
Admission

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi considers itself to be an agent of opportunity, particularly for those persons residing in the South Texas Region. Accordingly, the admission standards and policies of the University have been designed to identify students who show potential for academic success.

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION

There are seven categories of undergraduate admission to the University:

1. Regular Freshman Admission (Regular First-Year Admission)
2. Alternative Freshman Admission (Alternative First-Year Admission)
3. Transfer Student Admission
4. Transient Admission
5. International Student Admission
6. Postbaccalaureate Admission
7. High School Senior Concurrent Enrollment Program

These categories and their associated requirements are described below.

Applications to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi through any of the seven admission categories will be processed only after all required documentation and fees have been received. An application is considered to be complete only when the Office of Admissions and Records has received all required documentation, including completed application forms, required test scores, and any other information or fees specifically required. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Completed applications are processed as they are received, and applicants are usually informed of their admission status within three to four weeks.

Application materials and information concerning all aspects of the admissions process may be obtained directly from:

Office of Admissions and Records
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
6300 Ocean Drive
Corpus Christi, TX 78412-5774
Telephone: (361) 825-2624

Prospective students are strongly urged to apply early.

Application Fee

Applicants applying or reapplying to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi are required to pay an application fee of \$25. The fee may be waived only in exceptional cases for applicants with hardships. An applicant in such circumstances should request his or her high school counselor, financial aid officer, or social worker to submit a letter verifying the need for a waiver with the application for admission.

Applicants who are not U.S. citizens are considered through International Admission. For international applicants, the nonrefundable application fee is \$50.00, paid in U.S. currency.

FRESHMAN ADMISSION PROCEDURE

Application and Transcript Submission

A student may apply for admission by completing the ApplyTexas Application (for U.S. Freshman Admission) online at www.applytexas.org or www.tamucc.edu. If preferred, an applicant may request a paper copy of the application form from the Office of Admissions and Records. Upon completion of the application form, an applicant should submit the form and the appropriate application fee to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. The student must request his or her registrar to (1) send an official transcript indicating grades through the applicant's junior year and his or her class rank and (2) confirm the courses that will be completed through the senior year. Any student who has already graduated from high

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school at the time of application must furnish an official transcript, which includes the date of graduation, class rank and grades for all courses taken. To be considered official, a transcript must bear an original signature of a school official and/or the school seal. Applicants should submit the application, transcript, application fee, and any supporting credentials to the Office of Admissions and Records.

Testing

Applicants must take either the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT). Students are encouraged to take the SAT or the ACT during the spring of their junior year in high school. However, scores from tests taken later are acceptable if submitted by the freshman admission deadlines.

The SAT and ACT are offered at conveniently located testing centers throughout the United States and in major cities in many foreign countries. Testing dates, locations, and fees required are described in the information bulletin, which may be obtained from your high school or by writing the College Board ATP, P.O. Box 6200, Princeton, NJ 08541-6200, or the American College Testing Corporation, ACT Registration, P.O. Box 414, Iowa City, IA 52243-4198.

When registering, designate that the results be sent to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi by the testing agencies. Test scores are not official and will not be accepted unless furnished in this manner. For Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, the SAT code is 0366 and the ACT code is 4045.

REGULAR FRESHMAN ADMISSION

Freshman applicants are those citizens or permanent residents of the United States who have not been enrolled in any college-level institution except while still in high school or during the summer immediately following high school graduation and before enrolling in Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi for the subsequent fall. Freshman applicants are also called “first-year” applicants.

The best predictors of academic success have been a combination of high school class rank and standardized test scores. A student’s high school class rank results from ongoing opportunities to demonstrate capabilities in familiar situations, whereas standardized tests use objective measures for gauging academic potential. Regular Freshman Admission is based upon the combination of these two factors.

Applications are reviewed to ensure that applicants present the basic academic preparation required to pursue study at this University. Students who complete the Recommended High School Program, the Distinguished Achievement Program, or the Texas Scholars Program fulfill the academic preparation requirement.

The units of study and acceptable high school courses are:

English	4 Credits;
Laboratory Science	3 Credits, at least 1 of which must be in Biology, Chemistry, or Physics;
Mathematics	3 Credits at the level of Algebra I or higher, which may include Plane Geometry;
Social Studies	3 Credits;
Foreign Language	2 Credits in one foreign language or American Sign Language.

