First-Time Freshmen

UTSA classifies the following students as first-time freshmen:

- those who have not attended a college or university before high school graduation
- those who have been dually enrolled in college and high school
- those who enroll in a Fall Semester after attending college during the summer immediately after high school graduation.

Basic requirements for first-time freshmen depend on the length of time between their date of graduation or the General Educational Development (GED) test and their date of application. If an applicant graduated within five years of application, a minimum rank-in-class and scores from either the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT Assessment are required. If an applicant earned the GED within five years of application, a minimum GED score (see “General Educational Development Applicants” in this chapter) and either scores from the SAT Reasoning Test or ACT Assessment are required. The score information must be sent directly from the respective testing company. If an applicant graduated or earned the GED more than five years before application, an SAT or ACT score is not required.

Admission is conditional for students who have not yet graduated from high school. An official copy of the final high school transcript reflecting graduation date must be provided in order for financial aid to be applied to tuition and fees and to ensure enrollment and financial aid eligibility and to facilitate registration for future semesters. A change in the high school providing the final high school transcript could affect the admission or enrollment status of the student. In order for the transcript to be considered the official final transcript that verifies high school graduation, the student must have completed coursework from the school providing the transcript.

Students who enroll at UTSA and who have knowledge in certain subjects may be able to earn credit toward graduation through the credit by examination program outlined in chapter 4, General Academic Regulations – Undergraduate, of this bulletin.

Beginning in the 2008–2009 academic year, in addition to current University requirements for admission, applicants must also have either:

1. successfully completed the curriculum requirements for the recommended or advanced high school program or its equivalent; or
2. satisfied ACT’s College Readiness Benchmarks on the ACT assessment applicable to the applicant, or earned on the SAT assessment a score of at least 1,500 out of 2,400 or the equivalent.

The above requirement may be satisfied if the applicant’s official high school transcript or diploma states that the applicant completed the portion of the recommended or advanced curriculum or its equivalent that was available to the applicant, but was unable to complete the remainder of the curriculum solely because courses necessary to complete the remainder were unavailable to the applicant at the appropriate times in the applicant’s high school career as a result of course scheduling, lack of enrollment capacity, or another cause not within the applicant’s control.

The University has obtained a waiver of this additional requirement for up to 20% of its first-time freshmen through the Fall class of 2009. The remaining 80% of first-time freshmen must meet this additional requirement.

High School Graduates

Home School Programs

Texas residents who have scored at least 1020 on the combined math and critical reading sections of the SAT or 21 composite score on the ACT and are graduates of home school programs will be considered for admission. In addition to the application and application fee, documentation of the student’s high school coursework should be
forwarded to the Office of Admissions early in the student’s senior or final year of study. Appropriate
documentation that is signed and dated by the person supervising the student’s educational experience may include
one of the following items:

- partial transcript indicating courses taken, grades earned to date, and the expected date of graduation (if student
  has not yet graduated), it is also most helpful for the transcript to reflect the source of the courses
- final transcript indicating courses taken, grades earned, and the date of graduation (if student has graduated).

The admission decision is often made prior to high school graduation and, therefore, admission decisions are
conditional until verification is received that the student has graduated from high school. An original signed and
dated copy of the final high school transcript reflecting graduation date must be provided to ensure enrollment,
financial aid eligibility and registration for future semesters.

**Applying within Five Years of Graduation**

An ApplyTexas Application, nonrefundable application fee, and sixth-semester or seventh-semester high school
transcript should be forwarded to the Office of Admissions early in a student’s senior year. Applicants for admission
as first-time freshmen who are attending high school at the time of application and who meet the rank-in-class and
SAT/ACT requirements during their senior year are admitted pending certification of high school graduation.
Applicants who do not meet the requirements before graduation may be reconsidered for admission upon submission
of an updated transcript or new test scores.

Admission is conditional for students who have not yet graduated from high school. An official copy of the final
high school transcript reflecting graduation date must be provided to ensure enrollment, financial aid eligibility and
registration for future semesters.

**In-State.** This category covers applicants who have graduated from an accredited Texas high school within five
years of the date of application to UTSA. An accredited high school is one that has been accredited by the Texas
Education Agency or by an accrediting association approved by the Texas Education Agency. UTSA will also
consider any student who graduates from a high school accredited by any of the regional accrediting associations
organized within the American Association of Colleges and Schools.

The following table shows the minimum total scores required, based on high school rank-in-class and on either the
SAT Reasoning Test of the College Board or the ACT Assessment.

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<th>Minimum Combined SAT Scores of Math and Critical Reading*</th>
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* Notice: The Writing score of the SAT and/or the score on the Writing Test of the ACT will not be considered in
the admission decision; however, these scores are requested for research purposes.

