International Students

Transferring from an institution in the U.S. must submit the following:

- A Foreign Student Advisor’s Report form completed by student and current Foreign Student Advisor
- Copy of a current I-20
- Copy of the student visa
- Copy of your I-94
- Written notification requesting dependents to be included on I-20 (if applicable).

Applicants Graduating from Mexican Schools should submit the following additional information in conjunction with international student requirements:

- Students should submit their official certified “Kardex” in a sealed university envelope. The document will not be returned.
- Original diploma (título) to be photocopied at the Office of Admissions. If the diploma (título) is being processed by the government, a copy of the professional exam certificate (acta de examen profesional) will suffice for only one semester.
- Diploma (título) must be presented to the Office of Admissions before pre-registering for a second semester. There are no exceptions to this requirement.
- A letter of Completion (carta de pasante) will not be accepted.

Other Important Details

- FINANCIAL AID – Official admission to Texas A&M International University is a requirement for all types of financial assistance programs. If you are applying for these programs, you must be accepted by the deadline listed on the individual award application to be considered for any award for that initial semester.

- HEALTH INSURANCE – Before registering, international students are required to obtain health insurance for the entire period they will be in the United States. Proof of student’s and dependant’s health insurance must be provided to TAMIU to complete registration.

- THEA – Successful completion of the Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) Exam and an overall 2.7 grade point average is required for the Teacher Education Program. THEA scores must be sent to the Office of Admissions directly from The National Evaluation Systems, Inc. (NES).

- UNIVERSITY HOUSING – Placing a housing deposit at the University Village or Residential Learning Community does not guarantee admissions if minimum requirements are not met.

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Welcome to Texas A&M International University’s Office of Graduate Studies. We at TAMU are glad that you have decided to take the next step in your educational journey. Graduate programs at TAMU are committed to preparing outstanding scholars and leaders in the humanities and fine arts, physical, biological and social sciences, and in the business, education, and health care professions.

This publication will help explain all of the various steps involved in applying to graduate school at Texas A&M International University. Please do not hesitate to call us or e-mail us if you have any questions about graduate school or the admissions process.

Program Admission Deadlines

Fall Semester - June 1
Spring Semester - October 1
Summer Sessions - March 1

All documentation for admissions for F-1 students must be received and reviewed before a letter of acceptance and an I-20 can be issued. Your application will not be considered until all documents are on file!

To apply for admission, please submit the following:

1. COMPLETED APPLICATION FOR GRADUATE ADMISSIONS – Make sure you answer all sections of the application and sign it. Please include a $25.00 (USD) application fee with your application (TAMIU alumni are exempt).

2. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT(S) of all university-level studies (translated into English). To be considered official, the transcript(s) must be certified by a university official, have the school seal, and be delivered in a sealed university envelope directly from the institution(s) to the Office of Admissions. For students from Mexico, the transcript is also known as the “kardex.”

3. OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF GRADUATION, indicating the degree completed, must be translated to English and sent directly from the institution to the Office of Admissions.

4. GRE or GMAT test scores are required by all of the colleges, regardless of upper-level grade point average (GPA). Official test scores must be received directly from Educational Testing Service (ETS) and dated within five years of enrollment. TAMU’s institution code is – 6838. No admissions decision will be made by the Colleges prior to the receipt of an official GRE or GMAT score.

   • The College of Business Administration requires the GRE or GMAT from all applicants. Applicants pursuing the MBA taught in Spanish may choose to take the Exámen de Admisión.
   • Spanish majors are required to take a departmental exam in lieu of the GRE.

5. A MINIMUM TOEFL (TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE) score of 550 (paper-based) or 213 (computer-based) must be received directly from ETS. For Ph.D. in International Business Administration applicants, a minimum TOEFL score of 600 (paper-based) or 250 (computer-based) is required. The TOEFL test must be dated within two years of enrollment.

TOEFL Exemptions
(Does not apply to Ph.D. applicants.)

• One year of full-time academic studies at an accredited U.S. college or university with satisfactory grades.
• U.S. high school graduate who completed all high school requirements satisfactorily within 10 years of enrollment.
• When English is the official language of the applicant’s country.
• Completion of level six with a grade of B or better from the International Language Institute at TAMU.
• GRE Verbal score of 400 or higher sent directly from ETS, which was taken within five years of enrollment.
• GMAT Verbal score of 22 or higher sent directly from ETS, which was taken within five years of enrollment.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS
(Only for students needing an I-20.)

• A complete Financial Statement form
• A letter of sponsorship is required from the party who will financially support you during the pursuit of the degree. The letter should certify the sponsor’s commitment to pay your educational, living, health, and personal expenses until completion of the degree. A sponsor may be you, your parents or a third party or organization.
• Accompanying the letter of sponsorship must be a bank statement certifying that the sponsor has sufficient funds as indicated in the Financial Statement form (stated in U.S. dollars) and dated within six months of the first enrollment according to the following dates:
   • Fall — January 1 or after
   • Spring — May 1 or after
   • Summer — October 1 or after.

Good Luck!