While not required for admission, a high school course in computing may provide the skills needed to fulfill the University’s computer literacy requirement.

Students who have graduated in the top 10% of their high school classes are admitted without minimum SAT or ACT score requirements. Such students, however, are encouraged to have scores on either the SAT or ACT submitted to the Office of Admissions and Records.

The following requirements linking high school class standing and minimum SAT/ACT scores will apply:

Class Standing	Required SAT Score	ACT Composite
Top 10%	No minimum	No minimum
Next 15%	900 or above	19
2nd Quarter	1,000 or above	21
3rd Quarter	1,100 or above	23
4th Quarter	1,200 or above	27

Holders of GED diplomas who seek Regular Freshman Admission are subject to a similar scale of GED score relative to the SAT or ACT score as shown below:

GED Score	SAT Total/Verbal	ACT Composite/English
> 58	900/480	19/19
51 - 57	1,000/480	22/19
45 - 50	1,100/480	23/19

Freshman Admission Deadlines

To ensure full consideration, the ApplyTexas Application, application fee, required transcripts, and any supporting documentation must be in the Office of Admissions and Records by the following deadlines:

- Fall Semester - July 1
- Spring Semester - November 1
- Summer Session - April 1

Completed applications received after the deadline date but before the beginning of regular registration will be processed subject to available space.

ALTERNATIVE ADMISSION FOR FRESHMEN

Those students who do not meet regular admission requirements may be considered under the Alternative Admission Procedure. The Undergraduate Admissions Committee will review applications for consideration under the Alternative Admission Procedure. In addition to reviewing the student’s class rank, standardized test scores, and high school courses, the committee will consider other factors such as participation in extracurricular activities, including evidence of leadership; community service; talents and awards; extenuating circumstances; and employment, internships, and summer activities.

Applicants for Alternative Admission must have an official SAT or ACT score on file with the University. The applications considered under the Alternative Admission Procedure will be on a case-by-case basis. Students admitted under Alternative Admission may be subject to specific enrollment conditions established by the Undergraduate Admissions Committee based on the applicant’s individual circumstances. These conditions may include enrolling in prescribed developmental course work, participating in tutoring sessions and other academic support activities, and meeting other conditions designed to promote academic success.

SCHOLASTIC PROBATIONARY ADMISSION FOR FIRST-TIME NON-TRADITIONAL FRESHMEN

Those first-time freshmen who have been out of high school for five years or more and who do not meet the regular academic admissions criteria may be considered for “Probationary Admission” status. If the Undergraduate Admissions Committee admits a student on probationary status, the following conditions will apply:

While on probationary status, the student must remain part-time, taking no more than two courses each semester. The student’s progress will be monitored at the end of each

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term. To continue to enroll each semester while on probationary status, the student must maintain a term GPA of 2.0 or better and must not receive a grade of D or F in any remedial course attempted.

The courses the student will attempt while on probationary status will be determined by A&M-Corpus Christi placement results, THEA scores (or scores on an accepted alternative test), and the recommendation of the assigned academic advisor. All course work while a student is on probationary status will be chosen from remedial offerings and the core curriculum. After the student completes 12 semester credit hours of non-remedial course work with a GPA of 2.0 or better, without earning a grade of D or F in any remedial course attempted, the student will become a regularly admitted student, with all the rights and responsibilities of that status.

TRANSFER ADMISSION

The University was an upper-division transfer institution for more than twenty years. During that time, the institution earned a reputation for working effectively with transfer students. It is the aim of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to maintain that transfer-friendly reputation. Students who have earned 30 or more semester hours of credit and who wish to transfer to the University must have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. Those students who wish to transfer with fewer than 30 hours of credit must have a 2.0 GPA and must also satisfy the regular freshman entry requirements. A transfer applicant may not disregard his or her college record and apply for admission as a freshman. The following additional rules also apply:

1. The applicant must provide official copies of transcripts from each college or university attended. To be considered official, the transcript must bear the seal of the granting institution and must be mailed to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi by the granting institution.
2. No remedial or duplicate credits may be transferred.
3. The applicant must be eligible to return to his or her previous institution.
4. The cumulative GPA includes all work attempted, excluding remedial, high school, or duplicate courses.
5. Repeated courses are calculated within the GPA according to the standards and rules of the granting institution.