Texas resident students who are in the top 25 percent of their high school graduating class at an accredited high
school are admitted without minimum score requirements on the ACT or SAT, but their scores must be submitted to
UTSA. Students scoring a minimum composite score of 21 on the ACT or a combined score of 1020 on the math
and critical reading portions of the SAT will be admitted contingent upon high school graduation. Students scoring
below those minimums will be evaluated using the requirements for rank-in-class as shown in the above chart.
If a first-time freshman does not meet the admissions criteria above, the Office of Admissions may also take into consideration the following factors to determine admission:

- first-generation college student status
- financial status of applicant’s school district
- extracurricular activities
- leadership
- community activities
- work experience
- socioeconomic background
- experience surmounting obstacles to pursue higher education.

**Out-of-State.** An out-of-state applicant must graduate from a high school accredited by that state’s accreditation division. That division’s mission and scope must be similar to that of the Texas Education Agency. UTSA will also consider the applications of students who graduate from a high school accredited by any of the regional accrediting associations similar to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Out-of-state applicants for admission who have graduated within five years of the date of first enrollment at UTSA and who have not attended another college or university must be in the top one-half of their graduating class. Minimum SAT or ACT scores must correspond to those required of in-state applicants whose class rank, as determined by grade point average, places them in the first or second quartile of their class.

**Applying More Than Five Years after Graduation**

Both in-state and out-of-state applicants for admission whose graduation from high school was more than five years before their application for admission and who have never attended another college or university are eligible for admission. These applicants must submit a completed application, an official high school transcript reflecting graduation date, and a nonrefundable application fee to the Office of Admissions. Admission is conditional upon graduation from high school. (Applicants who have not graduated from high school should refer to the section below addressing General Educational Development.)

**Admission by Individual Approval**

Applicants from high schools that are not accredited or that do not rank their senior classes, or applicants who have obtained a GED or International Baccalaureate diploma will be considered according to the individual approval policy delineated below. An ApplyTexas Application and nonrefundable application fee must be forwarded to the Office of Admissions in addition to a current official high school transcript, official GED scores, or official transcript of the International Baccalaureate, whichever is appropriate. Each application is reviewed individually. Exceptional circumstances should be addressed, in writing, to the Admission Committee at the time of application.

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See Individual Approval requirements below:

**Unaccredited High Schools and Schools That Do Not Rank**

Graduation from an accredited high school is the standard minimum requirement for admission to UTSA. However, Texas residents who earn a composite score of 21 on the ACT or a combined score of 1020 on the math and critical reading portions of the SAT but are enrolled or are graduates of unaccredited high schools may be considered for admission. Texas residents who are graduates of or enrolled in either an accredited or unaccredited high school that does not rank its graduating class also may be considered for admission if they have earned a composite score of 21
on the ACT or a combined score of 1020 on the math and critical reading portions of the SAT. In addition to the application and the nonrefundable application fee, an official sixth- or seventh-semester high school transcript and official copies of test scores from the respective testing company should be forwarded to the Office of Admissions early in a student’s senior year. The admission decision is often made prior to high school graduation and, therefore, admission is conditional for students who have not yet graduated from high school. An official copy of the final high school transcript reflecting the graduation date must be provided in order for financial aid to be applied and to ensure financial aid eligibility and registration for future semesters. A change in the high school providing the final high school transcript could affect the admission or enrollment status of the student. In order for the transcript to be considered the official final transcript that verifies high school graduation, the student must have completed coursework from the school providing that transcript.

**General Educational Development (GED) Applicants**

Applicants who did not graduate from an accredited high school but who have successfully passed all five subject tests and received a GED certificate may be considered for admission to UTSA. If the GED was taken within five years of application, GED applicants must also furnish official SAT or ACT scores. A minimum score of 1020 on the combined math and critical reading sections of the SAT or a composite score of 21 on the ACT is required. Applicants who received their GED more than five years before application to UTSA are not required to submit SAT or ACT scores. An official copy of the GED certificate must be provided to confirm that admission requirements have been met. Financial aid can be applied toward tuition and fees upon submission of the GED reflecting satisfactory performance.

**International Baccalaureate**

Applicants who are graduates of an International Baccalaureate (IB) program may be considered for admission with minimum scores of 1020 on the combined math and critical reading sections of the SAT or a composite score of 21 on the ACT. Applicants who meet the SAT or ACT requirements during their senior year are admitted pending certification of high school graduation or completion of the International Baccalaureate. An official copy of the IB transcript reflecting graduation date must be provided to confirm that admission requirements have been met and to ensure financial aid eligibility and registration for future semesters. Students who receive an International Baccalaureate diploma will be awarded 24 hours of course credit based upon scores of “4” or greater on diploma examinations. An articulation table of course credits is available in the Testing Services Office and on their Web site.

