Special Admissions

Academic Fresh Start

An applicant for admission who is a Texas resident may seek to enter this institution pursuant to the "academic fresh start" statute, Texas Education Code, Section 51.931. An applicant must make this request in writing to the Office of Admission and Enrollment Services before the student is admitted. After the applicant submits this request, UT Dallas will not consider in its admissions decision any academic course credits or grades earned by the applicant 10 or more years before the starting date of the semester in which the applicant seeks to enroll. In addition, an applicant admitted under Academic Fresh Start will not receive any course credit for courses taken 10 or more years before enrollment. The granting of Academic Fresh Start will neither affect THEA status nor remove the applicant's responsibility to meet other conditions for admission.

High School Concurrent Enrollment

The Dean of Undergraduate Education will consider the co-enrollment of highly qualified high school students in specific UT Dallas courses on an individual basis. Permission for enrollment in particular courses will be granted at the discretion of the Undergraduate Dean in consultation with the course instructor and the Associate Dean of the school offering the desired course.

Co-enrollment decisions will be based on the academic credentials of the applicant, the scholastic rigor of the requested classes, the course prerequisites, and the demand for the class on the part of ongoing UT Dallas students. Only the Dean of Undergraduate Education may admit a co-enrolled student to the University.

To request co-enrollment, a prospective student must complete an application for admission and submit a copy of his/her high school transcript and all standardized test results. In addition, a letter must accompany the application from the student's high school counselor endorsing the student's enrollment in a particular course. The counselor must also assure the University that the requested course(s) represent instruction unavailable and/or advanced beyond that offered at the student’s high school and the local community college.

High school students will not be considered for co-enrollment until they pass all sections of THEA, or meet one of the following criteria which exempt them from THEA requirements:

1. Score at least 23 on the ACT composite score, with a minimum of 19 on both the English and math tests.
2. Students with SAT composite score of 1605 or higher, with 500 in Critical Reading, 500 in Math and 500 in Writing, are TSI/THEA exempt. SAT scores can be no more than five years old. Residual SAT cannot be used for THEA exemption.
Non-Degree Seeking Students

Students who hold an undergraduate degree or higher and wish to take undergraduate courses for credit without seeking a degree may enroll as a non-degree seeking student. Up to 15 hours of such course credit may be transferred to any degree program at the University; acceptance of any of these hours is at the discretion of the Undergraduate Associate Dean of the School into which the student wishes to be accepted.

Non-degree seeking students must be prepared to meet all requirements for Freshman Admission (see "First Time Freshman Admission"). To continue enrollment beyond one semester, non-degree students will be bound by the same scholastic standards that apply to regularly enrolled degree-seeking students.

A non-degree seeking student whose work is unsatisfactory and who has been suspended from the University for academic reasons may not re-enroll without permission of the Dean of Undergraduate Education.

Non-degree seeking students may not be eligible for financial aid. It is recommended that applicants contact the UT Dallas Financial Aid Office for more information at 972-883-2941.

NOTE: International students may not enroll as non-degree seeking students; exceptions may be made for the summer session for those international students enrolled in a degree program elsewhere.

Second Baccalaureate Degrees

Students who earned an undergraduate degree at UT Dallas or another institution of higher education should apply for admission through Apply Texas, submit official transcripts from all non-UT Dallas college coursework, pay the non-refundable application fee(s), and be reviewed for admission. Such students often earn admission through individual review by the Admissions Committee. Students seeking a second baccalaureate degree should also contact the department to which they are applying for more information.

Transient Students

Students pursuing degrees at four-year colleges and universities other than UT Dallas and who desire to transfer credit hours taken at UT Dallas to the degree granting institution should apply for admission as transient students. Students will be admitted based on evidence of good academic standing at their home institution. In addition, students who have previously attended Texas state-supported institutions must provide evidence of their current TSI status.

Transient admissions are valid for a single semester. While UT Dallas credits are generally transferable to other institutions, the student is urged to seek prior approval of coursework to be completed at UT Dallas from the institution to which it is to be transferred.