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# Application for Graduate Admissions Texas A&M International University

*\$25 Application Fee*

*\$10 Late Fee*

## Office of Admissions - Office of Graduate Studies and Research

### Instructions

To be considered for admission to Texas A&M International University, an applicant must submit the following information to the Office of Admissions by the published deadline:

1. Official college/university transcript(s) from institutions other than Texas A&M International University must be sent directly from each institution attended.
2. Official GRE scores are required only if pursuing a Master's degree, Doctoral degree or Professional Certificate. Score report must be sent directly from the Educational Testing Service (ETS) and they must reflect a test date within five years of enrollment. Students applying to the College of Business Administration may opt to take the GMAT. Students interested in the Master of Arts in Spanish degree are required to take a departmentally administered examination in addition to the GRE.
  - Students not having GRE/GMAT scores may register for one semester, and may not exceed six semester credit hours of coursework before taking the GRE/GMAT and being fully admitted into the degree program.
  - The GRE requirement for the combined B.A./M.A. will be waived as long as the student maintains continuous registration (*Fall and Spring Semesters*) through completion of the M.A. program.
  - College of Arts and Sciences and College of Education applicants who have obtained a Master's or law degree from a regionally accredited institution are exempt from the GRE.
  - For Ph.D. in International Business Administration, official GMAT/GRE scores are required before admission and class registration.
  - All other exceptions will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.
  - Students applying to the M.B.A. (*taught in Spanish*) may take the Examen de Admisión in lieu of the GMAT/GRE.
3. Student Essay: (Please attach as separate document.) **All applicants must submit a typed, minimum of 300 words student narrative that briefly describes your career goals, aspirations and timetable for completion of your proposed graduate studies.**
4. Programs may require stem-work as part of the admissions process. Please meet with your department or program advisor prior to registration.
5. Financial Aid for graduate students may include grants, loans, workstudy and scholarships. FAFSA application is available online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) for grants, loans, and workstudy. The scholarship application can be downloaded at [www.tamtu.edu/affairs/finacial](http://www.tamtu.edu/affairs/finacial).

### **International students are required to submit the following additional documents:**

6. A minimum TOEFL score of 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-based) or 79 (internet based TOEFL- iBT) is required. This score must be sent directly from ETS and dated within two years of enrollment. (Refer to catalog for TOEFL exemptions.) For Ph.D. in International Business Administration applicants, a minimum TOEFL score of 600 (paper-based), 250 (computer-based) or 100 (internet Based TOEFL-iBT) is required.
7. Students and their dependent(s) must submit proof of sufficient medical insurance coverage for the entire period while in the U.S.
8. Students requesting an I-20 form must submit a completed Financial Statement Form, current sponsorship letter and current sponsor's or personal bank statement with sufficient funds as indicated on the Financial Statement Form.

## **Additional Program Requirements:**

### **College of Arts and Sciences**

#### **A. Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology**

- ◆ You have to complete the following undergraduate courses:  
**Abnormal Psychology, Psychology of Personality, Research Methods and Psychological Testing**
- ◆ Three letters of recommendation must accompany your application.
- ◆ Please respond to the following questions. Please type all of your responses and include them with your application. This is **one of the most important sections** of your application; as such, it is to your benefit that your responses are clear and well thought out.
  - a. Why are you seeking a graduate degree in Counseling Psychology?
  - b. How will you manage the time demands of being a graduate student in Counseling Psychology (e.g., 10 to 15 hours per week outside of class time for studying and skill practice)?
  - c. What personal characteristics will contribute to your effectiveness as a counselor?
  - d. What personal characteristics may hinder your effectiveness as a counselor?
- ◆ Once an applicant has completed the application, he/she will be scheduled for a personal interview with the Counseling Psychology Graduate Admissions Committee.

#### **B. Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies**

- ◆ Please attach a brief essay explaining how you will synthesize your two areas of study.

#### **C. Master of Science in Criminal Justice**

- ◆ Overall GPA: 2.5 (within five years)      ◆ Overall GPA: 2.0 (over five years)
- ◆ Two professional letters of recommendation (e.g., from former employees, instructors outside of Criminal Justice)
- ◆ Writing sample (five-10 page sample of scholarly writing)
- ◆ Interview with admissions committee (Upon request)

#### **D. Collaborative Doctoral Degree Program with Texas A&M University-College Station**

- ◆ The collaborative doctoral degree in **Hispanic Studies** will require dual enrollment since classes will be offered at both TAMU and TAMU campuses. Students will apply for admission online to the Office of Graduate Studies at TAMU and apply for the specific doctoral program as a non-degree seeking student at the Office of Graduate Studies and Research at TAMU.

#### **E. Cooperative Doctoral Degree Program with Texas A&M University - College Station**

- ◆ The cooperative doctoral degree in **English** will require dual enrollment since students can complete up to 18 hours at TAMU before transferring to TAMU and completing the remaining coursework. Students will apply for admission online to the Office of Graduate Studies at TAMU and apply for the specific doctoral program as a non-degree seeking student at the Office of Graduate Studies and Research at TAMU.