**Provisional Admission at UTSA**

Applicants who are Texas residents, first-time freshmen, and graduates of any accredited high school, but who do not qualify for admission because of inadequate SAT or ACT scores or high school records, may be admitted to a Fall or Spring Semester on a provisional basis.

Students who are admitted on a provisional basis are given an opportunity to demonstrate that they can perform college-level work and can reasonably be expected to make progress toward a degree. Applicants must demonstrate their ability to perform at the college level by obtaining an overall “C” grade point average (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) in 18 college credit hours. Upon completion of at least 18 college credit hours of approved courses at UTSA with a grade point average of at least 2.0, students admitted provisionally will be in academic good standing at the University.

Students who completed dual credit courses prior to graduation from high school are eligible to be admitted on a provisional basis. Credit for these courses, even if they were taken at UTSA, does not count toward the 18 semester-credit-hour requirement.

The admission decision is often made prior to high school graduation and, therefore, admission is conditional for students who have not yet graduated from high school. An official copy of the final high school transcript from an accredited high school that reflects graduation date must be provided to ensure financial aid eligibility and registration for future semesters.
Enrollment Requirements

Students admitted provisionally may take developmental education courses, but developmental education courses taken as a provisional student do not count toward the 18 college semester-credit-hour requirement. Provisional students must take 12 semester credit hours of courses, including any needed developmental education courses, in the first long semester of enrollment.

Provisional students must enroll as undeclared majors. When a student successfully clears his or her provisional status, the student may then declare a major within a college, subject to college requirements.

Program Requirements

All students admitted under provisional admission are required to participate in the Academic Development Program (ADP) administered through the Tomás Rivera Center. Participation requires the submission of the ADP agreement form to ensure program eligibility. Enrollment in the program is first-come-first-served, and can reach capacity at any time. The Academic Development Program is designed to help provisional students successfully complete their first year of college. Students in the program must take COR 1203 Freshman Seminar and courses selected from English, mathematics, natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and foreign languages.

Until a student’s provisional status is removed, the student may not take courses at UTSA in disciplines other than English, mathematics, natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and foreign languages except for COR 1203.

Enrollment in COR 1203, a 3-semester-credit-hour course that integrates study skills with academic content, is required in the first semester of enrollment. COR 1203 counts as part of UTSA’s core curriculum requirement.

Provisional students who fail to receive at least a 2.0 overall UTSA grade point average at the end of a semester in which they have completed 18 or more semester credit hours of college-level work at UTSA will be academically dismissed from UTSA. Provisional students who are academically dismissed from the University must complete at least 12 semester credit hours of coursework at another accredited college or university with a minimum 2.0 grade point average and reapply for admission following the same procedures and meeting the same deadlines as outlined within this chapter.

Deferred Admission

If the applicant does not meet admission requirements after initial review, admission may be deferred pending completion of a minimum of 30 transferable credit hours at an accredited college or university with a grade point average of at least a 2.0. Applicants offered Deferred Admission are encouraged to take advantage of transfer advising services offered by the Office of Admissions, to use transfer guides found at the UTSA Web site to assist in course selection during the period of deferment, and to reapply to UTSA according to the procedures outlined in the “Transfer Students” section of this chapter. All students deferred admission to UTSA are offered the opportunity to participate in the JUMP! Program. The JUMP! program has been established for first-time freshmen offered deferred admission to UTSA. JUMP! helps students transition to UTSA by providing academic support through attendance and special advising at Alamo Community College District campuses.

Coordinated Admission Program – The University of Texas at Austin

UTSA is a University of Texas System Participating University in the University of Texas at Austin’s Coordinated Admission Program (CAP). For complete information concerning the UT Austin’s Coordinated Admission Program, consult the University of Texas Web site at http://bealonghorn.utexas.edu/freshmen/admission/cap/index.html.

CAP students who designate UTSA as their partner school when submitting their CAP acceptance agreement to UT Austin will have their initial application forwarded to UTSA from UT Austin; they do not need to submit a second application to UTSA. However, students who send AP and Dual Credit Scores/Grades to UT Austin must request that this documentation be sent to UTSA for evaluation. If TAKS scores are needed to make the student TSI
compliant, an official high school transcript with complete TAKS scores must be sent to UTSA. The admission decision is often made prior to high school graduation and, therefore, admission is conditional for students who have not yet graduated from high school. An official copy of the final high school transcript reflecting the student’s graduation date must be requested to be sent to UTSA to ensure admission status, financial aid eligibility and registration for future semesters.

CAP students enrolled at UTSA are advised by the Colleges’ Freshman Advising Center (CFAC). CAP students who decide to remain at UTSA rather than transfer to UT Austin should complete a CFAC Opt-out Letter which is available from the academic advisors at UTSA’s Colleges’ Freshman Advising Center.