NOTE: The University requires 6 hours of credit in the same foreign language or in American Sign Language for graduation. This requirement may also be met with 2 credits in the same foreign language from high school. If this requirement was met in high school, an official high school transcript must be submitted to the Office of Admissions and Records.

TRANSFER PROVISIONAL ADMISSION

Transfer students who do not meet regular admission requirements may be considered under the Provisional Admission Procedure. The Undergraduate Admissions Committee will review applicants for consideration under the Provisional Admission Procedure.

Applications for provisional admission must have copies of all required documentation on file with the University. Consideration of applicants under the Provisional Admission Procedure will be on a case-by-case basis. Students approved under the Provisional Admission Procedure will enter the University on academic probation and may be subject to additional provisions established by the Undergraduate Admissions Committee.

Transfer Admission Deadlines

To ensure full consideration, the completed ApplyTexas Application (for U.S. Transfer Admission) and all required documents and supporting material must be on file in the Office of Admissions and Records by the following deadlines:

- Fall Semester - August 15
- Spring Semester - December 15
- Summer Session - May 15

TRANSIENT ADMISSION

Students who are pursuing a degree at another college or university may be admitted as transient students if they provide proof of enrollment in good standing at their home college or university. Such students must complete a ApplyTexas Application (for Transient Admission) and submit a letter of good standing. Enrollment as a transient student is restricted to the summers or one long semester. Summer transient students must reapply each summer that enrollment is sought. Students admitted as transient students who later wish to pursue a degree at this university may do so by completing the regular admission process and meeting all admission requirements. (International students cannot be admitted as transient students.)

INTERNATIONAL ADMISSION

International students (non-U.S. citizens) with outstanding academic records will be considered for admission. International students who seek admission to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi must meet the following requirements:

1. Application Form and Fee: A completed ApplyTexas Application (for either International Freshman Admission or International Transfer Admission) and a \$50 application fee are required.
2. Testing: Prospective students from other countries must demonstrate the ability to speak, write and understand the English language. Prospective students whose native language is not English must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination unless they have already earned an associate's degree from an accredited institution in the United States. A minimum score of 550 on the TOEFL examination is required for admission to the University. The TOEFL is administered by the Educational Testing Service in over 200 centers around the world. A registration form and a "Bulletin of Information for Candidates" may be obtained by writing to TOEFL Registration Office, P.O. Box 6151, Princeton, New Jersey 08541-6151, USA.

Freshman international applicants must have their test scores for either the Scholastic Assessment Tests (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT) submitted to the Office of Admissions and Records.

3. Transcripts: The University requires all transcripts from international high schools, colleges and universities to be evaluated by a certified evaluation agency approved by the Director of Admissions and Records and requires the evaluation report to be submitted by the agency to the Office of Admissions and Records. A list of approved evaluation agencies may be obtained at the following website: <http://falcon.tamucc.edu/~admiss/intl.html>.
4. Grade Point Average (GPA): A cumulative GPA of 2.5 for all work attempted at other U.S. colleges or universities is required.
5. Finances: The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi require all international applicants to provide an "Affidavit of Support" form certifying ability to finance study in the U.S. The Affidavit of Support must be completed with U.S. currency figures only.
6. Immunizations and Related Requirements: International students are required to have a tuberculin skin test or chest x-ray and must meet the immunization requirements discussed later in this chapter.
7. Health Insurance: All international students (students who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States) are required to be covered by the Texas A&M University System's student health insurance plan or to have equivalent insurance coverage. For information, contact the International Student Advisor.

International students should contact the Office of Admissions and Records for further information on admission requirements for international students.

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The admission application review will not begin until all required documents are received by the Office of Admissions and Records.

An international student must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 semester hours during both the spring and fall semesters. An international student may not be admitted in undergraduate transient (visiting) or non-degree status. An international student sponsored by a program in a regionally accredited college or university may be admitted with the approval of the Office of Admissions and Records.

International Admission Deadlines

The completed ApplyTexas Application for admission of international students and all required documents and supporting material must be on file by the following deadlines:

Fall Semester - May 1

Spring Semester - September 1

Summer Session - February 1

International Student Advising

The International Student Advisor, located in the Office of Admissions and Records, oversees all academic and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) requirements of F-1 students attending A& M-Corpus Christi. International students are required to report to the International Student Advisor at the beginning of each semester to maintain accurate status and essential information. The International Student Advisor helps students with forms and paperwork required for optional and curricular practical training, changes on I-20 form, change of status, reinstatement, and medical insurance requirements.