## College of Business Administration

- ◆ All applicants must submit a résumé and at least two letters of reference with their application.

## College of Education

### A. Professional Certification Programs

Requirements for the graduate certification programs are the same as for the degree requirements. Students seeking admission to the Superintendent program will need to submit a copy of their Principal's Certificate. Students seeking admission into any graduate program that leads to certification must submit a copy of their standard teaching certificate.

### B. Collaborative Doctoral Degree Programs with Texas A&M University-College Station

Both of these collaborative doctoral degrees will require dual enrollment since classes will be offered at both TAMU and TAMU campuses. Students will apply for admission online to the Office of Graduate Studies at TAMU and to the Office of Graduate Studies & Research at TAMU as non-degree seeking.

Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction

Ed.D. in Educational Administration

### C. Master of Science in Education in Bilingual Education

All applicants who are pursuing the MS-ED in Bilingual Education are required to submit a five paragraph essay with a minimum of 300 words in both Spanish and English. The narrative should address the following points: the candidate's work experiences both past and present, the reason the candidate is pursuing a master's degree in bilingual education and future plans once the degree is completed.

### D. Master of Science in Education with a major in Educational Administration

Applicants must possess a standard teaching certificate or equivalent teaching certificate in order to gain full admission.

### E. Master of Science in School Counseling

Applicants must possess a standard teaching certificate for full admission.

## College of Nursing and Health Sciences

### A. Master of Science in Nursing

- ◆ Note: The MSN-Family Nurse Practitioner Program only accepts applications for the Fall Semester. All students must apply in the previous Spring Semester.
- ◆ RN Licensure: State: \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ Immunizations: Please indicate dates of immunizations (proof required)
  1. DT (diphtheria/tetanus): \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Measles/mumps/rubella: \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Hepatitis-B Vaccine or Informed Refusal:  
1st dose \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd dose \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd dose \_\_\_\_\_ informed refusal \_\_\_\_\_
  4. TB skin test: \_\_\_\_\_ negative \_\_\_\_\_ positive  
If positive: chest X-ray \_\_\_\_\_ results: \_\_\_\_\_
  5. Varicella: \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ Nursing experience: Please enclose a listing of your nursing experience. This list should include your position/title, work area, agency, city/state, and dates of employment.
- ◆ Three letters of reference (academic or professional) must accompany your application. References should be done on the "Letter of Recommendation" form which can be obtained from the Dr. F.M. Canseco School of Nursing. One of the reference letters must come from a faculty member from your baccalaureate nursing program.
- ◆ Please include a brief statement in your student narrative addressing how you anticipate your concept of nursing will change as a result of this educational experience.
- ◆ Verification of drug and criminal background screening by a designated company or agency at student's expense.
- ◆ Interview with graduate nursing faculty.





**College of Education**

- MS-Ed - Curriculum and Instruction
- MS-Ed - Bilingual Education
- MS-Ed - Early Childhood Education
- MS-Ed - Educational Administration
- MS-Ed - Generic Special Education
- MS-Ed - Reading
- MS- School Counseling
- MS- Communication Sciences and Disorders  
(Cooperative agreement with TAMUK)
- Ed.D. - Curriculum and Instruction  
(Collaborative degree with TAMU)
- Ed.D. - Educational Administration  
(Collaborative degree with TAMU)

*Professional Certificates (Available for students holding a master's degree.)*

- Educational Diagnostics
- Principalship
- Reading Specialist
- School Counselor
- Superintendency

*Endorsements (master's not required)*

- Bilingual Education
- English as a Second Language
- Master Reading Teacher
- Master Technology Teacher

**College of Nursing and Health Sciences**

- MSN - Family Nurse Practitioner

**College of Arts and Sciences**

- Combined BA/MA  
(major in:  English,  History,  
 Political Science, or  Sociology)
- MA - Counseling Psychology
- MA - English
- MA - History
- MA - Interdisciplinary Studies

Areas of specialization:

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_

- MA - Political Science
- MA - Sociology
- MA - Spanish
- MS - Biology
- MS - Criminal Justice
- MS - Mathematics
- MS - Psychology
- Master of Public Administration  
 Criminal Justice track,  Generalist track,  International track,  
 School Administration track, or  Health Administration track
- Ph.D. - English  
(Cooperative degree with TAMU)
- Ph.D. - Hispanic Studies  
(Cooperative degree with TAMU)

3. What minor do you plan to pursue? Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

4. If you are not pursuing a degree at TAMIU, from which College do you plan to take courses?

- Arts and Sciences       Business Administration       Education       Nursing and Health Sciences

