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Philosophy

Admissions requirements for undergraduate study at UTSA are designed to give admitted applicants an opportunity to demonstrate that they can perform college-level work. Each admission case is reviewed individually and exceptional circumstances should be discussed with an admissions counselor. UTSA will admit all applicants who are holders of bona fide University of Texas at San Antonio scholarships designated by the President of The University.

Classifications and Requirements

The criteria for the various classifications of admission are set forth in the following section.

First-Time Freshmen

First-time freshmen are students who have never attended a college or university prior to their application for admission to UTSA. Basic requirements for first-time freshmen depend on the length of time between their date of graduation (or GED) and the date of application. If applicants have graduated within 5 years of application, a minimum rank-in-class and SAT/ACT score is required. If applicants graduated over 5 years prior to application, admission is based upon graduation from an accredited high school.

All high school seniors who have their SAT/ACT test scores sent to UTSA will be provided admission information and, if applicable, a pre-printed application for admission. Where possible, a tentative admission decision will be made based on SAT/ACT scores.

High School Graduates

Applying within 5 Years of Graduation

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 and who have never attended another college or university. 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 similar to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The following table shows the minimum total scores required, based on high school rank-in-class, on either the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) of the College Entrance Examination Board or the American College Testing Program (ACT).

High School Rank-in-Class	*Minimum Total SAT Score*	*Minimum Total ACT Score (Enhanced)*
Top 10%	No minimum required, but scores must be submitted	No minimum required, but scores must be submitted
Top 25% (not in top 10%)	700	18
Second 25%	750	19
Third 25%	800	21
Fourth 25%	850	22
GED Test	850	22

Students scoring 22 on the ACT or 850 on the SAT, contingent upon high school graduation, will be admitted. Students scoring below 22 on the ACT or 850 on the SAT will need to meet the requirements for rank-in-class as shown in the above chart.

All applicants must complete a UTSA application, enclose a sixth- or seventh-semester high school transcript and the $20.00 nonrefundable application fee, and send it to the Office of Admissions and Registrar. The application should be submitted early in the student's senior year.

Out-of-State. An applicant who applies from out-of-state 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 half of their graduating class. Minimum SAT or ACT scores must correspond to those required of in-state applicants in the first or second 25 percent of their class.

Applying more than 5 Years after Graduation. Both in-state and out-of-state applicants for admission whose graduation from high school was over five years prior to their application for admission and who have never attended another college or university are eligible for admission regardless of both high school rank-in-class and SAT or ACT scores. These applicants must submit a completed application, an official high school transcript, and nonrefundable application fee to the Office of Admissions and Registrar.

GED Applicants

Persons who did not graduate from an accredited high school but who received a General Educational Development Test (GED) certificate may be eligible for admission to UTSA. Along with a completed application and nonrefundable appli-

cation fee, GED applicants must submit offical GED scores and SAT or ACT scores if applicable.

Applicants are required to have an average standard GED score of 45 or above on the five tests, with no score lower than 35 on any individual test. If the GED test was taken within 5 years of application, GED applicants must also furnish official SAT or ACT scores. A minimum composite score of 850 on the SAT or 22 on the ACT is required in order to be eligible for admission. Applicants who received their GED more than five years prior to application to UTSA are not required to submit SAT or ACT scores; admission for these students is based upon satisfactory GED scores as outlined above.

Recommended Preparation

UTSA expects each applicant to be prepared for academic work at the university level. High school students who plan to apply to UTSA are strongly encouraged to prepare for university study by taking courses in language skills, quantification skills, and other subjects contributing to a broad academic background (English, foreign languages, speech, social sciences, history, mathematics, sciences, and the fine arts).

The suggested nature and number of high school units (a year of study in one subject at an accredited secondary school) follow:

Subject	*Units*
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
Fine arts	1 or more

These specific units, although not required for admission, are recommended. Students who enroll in UTSA and who have prior knowledge in certain subjects may be able to earn credit toward graduation through the Credit by Examination program (outlined in the General Academic Regulations chapter of this catalog).

Early Admission

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 for early admission who do not meet the requirements prior to graduation will be reconsidered for admission upon submission of final transcripts or new test scores.

Provisional Admission

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

When admitted on a provisional basis, students 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" average (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) in 12 semester hours of college-level work. Upon successful completion of 12 hours of work from approved courses, students are allowed to request degree-seeking status in a subsequent semester.

Enrollment Requirements. While students are expected to complete the 12-hour requirement in their initial semester of enrollment at UTSA, the absolute minimum initial enrollment is 6 college-level semester hours. If initially enrolling in a Summer semester, the student must register for both Summer terms.

