geometry, trigonometry, and advanced mathematics	3 or more
One foreign language	2 or more
Natural science	2 or more
Social science	2 or more

These specific units, although not required for admission, are recommended, since The University expects each applicant to be prepared for academic work at a higher level.

³Students enrolling in UT San Antonio courses in which they have prior knowledge are encouraged to earn credit toward graduation through the Credit by Examination Program. (See the Credit by Examination Section of this catalog.)

⁴A unit represents a year of study in one subject at an accredited secondary school.

Early admission. Applicants for admission as first-time freshmen, who are attending high school at the time of application for admission and who meet the rank-in-class and SAT or ACT score requirements at the end of their first semester⁵ of the senior year, are admitted pending certification of high school graduation. Applicants not meeting these requirements prior to graduation are reconsidered for admission upon submission of final transcripts or new test scores.

Admission of Transfer Students

Applicants for admission who have earned less than 30 semester hours of acceptable credit from accredited colleges or universities must:

- 1) Meet the same rank in class and SAT, or rank in class and ACT, requirements as first-time freshmen;
- 2) Have at least a "C" average (2.0 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale) on all academic college or university hours attempted; and
- 3) Must be in good standing at the last institution attended.

Applicants for admission who have earned 30 or more semester hours of acceptable credit from accredited colleges or universities must:

- 1) Have at least a "C" average (2.0 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale) on all academic college or university hours attempted; and
- 2) Must be in good standing at the last institution attended.

Applicants for admission as transfer students who are enrolled at

⁵For high schools on a calendar using other than the semester system, determination of eligibility may be made at the end of the term which is the next to the last term prior to graduation.

another accredited college or university at the time of application for admission and who have at least a "C" average on all academic college-level work attempted to date at other institutions may be admitted pending receipt of final transcripts verifying the cumulative "C" average and good standing. For applicants not meeting these requirements determination of eligibility for admission is deferred until all final transcripts are received.

Admission of International Freshmen Students

All applicants for admission as freshmen who are not citizens of the United States or whose previous education has been outside the United States must:

1. Have credits equivalent to those of students entering from an accredited secondary school in the United States, as determined by the Admissions Office;
2. Have superior grades on work done in secondary school, as determined by the Admissions Office;
3. Submit scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or successfully complete an intensive course in English from an accredited college or university in the United States. A minimum score of 550 on the TOEFL is required. Subsequent English tests and preparation may be required by a student's advisor if his or her performance in English is unsatisfactory. TOEFL scores are not required for international students from countries where the primary language of instruction is English; nor are TOEFL scores required for non-citizens of the United States graduating from United States high schools although a composite SAT or ACT test score appropriate to rank in class is required.
4. Submit a statement guaranteeing the student's ability to pay all expenses while a student at The University, if attendance under the F-1 (student) visa is anticipated. The statement may be sent from a parent or guardian when endorsed by a bank or other reliable institution, or from a United States citizen who will accept responsibility for the student's financial needs.

Admission of International Transfer Students

International students who have attended a college or university in a country other than the United States must:

1. Have qualifications equal to those required for transfer from a college or university in the United States; and
2. Satisfy requirements 3 and 4 above for international freshmen students.

To be eligible for admission, international students who have attended another college or university in the United States must:

1. Have completed at least 30 semester hours of credit with a "C" average (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) on all work attempted; and
2. Satisfy requirements 3 or 4 above for international freshmen students

TOEFL scores are not required for non-citizens of the United States graduating from United States colleges and universities with at least a baccalaureate degree.

Provisional Admission Program for Freshmen

Any Texas resident applying as a freshman who has not attended a college or university and who is a graduate of an accredited high school but who does not qualify for admission due to an inadequate SAT or ACT score or deficiencies in high school preparation may be admitted on a provisional basis in the spring semester or in the first summer term (for both summer sessions). During this time the student is given an opportunity to demonstrate that he or she can perform college-level work and that he or she can reasonably be expected to make progress toward a degree.

A student admitted to the Provisional Admission Program is required to take courses selected from English, mathematics, natural science, and language and may not take courses in other disciplines until the provisional status is removed. The student must demonstrate ability to perform college work by obtaining an overall "C" average (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) in 12 hours of work from these fields. Normally, a student is expected to complete these 12 hours of work in the summer sessions or during the

spring semester. Upon completion of 12 hours of work from these fields a student is admitted as a regular university student in subsequent semesters. If a student enrolls for fewer than 12 hours and does not earn a 2.0 grade-point average, but earns at least a 1.50 grade-point average, the student may enroll for the next term. After 12 hours have been completed, the required cumulative grade-point average of 2.0 must have been reached, or the student is not allowed to continue at UT San Antonio.