**Early Admission of High School Students**

High school students who have junior or senior class standing or are applying to a Special Admission Program may be admitted under the Early Admission Program and enroll in UTSA courses while completing their high school studies. In special circumstances, high school students with sophomore or freshmen standing who meet the admission requirements outlined below may be considered for the program on an individual basis.

This policy is designed to address the needs of individual high school students who want to start earning college credit while in high school. Early Admission is not intended for students who want to earn simultaneous credit toward high school graduation and an university degree, or for students who enroll as part of a group of students under the terms of an agreement between UTSA and the student’s school district. Such applicants should refer to the policy under the heading “Dual Credit Program Admission” in this chapter.

**First-Time Early Admission Criteria**

To qualify for Early Admission, students must take the SAT or the ACT test and earn the following scores:

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<td>1070 (With no less than 500 on the Critical Reading Section and 500 on the Math Section)</td>
<td>23 (With no less than 19 on the English Section and 19 on the Math Section)</td>
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**Procedures**

1. Submit a UTSA Application for Admission to the Office of Admissions on or before the application deadline for the requested semester of enrollment.
2. Submit a nonrefundable application fee.
3. Submit an official high school transcript.
4. Submit a letter of recommendation from a high school counselor.
5. Submit official SAT or ACT scores sent directly from the testing company.

Students applying for Early Admission through Special Admission Programs of the University, such as UPREP, will be required to submit documents approved for and by that program and will be reviewed according to the requirements established for the program. Information concerning these procedures and requirements are available from the University coordinator for the program.

**Continuing Student Early Admission Procedure**

Early Admission students who choose to continue enrollment at UTSA following high school graduation must apply for admission according to regular policy and procedures.
Enrollment Procedures

1. Early Admission student advising and course registration are coordinated by the Office of P-20 Initiatives and take place following notification of admission.
2. Advising and course registration for Special Admission Program students is coordinated by the office managing the Special Admission Program.
3. Early Admission students who choose to continue enrollment at UTSA following high school graduation must apply for admission according to regular admission policy and procedures.

Dual Credit Program Admission*

Dual Credit Program Admission is designed for high school students who want to simultaneously earn credit toward high school graduation and a university degree, or for students who enroll as part of a group of students under the terms of an agreement between UTSA and the student’s school district.

Dual Credit Program Admission is not intended for high school students who simply want to get an early start earning college credit. Such applicants should refer to the policy under the heading “Early Admission of High School Students” in this chapter.

- Students with dual credit work must have at least a cumulative grade point average of a 2.0 or above and be in good standing at the institution from which the dual credit is earned.
- Dual credit work must be documented on an official transcript sent directly from the awarding institution.
- Students whose dual-credit grade point average is below a 2.0 and/or who are not in good academic standing at the institution from which the dual credit was earned will be placed on Academic Warning due to Dual Credit the second term of their enrollment at UTSA. For students whose UTSA grade point average from the first semester of enrollment at UTSA would initiate an Academic Warning will be placed on Academic Probation for the second semester. (See the “Academic Standing” section of General Academic Regulations – Undergraduate, for details concerning academic status.)

Enrollment Requirements

1. As required by the Texas Success Initiative, students must take an approved assessment test to determine readiness to enroll in college-level courses, unless otherwise exempted. Information on the Texas Success Initiative can be accessed at www.utsa.edu/success.
2. Dually enrolled students are admitted as non-degree-seeking.
3. Dually enrolled students who choose to continue enrollment at UTSA following high school graduation must apply for admission according to applicable admission policy and procedures.
4. Minimum SAT or ACT admission score requirements must be consistent with regular UTSA policy for admission of high school graduates.
5. Applicants who do not meet regular admission requirements and who apply as part of a group of students under the terms of an agreement between UTSA and the student’s school district may be admitted with restrictions addressed in the agreement or at the discretion of the Office of P-20 Initiatives and the appropriate Faculty Advisement Committee (selected by the academic departments). Such restrictions will be documented and monitored by the imposing school district or office.

Procedures

- Submission of the ApplyTexas application to the UTSA office managing the agreement with the school district on or before the application deadline for the requested semester of enrollment.
- Submission of the nonrefundable application fee unless otherwise waived or paid by a sponsoring grant program.
- Submission of an official high school transcript.
- Submission of official ACT or SAT scores, if required by the program, sent directly to UTSA from the testing company.
• Dually enrolled students will receive academic advisement from the UTSA office managing the agreement with the school district.

* In accordance with Chapter 4 under the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Rules (Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Part 1). Rules Applying to All Public Institutions of Higher Education in Texas, Subchapter D, Dual Credit Partnership Between Secondary Schools and Texas Public Colleges.