Undergraduate Admission

Transfer Student Admissions

The University of Texas at Dallas accepts applications for admission from transfer students for the fall, spring, and summer semesters. UT Dallas welcomes applications from students who have begun their college work and are in good standing at other institutions of higher education.

Automatic Admission for Eligible Transfer Students

Section 51.8035 of the Texas Education Code establishes criteria for automatic admission to The University of Texas at Dallas for eligible transfer students who began their studies at a Texas institution of higher education following high school graduation.

To be eligible for automatic transfer admission under section 51.8035, a prospective transfer student must have:

1. Qualified for automatic admission to a Texas institution of higher education at the time he or she graduated from high school, or was previously offered admission under this provision.
2. First enrolled in a public junior college or other public or private lower-division institution of higher education not earlier than the third academic year before the academic year for which he or she is seeking admission to the University.
3. Completed the core curriculum at a public junior college or other public or private lower-division institution of higher education with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.500 on a 4.000 point scale, or the equivalent.
4. Submitted a complete application for transfer admission by the deadline.

To take advantage of the automatic admission option, the applicant must submit to UT Dallas, by the deadline, information that "expressly and clearly" claims entitlement to admission under this provision.

The university may accept transfer credit only for academic post-secondary coursework completed with a grade of C (2.000 on a 4.000 point scale) or higher. The University of Texas at Dallas does not offer credit for nonacademic coursework such as vocational, developmental or remedial studies, nor does it grant credit for prior experiential learning. Coursework that is accepted for transfer credit is applicable toward satisfying requirements for a specific UT Dallas major according to the same criteria as those used for equivalent UT Dallas courses. Information about resolution of transfer disputes involving lower-division courses can be found in Appendix II.

Prospective transfer students from Dallas area community colleges should refer to the UT Dallas Transfer Guides, available at the UT Dallas Office of Admission and Enrollment Services, online at www.utdallas.edu/enroll/apply/tguides.php, and at the community college academic advising offices to learn more about curricula appropriate to the various UT Dallas majors.
As soon as an application for admission, transcripts and any required test scores have been received, the Office of the Registrar will evaluate the student’s record to determine which credits earned at another college or university will transfer to UT Dallas.

The application of transfer credit to degree plans must be completed within the first semester of enrollment. An undergraduate advisor in the student’s major, in consultation with the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, will determine how the transfer credits apply towards UT Dallas degree requirements. The faculty, acting through the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education, has the ultimate responsibility for applying transfer credit to their specific major requirements. Students are urged to contact their advising office upon receipt of the letter informing them of their admission to UT Dallas.

Transfer students who begin their semester with 45 or more semester credit hours are required to file a degree plan with UT Dallas no later than the end of the student's regular semester in accordance with Texas Education Code, Section 51.9685, subsection C.

Applicants seeking admission to UT Dallas should be aware that they will need at least 51 upper-division semester credit hours to graduate (see "Graduation Requirements" located at http://catalog.utdallas.edu/2014/undergraduate/policies/graduation#graduation-requirements).

Transfer Admission Criteria

Applicants to UT Dallas who have previously taken college credit courses, beyond high school graduation (excluding the summer following high school graduation), at other institutions of higher education will be reviewed for admission as transfer students. Transfer applicants with a freshman classification (see "Classification of Students") may be required to submit official high school transcripts and SAT/ACT scores as well as all college level coursework. Transfer applicants, with a higher classification, will be reviewed on their cumulative transfer GPA of post-secondary academic coursework and a review of specific college courses only. Additionally, they are subject to compliance to the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) at catalog.utdallas.edu/2013/undergraduate/policies/admission-policies#tsi.

Assured Transfer Admission

Applicants with 42 or more transferable semester credit hours must meet the following admission criteria:

- Have a minimum cumulative transferable GPA of 2.700 on a 4.000 point scale
- Be in good standing from the last college or university attended
- Have fewer than 90 attempted semester credit hours at a Texas public institution of higher education

Reviewed Transfer Admission

Transfer applicants who do not meet the assured transfer admission criteria will be reviewed and may be placed on probation.
Applicants are required to submit all post-secondary academic course work and be in good standing at the last college or university attended. Additionally, applicants may be required to submit the following documents:

- High school transcript
- SAT/ACT scores
- Essay explaining their educational history

Transfer Students Admitted on Probation

If admitted on probation, transfer students must:

- See an academic advisor before registering
- May not register for more than 15 semester credit hours
- May not drop from any classes
- Must earn a grade of 'C' or better in classes, and
- Follow other conditions as prescribed by the admitting Associate Dean

Students admitted on probation must earn a GPA of at least 2.200 for the first semester of enrollment. Failure to meet these conditions will result in suspension. Students admitted on probation who are subsequently suspended from the University may be readmitted only by the Associate Dean (see "Academic Suspension" at catalog.utdallas.edu/2014/undergraduate/policies/disciplinary-actions#readmission).

The Comet Connection Program

Many UT Dallas students transfer from a Texas two-year community college. The Comet Connection Program was specifically created to enable community college transfer students from Texas community colleges to blend their college experiences seamlessly - and without financial penalty. Members of the Comet Connection Program are also offered a Guaranteed Tuition Program and may defer admission up to 12 months after admission. For more information or to receive an updated list of participating community colleges, contact one of our admissions counselors at the Welcome Center at 972-883-2270 or visit www.utdallas.edu/connect.

Comet Connection members

Must satisfy Assured Transfer Admission criteria for transfer students or the following criteria:

- Associate's Degree
- A GPA of 2.500 on a 4.000 point scale