A student who enrolls for between 6 and 12 semester hours and does not earn a 2.0 grade-point average must earn at least a 1.5 grade-point average to continue as a provisional student the next term. After 12 hours are completed, the student must have attained a cumulative grade-point average of 2.0. Students not reaching a 2.0 grade-point average will be placed on academic dismissal. For reinstatement to be considered, a student must submit a transcript from other colleges or universities attended, showing at least 30 hours of course work with at least a 2.0 grade-point average.

If a student enrolls for over 12 hours in the initial semester, all grades will be calculated in the final grade-point average during the semester in which the 12th hour is completed.

Course Requirements. Once a student has been admitted under the Provisional Program, advisement is provided through the Tomás Rivera Center for Student Advising. Students in the program must take courses selected from English, mathematics, natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and foreign languages.

Enrollment in EDP 1702, a two-hour study skills course, is recommended; however, EDP 1702 may not be counted toward the 12-hour requirement.

Applicants must not have previously enrolled in credit courses in any other institution of higher education. However, prior enrollment in remedial courses is permissible. Neither prior remedial courses nor remedial courses taken at UTSA may be counted toward the 12-hour requirement.

Until a student's provisional status is removed, courses in disciplines other than English, mathematics, natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and foreign languages may not be taken. Students will be dropped from courses in any other disciplines.

Transfer Students

Students should apply for admission as transfer students if they have previously completed any credit courses at the college level. Applicants may be currently

attending another accredited college or university at the time of their application to UTSA.

Applicants for admission as transfer students who are enrolled at another accredited college or university at the time of application and who have at least a "C" average on all college-level work attempted to date may be admitted pending receipt of final transcripts verifying the grade-point average and good standing. For applicants who are currently enrolled in another college or university and do not meet these requirements, determination of eligibility for admission may be deferred until all final transcripts are received.

With less than 30 Hours Credit

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

1. Meet the same rank-in-class (or GED) and SAT/ACT requirements as first-time freshmen;
2. Have at least a "C" average (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) in all college or university hours attempted;
3. Be in good standing at the last institution attended; and
4. Be eligible to return (e.g., free of suspension, dismissal, or enforced withdrawal) to all previous institutions attended.

With 30 or more Hours Credit

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

1. Have at least a "C" average (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) in all college or university hours attempted;
2. Be in good standing at the last institution attended; and
3. Be eligible to return (e.g., free of suspension, dismissal, or enforced withdrawal) to all previous institutions attended.

Declaration of Previous College Work Attempted

Students are not at liberty to disregard previous college work attempted. All students transferring to UTSA *must* list *all* colleges attended on their UTSA application for admission. Failure to do so will result in the rejection of the application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, cancellation of enrollment, permanent dismissal from UTSA, or other appropriate disciplinary action.

2+2 Program

This program is designed to help students attending certain community colleges to graduate from UTSA without losing credit in the transfer. Students must meet the general admission requirements set forth in this catalog, as well as any additional specific admission requirements of the various degree programs.

UTSA has established 2+2 transfer programs with San Antonio College, Palo Alto College, St. Philips College, TSTC-Harlingen, Southwest Texas Junior College, Del Mar College, the Victoria College, Laredo Junior College, Bee County Community College, and Austin Community College.

Students completing the first two years of a recommended plan of study that appears in the 2+2 brochures for one of the above colleges may complete the remaining years at UTSA and earn a bachelor's degree in their respective discipline from UTSA.

Academic Fresh Start

Texas residents may apply for admission to UTSA under the Academic Fresh Start statute (Texas Education Code, § 51.929). Under this program, academic course credits or grades earned 10 or more years prior to the semester for which the student seeks enrollment are not considered for admissions purposes.

Applicants seeking admission under the Academic Fresh Start statute must inform the Office of Admissions and Registrar in writing of their intent. Students admitted under this program will not receive any course credit for courses taken 10 or more years prior to enrollment.

Students who plan to pursue graduate degrees should note that if their baccalaureate degree was earned under the Academic Fresh Start statute, only the grade-point average of the coursework which applied to the baccalaureate degree as stated under the Fresh Start restrictions will be evaluated. However, other standard evaluation criteria for graduate study apply.

International Students

Definition

All applications from persons holding non-permanent visas will be processed as International. This includes applications received from other countries as well as applications received from persons currently attending U.S. high schools, colleges, or universities.

International Freshmen

All applicants for admission to UTSA as international first-time freshmen must

1. Have qualifications equivalent to those of students entering from an accredited secondary school in the U.S., as determined by the Office of Admissions and Registrar.

2. Have superior grades on work done in secondary school, as determined by the Office of Admissions and Registrar.

3. Submit scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). A minimum score of 500 on the TOEFL is required.

   TOEFL scores may be waived for:

   a) international students from countries where English is the primary language of instruction ***and*** the principal language spoken in the home; or
   b) non-citizens of the U.S. graduating from U.S. high schools and satisfactorily completing a minimum of two years in English (classes in English as a Second Language do not count toward this waiver requirement).

