

# GRADUATE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

## Graduate International Students

Admission to a graduate program for international students requires a **valid U.S. equivalent bachelor's degree or higher** from an **accredited college or university**. The applicant's academic qualifications are evaluated based on **GPA and standardized test scores** (if required).

### Required Documents for Admission:

- **Official transcripts** from all previously attended institutions.
- **Officially translated** copies of transcripts (if not in English).
- **Course-by-course evaluation** from a recognized credential evaluation service. The evaluation must meet the standards set by the **American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO)** and the **National Council on the Evaluation of Foreign Educational Credentials (NCEFE)**, including course names, descriptions, credit hours, grades, GPA, degree earned, and the date of degree conferral.
- **English proficiency proof** (see English Language Proficiency Requirements).

It is the applicant's responsibility to **secure and pay for the evaluation** and ensure timely submission to meet admission deadlines.

### Admission Requirements:

#### 1. Minimum GPA:

- A minimum **2.5 GPA** on the last **60 hours of coursework**, including all courses in the semester where the 60th hour occurs.
- Students with a **GPA between 2.5 and 2.99** may be **conditionally admitted** and must complete **12 graduate credit hours** with a **cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher** to continue in the program.
- For **full admission at entrance**, applicants must submit **acceptable GRE or GMAT scores** before beginning coursework. (Some programs require GRE or GMAT scores regardless of GPA.)

#### 2. English Language Proficiency:

Applicants must meet **one** of the following criteria:

- Earned a grade of **"C" or better** in **English Composition I & II (ENGL 1301 & 1302)**.
- Submitted official **TOEFL or IELTS scores** meeting these minimums:
  - TOEFL: **80 (internet-based), 213 (computer-based), or 550 (paper-based)**.
  - IELTS: **6.0 or higher**.
- Citizenship from a **recognized English-speaking country** as listed in **TAC 230.11(b)(5)(C)**.

#### 3. Leveling Courses:

Some programs may require additional **prerequisite coursework (leveling classes)** based on the applicant's academic background.

### Visa and Financial Requirements:

- To obtain a **U.S. student visa (F-1)**, applicants must provide **proof of financial solvency** demonstrating the ability to cover all educational and living expenses.
- A **financial sponsor** must endorse all expenditures for the applicant throughout their studies.

- Copies of **financial statements** must be submitted with the admission application.

### Health Insurance & Additional Requirements:

- The **Texas A&M University System** mandates that all international students must have **medical insurance with U.S. coverage**.
- Students are **automatically enrolled** in a university health insurance plan and charged accordingly.
- Applicants must submit **two passport-style color photos** taken within **six months** of application submission.

### Application Processing & I-20 Issuance:

- All **application materials must be submitted to the Graduate School** for processing.
- An **I-20 cannot be issued** until all materials are received, and the applicant is officially **admitted** to the Graduate School.

For additional information, contact the **Graduate School** at [graduateschool@tamuct.edu](mailto:graduateschool@tamuct.edu).