For additional information regarding international students, please contact the Office of Admissions and Records in the Student Services Center.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE INTERNATIONAL (ESLI)

The ESLI University Language Center, a privately owned and operated program located on the campus of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, provides students intensive English training in preparation for entrance to the University. Students may enroll and begin study in ESLI courses at any time during the fall, spring, or summer terms. Tuition and fees for ESLI programs may differ from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi tuition and fees.

The ESLI program is intensive with 25 hours of instruction each week in reading, writing, speaking, listening, grammar, and intensive skills with a focus on pronunciation, vocabulary, note-taking, and test-taking. Students have the opportunity to participate in the academic, social and cultural life of the campus.

For further information and application packets, prospective students should contact ESLI at (360) 724-0547 or by email at esli@esli-intl.com or visit the web site at www.esli-intl.com.

POSTBACCALAUREATE ADMISSION

A student holding a baccalaureate or higher degree who intends to seek an additional bachelor's degree or an additional undergraduate major or minor, or who intends to take undergraduate course work required for Texas public school teacher certification, should seek admission as a **postbaccalaureate student**. Postbaccalaureate students may enroll in undergraduate-level courses (numbered below 5000) only. The following documents are required as part of the application process:

1. A completed ApplyTexas Application form.
2. A \$25 application fee, which is nonrefundable.
3. Official transcripts documenting all course work taken at any regionally accredited college or university attended. Official transcripts must be sent directly to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi from the granting institutions.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

High school seniors who wish to enroll in the University during the fall and/or spring semester of their last high school year may do so if they meet the following admission requirements:

1. Rank in the top 10% of their class, or have a composite score of 25 on ACT or combined score of 1140 on SAT;
2. Are completing a college preparatory high school curriculum;
3. Have completed an approved Texas Success Initiative (TSI) assessment (passing scores on all sections of the THEA or alternative exam), or hold a TSI exemption based on ACT, SAT, or TAKS scores;
4. Present a letter of recommendation from the high school principal; and
5. Are approved by the Provost.

High school seniors admitted under this program may enroll in a maximum of one class per semester and must be advised by the Academic Advising Transition Center. The Provost may make exceptions and permit a student to take more than one class. Factors for such exceptions include academic preparation as demonstrated by the student's rank in class, the program of study taken in high school, the number of courses needed to complete high school requirements, and scores on the ACT or SAT. All students admitted into the High School Senior Concurrent Enrollment Program are subject to all Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Texas A&M University System, State of Texas, and federal rules and regulations applicable to degree-seeking students.

Students admitted under this program who wish to continue in the summer or fall semester must reapply for admission.

TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE (TSI)

The Texas Success Initiative is a state-legislated program that requires students to be assessed in reading, writing, and math skills prior to enrolling in a Texas public institution and to be advised based on that assessment. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) has approved the ASSET, COMPASS, ACCUPLACER and the THEA as acceptable assessment instruments for entering students. Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi administers only the THEA and COMPASS, but accepts scores from any of the alternative assessments. The assessment or the results of the assessment are not a condition of admission, but a condition of registration to an institution. For the submission of THEA scores, the institution code for Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is 143.

If a student's score on any section of an assessment is below passing, the student must enroll in appropriate developmental classes. Placement and participation in developmental education is determined on an individual basis for students by the Tutoring and Learning Center. Students may contact an Intervention Specialist at 825-2977 or go by their office (Library 218 A-1). Students may re-test to meet the TSI standard. Institutions may consider the performance in developmental education, in college-level courses, and on an assessment instrument in determining college readiness. If a student does not participate in the specified courses or program prior to completing all TSI requirements, the student may be dropped from the University. The hours of the required developmental courses will count toward determining full-time status.

If the student fails one or more portions of an assessment and has 60 or more cumulative college level hours in the current semester, the student may not be permitted to enroll in any senior level courses (4000 level) until he or she passes the developmental program.

