International Admission

An international student is defined as anyone who is not a United States citizen. However, a permanent resident alien who has completed two or more years in and graduated from a U.S. high school is required to meet the admission requirements established for U.S. citizens (see Undergraduate Admission in this section of the catalog).

International applicants should complete the International Student Application which is available at www.applytexas.org (http://www.applytexas.org). The application and all credentials must be submitted by the required deadline. A non-refundable $90.00 fee (U.S. currency) is required for all international applicants. Freshman applicants who are graduates of foreign secondary schools must demonstrate that they have above average academic achievement and an education equivalent to that of a U.S. high school graduate. Students transferring from foreign institutions must demonstrate above average academic achievement in their post-secondary education. Applicants must submit original academic records (or copies which have been certified by an appropriate school official) of all secondary and post-secondary coursework, examination results, SAT/ACT test scores, certificates awarded, and/or diplomas. A certified English translation must accompany the original academic records if the original records are not in English. Freshman applicants who are graduates of a U.S. high school and who completed at least two years in a U.S. high school must meet the freshman admission requirements established for U.S. citizens. Transfer applicants from within the U.S. must meet all regular transfer admission requirements (see Undergraduate Admission in this section of the catalog).

All applicants whose native language is not English must present proof of English proficiency. Texas State accepts the following measures of English proficiency for regular admission:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) minimum score of 550 (paper-based test, PBT) or 213 (computer-based test, CBT), or 78 total score (internet-based test, iBT) with the following 3 out of 4 minimum section scores: 19 in Reading, 19 in Listening, 19 in Speaking and 18 in Writing, or
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) minimum score of 6.5, or
- International Baccalaureate (IB) grade of 4, 5, 6 or 7 in English A1 or A2 at the Higher Level or Standard Level or English B at the Higher Level, or
- 30 semester hours of college course work transferred from a regionally accredited U.S. institution to include ENG 1310 College Writing I and ENG 1320 College Writing II with grades of “C” or higher, or
- Advanced Level exam in English Language on GCE, GCSE, IGCSE or HKCEE with grade of “C” or higher, or
- Completion of all level 5500 Texas State Intensive English classes with composite grade of “A” or “B” and positive recommendation from program director.

Admission to the Texas State Intensive English Bridge program allows students to begin university academic study on a part-time basis while completing their English proficiency requirements in the Texas State Intensive English program. Acceptance into full-time academic study is contingent upon achieving one of the measures of English proficiency listed in the paragraph above, successfully completing the Intensive English program at Texas State and completing the Texas State credit courses with a grade of “C” or higher.

F1 International Students Transferring to Texas State from Another U.S. Institution

International students who wish to transfer to Texas State University need to meet the academic as well as the immigration requirements for this transfer. Students who have been already admitted into an academic program and provided the financial documentation required for their admissions should follow the steps below to process their SEVIS or immigration transfer. This is a separate procedure not to be confused with the academic transfer done through the Undergraduate or Graduate Admission offices. Simply transferring academically doesn’t complete your SEVIS transfer.

1. Notify your international/ (http://www.international.txstate.edu)immigration student advisor at your current school of your intent to transfer and verify the procedures with them.
2. Request your current school to fill out and fax or email the Status Verification Form. It is your responsibility to make sure that your previous/current institution fills out the Status Verification Form and submits it.
3. Upon your notification, a DSO at your current school will update your record in SEVIS as a “transfer out” and indicate a release date. Once this release date is reached the International Office at Texas State will have access to your SEVIS record to process your transfer I-20.
4. After the release date of your SEVIS record contact the Texas State International Office to confirm that all documents needed for your SEVIS transfer have been received as well as your SEVIS record.
5. Call the International Office to schedule a check-in. You must bring all of your immigration documents to this meeting. Your transfer I-20 will have access to your SEVIS record to process your transfer I-20.

Important Considerations

- Transfer students must start attending classes within 5 months of the last day he or she attended classes (or ended OPT), or the next available session, whichever comes sooner.
- If a student completes a course of study (or OPT), the student is eligible for transfer through the end of the 60-day grace period.
- If you are planning on traveling abroad you must re-enter the country with the I-20 from the school that holds your SEVIS record at the time. If your release date occurs when you are abroad the Texas State International Office will have to mail you the transfer I-20.
- A student’s authorization for OPT or CPT ends on the transfer release date or the end of the work authorization whichever one is earlier.
F1 International Students Transferring to Another U.S. Institution from Texas State

To transfer to another U.S. institution from Texas State you must request a SEVIS transfer from the International Office. This is a separate transfer from the academic transfer and does not imply a transfer of your academic records. The SEVIS transfer will allow your new institution to issue you a new I-20 that will allow you to maintain your legal status.

To notify the Texas State International Office of your intension to transfer out, you must fill out the SEVIS Transfer Out Form and submit it to our office with the admissions acceptance letter attached to it.

An International Office advisor will determine an appropriate release date for your SEVIS transfer which will generally be the last day of your current semester. More detailed information is included in the SEVIS Transfer Out Form.

If you decide to cancel your transfer, you must notify the Texas State International Office before your SEVIS transfer release date. Once the transfer release date has been reached, Texas State will no longer have access to your SEVIS record and your new institution will be responsible for the management of your record.

Simply receiving the new school's I-20 doesn't complete the transfer process. Contact the staff at your new institution responsible for assisting international students about completing the required SEVIS transfer procedures.

For further information on immigration requirements, contact the Texas State International Office at 512.245.7966 or www.international.txstate.edu.

For further information on admission requirements for international students, contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 512.245.2759 or www.admissions.txstate.edu.