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 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.

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 submit an essay to be reviewed for admission by the school's internal process.

Transient Students

Students who are currently enrolled and degree-seeking 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.

Note: Transient applicants who wish to pursue coursework after the first term should reapply as a transfer degree-seeking student.