

Admission Categories

Full Admission

This status is assigned to entering students who have earned a baccalaureate degree from a recognized college or university and who meet one of the following College of Graduate Studies minimum requirement sets:

1. Have an undergraduate cumulative grade point average between 2.3-2.59 and a minimum GRE composite (Q+V) score of 294 or minimum MAT score of 398 (optional test to the GRE for Education majors only).
2. Have an undergraduate cumulative grade point average between 2.6 and above or an undergraduate grade point average of 3.00 or higher for the last 60 semester credits (or 90 quarter credits) and a minimum GRE composite score (Q+V) of 284 or minimum MAT score of 388.
3. Business Administration majors must have an undergraduate cumulative grade point average of 2.6 or above and a GMAT score of 420 or higher.
4. For Doctoral Programs, successful completion of a Master's degree in the field and a minimum GRE composite score of 294 or minimum MAT score of 398.

Additional admission requirements may be required by the Graduate Programs.

Full Admission with Stipulations

Students who have earned a baccalaureate degree from a recognized college or university, but do not satisfy Full Admission Requirements, may be fully admitted with stipulations on a case by case basis. To be accepted in this status, a student's credentials will have to be reviewed and accepted by the graduate program to which the student is applying and approved by the graduate dean. Students are fully admitted, but may have additional stipulations to be met during the course of their study. Stipulations will be specified in writing by the graduate program to which the students have been admitted. These stipulations must be satisfied within the period indicated by the admitting graduate program. Failure to satisfy stipulations may result in the student being dismissed from the program.

English Conditional

Students who meet the academic program requirements for admission, but do not meet English proficiency requirements, may join the English Language Training Center (ELTC) Program. These students will have to complete the ELTC Program before being allowed to register for any undergraduate/graduate courses as degree seeking students.

Non-degree Admission

A non-degree student can take up to 9 SCH of graduate course credit with the provision of taking additional course work upon obtaining approval from the graduate dean. A non-degree seeking student must: hold at least a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a grade point average of at least 2.0 and be in good standing at the last institution attended.

Prerequisite Course Work for Graduate Study

Eighteen semester hours of undergraduate courses in the major subject area, including 12 advanced semester hours, are prerequisite for all graduate study, except Social Work. The MBA Program requires 15 credit hours of undergraduate courses. Each department has the right to examine an applicant's prerequisites and to accept certain equivalent hours or to require additional work if the graduate coordinator and the student's program chair feel it is necessary.

Graduate Readmission

Students who have been inactive for two long semesters (fall and spring) must resubmit an application to be considered for readmission via www.applytexas.org. Students returning for certification must complete a new application for admission (ApplyTexas Webpage) to be admitted for the certification program.

Admittance to a Specific Program

Admittance to the College of Graduate Studies does not guarantee acceptance into a specific program. Standards for admittance to a specific program are set by the college that offers the program. Students must therefore check the admission requirements to the program of interest before they seek admission to the College of Graduate Studies.

Before admission to a specific degree program, the graduate coordinator for the program must accept the student. The program adviser will direct the degree plan and research through the student's graduate committee. The composition of the student's graduate committee varies from program to program; however, at least the chair and one member must be from the degree program.

If, after admittance to a specific program, the applicant desires a different program, the student must be admitted to the new program before being allowed to register again. Failure to follow policy and procedure may void the application of any courses completed toward a degree in a specific program.

Senior Status (Undergraduate Students)

Concurrent enrollment in a graduate course may be allowed after an undergraduate student is classified as a senior. In such concurrent enrollment, the student must not enroll in excess of 15 SCH in a fall/spring semester and no more than 6 SCH in a summer term. The graduate course(s) can be used to satisfy either the baccalaureate degree or the master's degree requirements. In addition, the student is limited to a maximum of 9 SCH of graduate courses. The student must have an overall minimum GPA of 2.6 or better. This request must be approved before the student registers for the graduate courses. Forms for Concurrent Enrollment are available on the College of Graduate Studies' website http://www.tamuk.edu/grad/current_students/forms_resources.html

Transfer Students and Transferred Grades

Only grades of *A* or *B* (3.0 minimum GPA per course) earned on applicable graduate level courses which have been approved in writing by the graduate coordinator/adviser and department chair may be transferred for graduate level credit. Course work in which no formal grades are given (ex., CR) is not acceptable for transfer credit without the approval of the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies. Transferred grades cannot be used to raise the grade point average of either the major or supporting field courses taken at Texas A&M University-Kingsville. Transferred courses must have been taken within the last seven years. Graduate credits older than those stipulated are not applicable toward a graduate degree without written approval of the graduate dean.

The total number of graduate credit hours that may be transferred and accepted to apply toward a specific degree is found under the description of each degree plan offered. In all cases, no more than one-half of the total number of semester hours required for a master's degree (not including the Project, Thesis or Dissertation courses) and no more than one-half of the semester hours for the major subject area or for each supporting field may be transferred. Such courses must be approved by the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies upon recommendation of the appropriate graduate coordinator and the student's program chair. None of the transferred courses may have been applied toward a previous degree.

Concurrent Enrollment at Other Institutions

Credit earned by a student at another institution while concurrently enrolled at Texas A&M University-Kingsville will be transferred only if the student has received written approval from the graduate coordinator/adviser and department chair.

Note: Applications to the graduate program are available at www.applytexas.org. Questions can be directed to the College of Graduate Studies:

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