Admission as Special Students

An applicant who wishes to enroll in courses at the undergraduate level only without pursuing a degree at The University of Texas at San Antonio should apply for admission as a special student. A special student may register for any undergraduate course for which he or she has the prerequisites and in which space is available.

The requirements for admission as a special student are the same as those for degree-seeking students (see requirements for admission as First-Time Freshmen and Transfer Students). To be admitted later as a regular student, the special student must apply for regular degree-seeking status through the Admissions Office.

Admission as Transient Students

An applicant who wishes to enroll, normally for one session only, in courses at the undergraduate level without pursuing a degree at The University of Texas at San Antonio should apply for admission as a transient student. In order to qualify as a transient student at the undergraduate level, the applicant must provide a statement of good standing from the college or university last attended, as well as an application for admission.

Transient students may register for any courses for which they have the necessary prerequisites and in which space is available. A student registered in this capacity normally cannot register for a subsequent term unless he or she has been admitted as a transfer or special student according to the provisions set forth above.

Admission of High School Students

Selected high school seniors may be admitted (as special students) in order to enroll in university courses while completing their high school studies. Such students must meet the admission requirements for first-time freshmen, except for high school graduation, must be recommended for the program of study by the high school counselor, and must be approved for enrollment by the Dean(s) of the College(s) in which they anticipate taking courses. High school students admitted as special students are eligible to register for any undergraduate course for which they have the prerequisites and in which space is available.

Temporary Admission

Applicants whose previous preparation cannot be evaluated prior to registration may be granted temporary conditional admission. Such admission may be granted by the Registrar for one term only. If the student fails to be granted admission as a degree seeking or special student by the end of the term under the provisions set forth above, The University may disallow subsequent registration. Only in unusual circumstances is temporary admission granted for a first or second term. If granted for a second term, it requires approval of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Dean of the College in which the student anticipates taking courses.

Application Dates⁶

Applications may be submitted as early as nine months before the beginning of the desired term of enrollment. Completed applications and all required supporting documents must be on file in the Admissions Office at least 30 days before registration for the term in which studies are to begin. Failure to comply with the application dates may cause deferral of admission until a subsequent term.

⁶In the event there are more qualified applicants for admission than can be accommodated by The University, it may be necessary to restrict admission and/or enrollment. All applicants are, therefore, encouraged to apply for admission at the earliest possible time.

Admission Procedures

The procedures to be followed in applying for admission are explained on the Application for Admission form. Each applicant for admission is individually responsible for ensuring that all required support documents (e.g., application form, test results, and required transcripts) are on file in the Admissions Office, since admission is not granted until the applicant's file is complete.

Students who apply for admission to The University of Texas at San Antonio for any term and do not register, must re-apply for admission if they wish to enroll at a later date. A subsequent application for admission must be in accordance with current admission requirements. New transcripts, test scores, and all other supporting documents are required since files for admitted students who do not register are not retained.

Re-Admission Policies and Procedures

Students who previously have been admitted and registered at The University of Texas at San Antonio, who were enrolled within 12 months prior to the beginning of any semester or summer session, and who are scholastically eligible to return may re-enroll without applying for re-admission. Former students who have not been enrolled within 12 months prior to the anticipated date of return must submit an application for re-admission to the Admissions Office.

All former students returning to UT San Antonio who have attended other institutions of higher education since they were last enrolled must submit an official transcript from each such institution. Eligibility for re-admission for any former student depends on the student's academic status at the conclusion of his/her last UT San Antonio enrollment and on any subsequent college or university work attempted.

Admission to Teacher Certification Programs

The University of Texas at San Antonio has been approved by the Texas Education Agency to recommend students for teacher

certification in various baccalaureate degree areas.⁷ Students who wish to prepare for teaching must apply for admission to The University through the Admissions Office and for admission to a certificate program through the Office of Teacher Certification and Placement. The application for admission to a certificate program should be submitted at the time the student attains upper-division standing.

⁷A complete list of certification programs is contained in a brochure available from the Office of Teacher Certification and Placement.