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 TSI (Texas Success Initiative) 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 mathematics courses only on an individual basis. Permission for enrollment in particular mathematics courses will be granted at the discretion of the Dean of Undergraduate Education.

Co-enrollment decisions will be based on the academic credentials of the applicant, including the applicant’s completion of all calculus courses at the student’s local community college, 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, community college 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 the TSI (Texas Success Initiative) Assessment, or meet one of the following criteria which exempt them from the TSI Assessment requirements:

1. Earn a composite score of 23 or higher on the ACT, with individual math, reading and English scores of no less than 19.

2. Earn a composite score of 1070 or higher on the SAT, with 500 critical reading (formally
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 semester credit hours of such course credit may be transferred to any degree program at the university; acceptance of any of these semester credit hours is at the discretion of the Undergraduate Associate Dean of the School into which the student wishes to be accepted.

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

Before applying, students seeking a second baccalaureate degree should contact the department to which they are applying for more information. Upon acknowledgement from the school, 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 established by the school's internal admissions process for this type of degree.

Transient Students

Students pursuing degrees at four-year colleges and universities other than UT Dallas and who desire to transfer semester 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.