4. All new international students must participate in UTSA's English Language Assessment Program prior to registration. Based on this assessment, students requiring additional instruction in English will be placed in English as a Second Language (ESL) course(s).

5. Students who have graduated from U.S. high schools must submit an SAT/ACT test score corresponding to rank-in-class requirements for in-state first-time freshmen applicants. SAT or ACT scores are strongly recommended from schools abroad.

6. Submit a statement guaranteeing the student's ability to pay all expenses while at UTSA. The statement may be sent from a parent, guardian, or sponsor when endorsed by a bank or other reliable institution, or from a U.S. citizen who will accept responsibility for the student's financial needs.

7. Have all application materials (application, $20.00 nonrefundable application fee, and supporting credentials) on file in the Office of Admissions and Registrar by the admission deadlines:

Fall semester	June 1
Spring semester	October 15
Summer semester	March 1

International Transfer Students

Transferring from Schools outside the United States. International transfer 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.

2. Submit scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). A minimum score of 500 on the TOEFL is required.

   TOEFL scores may be waived for:

   a) international students from countries where English is the primary language of instruction ***and*** the principal language spoken in the home; or
   b) non-citizens of the U.S. graduating from U.S. high schools and satisfactorily completing a minimum of two years in English (classes in English as a Second Language do not count toward this waiver requirement).

3. All new students must participate in UTSA's English Language Assessment Program prior to registration. Based on this assessment, students requiring additional instruction in English will be placed in English as a Second Language (ESL) course(s).

4. Students who have graduated from U.S. high schools must submit an SAT/ACT test score corresponding to rank-in-class requirements for in-state first-time freshmen applicants. SAT or ACT scores are strongly recommended for all other international students. [International transfer students who have successfully completed one year of full-time university study do not need to submit SAT/ACT scores.]

5. Submit a statement guaranteeing the student's ability to pay all expenses while at UTSA. The statement may be sent from a parent or guardian when endorsed by a bank or other reliable institution, or from a U.S. citizen who will accept responsibility for the student's financial needs.

6. Have all application materials (application, $20.00 nonrefundable application fee, and supporting credentials) on file in the Office of Admissions and Registrar by the admission deadlines:

Fall semester	June 1
Spring semester	October 15
Summer semester	March 1

Transferring from Schools within the United States. International transfer 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 (2.5 on a 4.0 scale) on all college work attempted.

2. Submit scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). A minimum score of 500 on the TOEFL is required.

   TOEFL scores are not required for:

   a) international students from countries where English is the primary language of instruction ***and*** the principal language spoken in the home; or
   b) non-citizens of the U.S. graduating from U.S. high schools and satisfactorily completing a minimum of two years in English (classes in English as a Second Language do not count toward this waiver requirement); or
   c) non-citizens of the U.S. graduating from United States colleges or universities with at least a bachelor's degree.

3. All new students must participate in UTSA's English Language Assessment Program prior to registration. Based on this assessment, students requiring additional instruction in English will be placed in English as a Second Language (ESL) course(s).

4. Submit a statement guaranteeing the student's ability to pay all expenses while at UTSA. The statement may be sent from a parent or guardian when endorsed by a bank or other reliable institution, or from a U.S. citizen who will accept responsibility for the student's financial needs.

5. Have all application materials (application, $20.00 nonrefundable application fee, and supporting credentials) on file in the Office of Admissions and Registrar by the admission deadlines:

Fall semester	June 1
Spring semester	October 15
Summer semester	March 1

Special Students

Special students are transfer students who enroll in courses at the undergraduate level only, without pursuing a degree at UTSA. First-time freshmen and

international students may not apply as special students. Because special students are not working toward a degree, they may be ineligible for financial assistance.

Applicants with less than 30 semester hours attempted at an accredited college or university must meet the same admission requirements as first-time freshmen, as well as have at least a "C" average (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) on all college-level coursework and be in good standing at the last institution attended.

Applicants who have attempted 30 or more semester hours must have at least a "C" average (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) on the last 30 semester hours attempted, as well as be in good standing at the last accredited college or university attended. Even though admission is based on the last 30 hours attempted, students must list all colleges and universities attended on the application for admission.

To verify that requirements of the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) have been fulfilled, all special students must provide transcripts showing satisfactorily completed courses prior to the Fall of 1989, even if the courses are not part of the last 30 semester hours attempted.

Special students may later be admitted as regular degree-seeking students by applying for admission and meeting the same admission requirements as listed for transfer students. Classification changes from "special undergraduate" to "degree-seeking" requested during any semester will not be effective until the following semester.

High School Students

Selected high school seniors may be admitted under the High School Senior Program and enroll in UTSA courses while completing their high school studies. Applicants for this program must score above the average SAT/ACT scores (1000/25) required for admission from high school graduates. Students must be recommended for the program of study by their high school counselors, and must be approved for enrollment by the Dean(s) of the College(s) in which they anticipate taking courses.