5. Will you seek initial teacher certification from TAMIU?  Yes (If Yes, which area? \_\_\_\_\_)  No

6. Are you enrolled at another university/college?  Yes (If Yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_)  No

7. Have you attended classes before at TAMIU?  Yes  No

**Residency information (Please answer all questions; use n/a if the question does not apply to you.)**

1. (a) Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ If "No," of what country are you a citizen? \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) If you are not a citizen, do you hold Permanent Residence status (valid I-551) for the U.S. ? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
If "Yes," date permanent resident card\* issued: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Alien Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Enclose a copy of both sides of the card. (Month) (Day) (Year)  
(c) If you are not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, do you have an application for permanent residence (form I-485) pending with the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
(If "Yes," enclose a copy of your Notice of Action from the USCIS, form I-797C.)  
(d) If you are not a citizen or permanent resident or have no application pending with the USCIS, have you lived in Texas for three years preceding high school graduation or receipt of a GED in Texas? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
(If "Yes," please submit a completed "Affidavit of Intent to Become a Permanent Resident.")

2. Are you a resident of Texas? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ . If "No," of what state are you resident? \_\_\_\_\_  
( If you are not a resident of Texas, skip to last page and sign)

3. Upon whom are you basing your claim or residence status? \_\_\_Self \_\_\_Parent \_\_\_Court-Appointed Legal Guardian (If "Self," please answer question 4; if "Parent" or "Court-Appointed Legal Guardian," please answer question 5.)

4. If your claim for residence status is based upon self:
- (a) How long have you resided in Texas? \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months
  - (b) Previous state or country of residence: \_\_\_\_\_
  - (c) If you came here within the past five years, why did you move to Texas? \_\_\_\_\_ Education \_\_\_\_\_ Employment  
Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (d) List your addresses for the last two years:  

Street	City	State	From (date)	To (date)
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
  - (e) List employers and employment date for the past two years:  
Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_
  - (f) Are you currently on active military duty assignment in Texas? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
  - (g) Did you join the military as a resident of Texas? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
(If yes, please provide copy of DD 214)

5. If your claim for residence status is based upon parent or court-appointed legal guardian, please answer the following questions (if court-appointed legal guardian, copies of guardianship papers must be provided):
- (a) Name of person upon whom claim is based: \_\_\_\_\_
  - (b) Relationship to self: \_\_\_Parent\_\_\_Court-Appointed legal guardian
  - (c) How long has this person resided in Texas? \_\_\_Years\_\_\_Months
  - (d) Previous state or country of residence: \_\_\_\_\_
  - (e) If this person came here within the past 5 years, why did this person move to Texas?  
\_\_\_Education\_\_\_Employment\_\_\_Other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_
  - (f) Is this person a U.S. citizen? Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_ If No, does this person hold a valid I-551 (Resident Alien) card?  
No\_\_\_Yes\_\_\_ (If Yes, attach a copy of the form and back of the card.)
  - (g) Has your parent or court-appointed legal guardian claimed you as a dependent for U.S. Federal income tax purposes for the tax year preceding your registration? Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_
  - (h) Will this person claim you as a dependent for the current tax year? Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_
  - (i) Is your parent or court-appointed legal guardian currently on active military duty assignment in Texas?  
Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_
  - (j) Was your parent or court-appointed legal guardian a resident of Texas when he or she joined the military?  
Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ (If yes, please provide copy of parent or court appointed legal guardian DD 214)

6. General Comments. Is there any additional information that you believe your college should know in evaluating your eligibility to be classified as a resident? If so please provide it below: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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## Student Certification of Application Accuracy and Oath of Residency:

I certify that this information is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If my application is accepted, I agree to abide by the policies, rules, and regulations of Texas A&M International University. I authorize the University to verify the information I have provided. I further understand that this information will be relied upon by the officials of the University in determining my admission and residence status for tuition purposes and that the submission of false information is grounds for rejection of my application, withdrawal of an offer of acceptance, cancellation of enrollment, and/or disciplinary action. I also authorize the University to electronically access my Texas Higher Education Assessment results.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

The State of Texas passed an amendment to the Texas Education Code that requires state colleges and universities to advise admission applicants concerning diseases preventable by vaccines such as diphtheria, rubeola, rubella, mumps, tetanus and poliomyelitis. We are concerned about your health while you are enrolled at Texas A&M International University. Although these immunizations are not required for all programs, TAMIU strongly recommends that you contact your physician or public health clinic to make sure that your immunizations are current before you enroll. These immunizations are required by the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. State law requires that you be informed of the following: (1) you are entitled to request you be informed about the information collected by use of this form (with a few exceptions as provided by law); (2) you are entitled to receive and review that information; and (3) you are entitled to have the information corrected at no charge to you.

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Graduate School Admissions

Accept \_\_\_\_\_

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Explanation for Rejection

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Provisional Admittance (Explanation for Provisional Status)

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Return to: Texas A&M International University, Office of Admissions, 5201 University Boulevard, Laredo, TX 78041 - 1900 U.S.A.