A student is exempt from the TSI if any of the following applies:

- The student has an associate or baccalaureate degree from an accredited Texas college or university.
- The student, on a single test administration, has an SAT composite score of 1070 with at least 500 on the Verbal (Critical Reading) and Math sections.*

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- The student, on a single test administration, has an ACT composite score of 23 with at least 19 on the Math and English sections.*
- The student has an exit-level TAKS score of 2200 on the Math and a 2200 on the English Language Arts section with a 3 on the Writing subscore.*
- The student was honorably discharged, retired, or released from active duty as a member of the Armed Forces of the U. S. or the Texas National Guard, or served as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces on or after August 1, 1990.
- The student has met the readiness standard at another Texas public higher education institution.
- The student transferred from an accredited Texas private institution of higher education or an accredited out-of-state institution with acceptable college-level course work determined by the receiving institution.

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has elected to use the following course work with the designated letter grade to meet the following standards:

- (1) Math readiness standard – College Algebra [MATH 1314] or higher with a grade of C or better,
- (2) Reading readiness standard – Psychology [PSYC 2301], U.S. History I [HIST 1301], U.S. History II [HIST 1302], U.S. Government & Politics [POLS 2305], State & Local Government [POLS 2306], Literature of the Western World [ENGL 2332 or ENGL 2333], Themes and Genres in English Literatures [ENGL 2334], Themes and Genres in the Literatures of the Americas [ENGL 2335], Biology I [BIOL 1406], Biology II [BIOL 1407], Macroeconomics [ECON 2301], or Sociology [SOCI 1301] with a grade of B or better,
- (3) Writing readiness standard – Composition I [ENGL 1301] or Composition II [ENGL 1302] with a grade of C or better.

A student qualifies for a waiver from the TSI if one of the following applies:

- The student is serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the U. S., Texas National Guard, or Reserve Component of Armed Forces and has been serving for at least three years preceding enrollment.
- The institution has elected to waive the TSI requirement for non-degree seeking students. (The student must complete a TSI waiver contract). At the point a student becomes degree-seeking, TSI standards must be met by the student.

*SAT and ACT scores are valid five years from the date of testing to the first day of enrollment in an accredited Texas public institution of higher education. TAKS scores are valid for three years. After April 1, 2004, students holding the composite score on the SAT/ACT may be exempt from a portion of the TSI approved examination in the individual area in which they met the required score. Partial exemptions also exist for TAKS scores. Students must have both the required reading and writing TAKS score to be partially exempt from the reading and writing portion of an assessment.

For additional information, please contact the Tutoring and Learning Center at (361) 825-5933 or the Academic Testing Center at (361) 825-2334.

ACADEMIC FRESH START LEGISLATION

The “Right to an Academic Fresh Start” legislation, passed by the 73rd Texas Legislature, entitles residents of this state to seek admission to public institutions of higher education as undergraduate students without consideration of courses undertaken ten or more years prior to enrollment. This law gives students the option of electing to have course work taken ten or more years prior to the starting date of the semester in which the applicant seeks to enroll

either counted as usual or ignored for admission purposes. Applicants who elect to apply for admission under this law and who are admitted as students may not receive any course credit for courses undertaken ten or more years prior to enrollment.

The intent of the “Fresh Start” legislation is to provide students with an opportunity to clear their academic records, if they choose to do so, of all college-level work accumulated ten or more years ago. Students may not pick and choose what is to be ignored and what is not. Either all college hours ten or more years old are ignored or they are counted. Applicants interested in seeking a “Fresh Start” should contact the Office of Admissions and Records.

IMMUNIZATION AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS

International students are required prior to the first day of classes or move-in to campus housing, whichever occurs first, to provide documentation from a U.S. health care provider of a negative TB skin test (Mantoux tuberculin test) or negative chest X-ray. The report should be submitted directly to the University Health Center. In accordance with the guidelines from the Center for Disease Control, USA, a skin test is required even if the student has had a BCG (Bacille Calmette-Guerin) vaccine. A chest x-ray is recommended for persons with a history of positive TB skin tests.

Students in nursing, the clinical laboratory science track in biomedical sciences, and education programs must meet specific immunization requirements. Information about the requirements may be obtained from the appropriate departments.

INFORMATION ON BACTERIAL MENINGITIS

State law requires all public institutions of higher education in Texas to notify all new students about bacterial meningitis (Chapter 51, Education Code, Section 51.9191; Chapter 38, Education Code, Section 38.0025). All students are **required** to confirm receipt of this information. The requirement can be completed online at www.tamucc.edu/~hsweb. Failure to meet the requirement will result in a registration hold. The vaccine is not required but strongly recommended.

GRADUATE ADMISSION

For information on graduate admission requirements, please see the Graduate Catalog.