Application Dates

Students are urged to apply for admission as early as possible so that matters regarding admission can be resolved well in advance of the beginning of a term. Applications for admission are accepted as early as six months before the term in which the student wishes to enter UTSA. The latest that complete application materials (application, $20.00 nonrefundable application fee, and all required supporting documents) will be accepted is

Fall semester	July 1
Spring semester	December 1
Summer semester	May 1

Failure to meet these admission deadlines will defer admission until a subsequent term. Students who are admitted to UTSA at least six weeks prior to these deadlines will have the opportunity to use early touch-tone telephone registration.

Admission Procedures

Each applicant for admission is responsible for ensuring that all required application materials (completed application form, $20.00 nonrefundable application fee, test results, required transcripts, etc.) are on file in the Office of Admissions and Registrar by the admission deadlines. Admission is not granted until the applicant's file is complete. All documents submitted in support of an application become the property of UTSA and cannot be returned.

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

Readmission

Former UTSA students who have not been in attendance for one or more long semesters (Fall or Spring) must file an application for readmission, along with a $20.00 nonrefundable application fee, by the application deadline.

All former students returning to UTSA who have attended other institutions of higher education since they were last enrolled at UTSA must submit an official transcript from each institution. Eligibility for readmission for any former student depends on the student's academic status at the conclusion of the last UTSA semester of enrollment and performance on any subsequent college or university work attempted.

Admission to Special Programs
(in addition to UTSA Admission)

University Honors Program

The University Honors Program is an interdisciplinary, four-year curriculum of special classes, supervised research, and ongoing faculty advisement, designed to provide superior students with the opportunity to obtain an education that challenges them to think, question, and excel. The program offers small classes with greater opportunities for student participation, increased student-faculty contact, greater individual attention, lively discussions of important issues, special interdisciplinary classes, and research opportunities. Honors students are also eligible for special scholarships, including Presidential Honors Scholarships, book awards, and the Lecture Patrons Scholarships.

Program participants choose from a unique selection of interdisciplinary seminars and Core Curriculum courses while fulfilling their major requirements. Students who fulfill all of the course requirements of the University Honors Program, including the completion of an Honors thesis, and who maintain a grade-point average of 3.25 or above, graduate with University Honors Program Honors. This special distinction appears on the student's transcript and is recognized at the Student Honors Convocation in the student's senior year.

Students wishing to apply for admission to the University Honors Program should contact the Director of Honors Programs. Applications are reviewed and honors students are selected by the Honors Faculty Advisory Committee. Selection is based on grades, standardized test scores, letters of recommendation, and a writing sample.

Students currently enrolled at UTSA are eligible for admission if they have a grade-point average of 3.5 or above. High school students are eligible for admission if they have a combined SAT score of 1100 or above, an ACT score of 28 or above, or if they expect to graduate in the top 10% of their high school class. Although students are admitted on a continuing basis, high school students must submit their applications by March 15 to be considered for Presidential Honors Scholarships.

Honors Program for Young Scholars

The University of Texas at San Antonio Honors Program for Young Scholars is an opportunity for talented high school students to enroll in selected UTSA courses and earn university credit. The program, which is conducted during the first session of the Summer semester, is limited to students who have completed the tenth or eleventh grade by the date classes begin. Graduating high school seniors are not eligible for this program.

Participants are selected on the basis of their grades, standardized test scores, a writing sample, teacher recommendations, and in some cases, submission of materials that indicate potential for the program. Students pay tuition and fees as described in this catalog. Scholarships are available to students selected for the program and are awarded solely on the basis of financial need.

Teacher Certification Programs

UTSA is approved by the Texas Education Agency to recommend students for teaching certificates in various baccalaureate degree areas. Students preparing for a provisional or professional teaching certificate or seeking certification endorsements should apply for admission to the certification program through the Office of Teacher Advising, Certification, and Placement in the Division of Education. Applicants may be either degree-seeking or special students.

Specific information regarding admission requirements to the Teacher Certification undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, and professional certification programs may be obtained in the Office of Teacher Advising, Certification, and Placement. Students are encouraged to seek advising as soon as they are admitted to UTSA regarding the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP, required of all teacher candidates in the State of Texas), the semester hours required for admission, grade-point average requirements, and the appropriate sequence of study.

Undergraduates seeking elementary teacher certification must complete the Interdisciplinary Studies degree as outlined in this catalog. Individuals seeking secondary certification should complete the bachelor's degree requirements in their academic specialization while coordinating with the Office of Teacher Advising, Certification, and Placement to fulfill certification requirements. Students wishing to add additional teaching fields and endorsements to their provisional teaching certificate or graduate students seeking professional certification must also coordinate with the Office.