INTERNATIONAL ADMISSION DOCUMENTS

In addition to all general admission requirements, applicants with international credentials (including any study abroad or exchange course work) or English proficiency exam scores, may be required to submit the following requirements for admission consideration.

Application Fee for Applications with International Credentials

Applicants with documents that require the review of any non-U.S. credentials (including any courses taken through a study abroad or exchange program) or English proficiency exam scores must submit a nonrefundable application fee of $90. No application will be considered until the necessary fees have been paid.

Official Transcripts/Marks Sheets

The Graduate College requires two official, university-sealed transcripts from every university attended: one in the native language of the university and one certified translation into English (only when the native language transcripts of the university are issued in English). Transcript evaluations are not required. Academic records (transcripts and mark sheets) must be submitted directly to The Graduate College by post in an envelope sealed by the university recognized by the appropriate bodies of that country and must include official stamps, seals, and/or signatures from the university’s Registrar or Controller of Examinations. These documents must be printed on university letterhead in order to be considered official. Copies of official transcripts and mark sheets may be uploaded to the application portal for application review purposes.

Graduation/Degree Certificate (Diploma)

The Graduate College requires two copies of official diplomas or degree certificates: one in the native language of the university and one certified translation into English. Certificates must include the type of degree earned and the date the degree was awarded as well as all official stamps, seals, and/or signatures from the university’s Registrar or Controller of Examinations Office.

Official English Proficiency Exam Scores

Fluency in English is expected of all accepted students, specifically in the areas of listening, reading, speaking, and writing; therefore, English proficiency exam scores through the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) are required of all applicants if English is not their native language or if they are not eligible for an automatic TOEFL/IELTS waiver.

ALL TOEFL or IELTS scores submitted for admission consideration must be less than two years old as both Educational Testing Services (ETS) and International English Language Testing System (IELTS) will not maintain or release official score records beyond this time. ALL TOEFL or IELTS scores must be submitted to The Graduate College by ETS or IELTS directly; score reports bearing the designation of "applicant copy" or "institutional scores" will not be considered official for admission purposes. Scores requested by the student before the deadline, but received by The Graduate College after the deadline, will be considered late.

English-Proficiency Admission Requirements

Applicants must submit a TOEFL internet-based test (iBT) score of at least 78 overall or an IELTS (academic) test score of at least 6.5 overall with 6.0 in each individual module scores in order to be considered for regular admission based on English proficiency*. (Only students currently enrolled in the Texas State Intensive English (TSIE) Bridge Program (see below) may submit a TOEFL paper-based test score of at least 550 for regular admission.) Some programs may require a higher overall score or 4 out of 4 minimum individual iBT section scores in order to be considered for regular admission. Additionally, some programs may require that applicants submit scores for one specific type of test. These requirements are listed on each program’s catalog or web page.

* Regular admission based on English proficiency does not guarantee regular academic admission.

Bridge Admission Requirements

In conjunction with the Texas State Intensive English (TSIE) Bridge Program, certain programs may allow English-based conditional admission. Bridge admission is a special opportunity for students to work on their English for one year while their place is held in their academic program. Students may not enroll in graduate courses until after the English requirement has been satisfied. “Bridge Admission” requires a TOEFL internet-based overall score 59 - 77 or an IELTS (academic) overall score of 5.5 - 6.0 with minimum individual module scores of at least 5.5. Please note that some programs may require 4 out of 4 minimum individual iBT section scores in order to be considered for English-based conditional admission. As long as students meet the minimum requirements for regular admission within one year, their spot in the academic program will be held. Unfortunately, students who do not meet requirements within one year will not be able to continue in the academic program.

Immigration Documents

All immigration-related documents will be collected by the International Office. Visit the International Office web site for more information or contact the office directly via 512-245-7966 or international@txstate.edu.