To determine eligibility, a student must document for the Undergraduate Admissions Committee his/her talent through an audition, portfolio, videotape, or written evidence of exceptional performance. Three written recommendations from individuals who are knowledgeable about the student’s performance in his/her talent area are required. In the final selection of these students, the Undergraduate Admissions Committee must also take into consideration the academic record of each applicant to determine his/her potential to graduate in a timely manner and to complete successfully his/her academic career. Students admitted to the University by way of their exceptional talent may be required to take additional leveling courses at the request of the Undergraduate Admissions Committee.

Enrollment Management will monitor the number students admitted under the provisions of this policy and will include this information as part of an annual report to the Faculty Senate and the Provost.

SCHOLASTIC PROBATIONARY ADMISSION FOR FIRST-TIME NON-TRADITIONAL FRESHMEN

Those first-time freshmen who have been out of high school for five years or more and who do not meet the regular academic admissions criteria may be considered for “Probationary Admission” status. If the Undergraduate Admissions Committee admits a student on probationary status, the following conditions will apply:

While on probationary status, the student must remain part-time, taking no more than two courses each semester. The student’s progress will be monitored at the end of each term. To continue to enroll each semester while on probationary status, the student must maintain a term GPA of 2.0 or better and must not receive a grade of D or F in any remedial course attempted.

The courses the student will attempt while on probationary status will be determined by A&M-Corpus Christi placement results, THEA scores (or scores on an accepted alternative test), and the recommendation of the assigned academic advisor. All course work while a student is on probationary status will be chosen from remedial offerings and the core curriculum. After the student completes 12 semester credit hours of non-remedial course work with a GPA of 2.0 or better, without earning a grade of D or F in any remedial course attempted, the student will become a regularly admitted student, with all the rights and responsibilities of that status.

TRANSFER ADMISSION

The University was an upper-division transfer institution for more than twenty years. During that time, the institution earned a reputation for working effectively with transfer students. It is the aim of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to maintain that transfer-friendly reputation. Students who have earned 30 or more semester hours of credit and who wish to transfer to the University must have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. Those students who wish to transfer with fewer than 30 hours of credit must have a 2.0 GPA and must also satisfy the regular freshman entry requirements. A transfer applicant may not disregard his or her college record and apply for admission as a freshman. The following additional rules also apply:

1. The applicant must provide official copies of transcripts from each college or university attended. To be considered official, the transcript must bear the seal of the granting institution and must be mailed to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi by the granting institution.
2. No remedial or duplicate credits may be transferred.
3. The applicant must be eligible to return to his or her previous institution.
4. The cumulative GPA includes all work attempted, excluding remedial, high school, or duplicate courses.
5. Repeated courses are calculated within the GPA according to the standards and rules of the granting institution.

NOTE: The University requires 6 hours of credit in the same foreign language or in American
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Sign Language for graduation. This requirement may also be met with 2 credits in the same foreign language from high school. If this requirement was met in high school, an official high school transcript must be submitted to the Office of Admissions.

TRANSFER PROVISIONAL ADMISSION

Transfer students who do not meet regular admission requirements may be considered under the Provisional Admission Procedure. The Undergraduate Admissions Committee will review applicants for consideration under the Provisional Admission Procedure.

Applications for provisional admission must have copies of all required documentation on file with the University. Consideration of applicants under the Provisional Admission Procedure will be on a case-by-case basis. Students approved under the Provisional Admission Procedure will enter the University on academic probation and may be subject to additional provisions established by the Undergraduate Admissions Committee.

Transfer Admission Deadlines

To ensure full consideration, the completed ApplyTexas Application (for U.S. Transfer Admission) and all required documents and supporting material must be on file in the Office of Admissions by the following deadlines:
- Fall Semester - August 15
- Spring Semester - December 15
- Summer Session - May 15

TRANSIENT ADMISSION

Students who are pursuing a degree at another college or university may be admitted as transient students if they provide proof of enrollment in good standing at their home college or university. Such students must complete a ApplyTexas Application (for Transient Admission) and submit a letter of good standing. Enrollment as a transient student is restricted to the summers or one long semester. Summer transient students must reapply each summer that enrollment is sought. Students admitted as transient students who later wish to pursue a degree at this University may do so by completing the regular admission process and meeting all admission requirements. (International students cannot be admitted as transient students.)

INTERNATIONAL ADMISSION

International students (non-U.S. citizens) with outstanding academic records will be considered for admission. International students who seek admission to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi must meet the following requirements:

1. Application Form and Fee: A completed ApplyTexas Application (for either International Freshman Admission or International Transfer Admission) and a $50 application fee are required.

2. Testing: Prospective students from other countries must demonstrate the ability to speak, write and understand the English language. Prospective students whose native language is not English must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination unless they have already earned an associate’s degree from an accredited institution in the United States. A minimum score of 550 on the TOEFL paper examination, 79-80 on the TOEFL internet examination, or 213 on the TOEFL computer examination is required for admission to the University. The TOEFL is administered by the Educational Testing Service in over 200 centers around the world. A registration form and a “Bulletin of Information for Candidates” may be obtained by writing to TOEFL Registration Office, P.O. Box 6151, Princeton, New Jersey 08541-6151, USA.

Freshman international applicants must have their test scores for either the Scholastic Assessment Tests (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT) submitted to the Office of Admissions.
3. Transcripts: The University requires all transcripts from international high schools, colleges and universities to be evaluated by a certified evaluation agency approved by the Director of Admissions and requires the evaluation report to be submitted by the agency to the Office of Admissions. A list of approved evaluation agencies may be obtained at the following website: http://admissions.tamucc.edu/international.

4. Grade Point Average (GPA): A cumulative GPA of 2.5 for all work attempted at other U.S. colleges or universities is required.

5. Finances: The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi require all international applicants to provide an “Affidavit of Support” form certifying ability to finance study in the U.S. The Affidavit of Support must be completed with U.S. currency figures only.

6. Immunizations and Related Requirements: International students are required to have a tuberculin skin test or chest x-ray and must meet the immunization requirements discussed later in this chapter.

7. Health Insurance: All international students (students who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States) are required to be covered by the Texas A&M University System’s student health insurance plan or to show proof of an equivalent insurance coverage. Students without insurance will not be permitted to register for classes. For information, contact the Coordinator, International Student Admissions.

International students should contact the Office of Admissions for further information on admission requirements for international students.

The admission application review will not begin until all required documents are received by the Office of Admissions.

An international student must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 semester hours during both the spring and fall semesters. An international student may not be admitted in undergraduate transient (visiting) or non-degree status. An international student sponsored by a program in a Texas higher Education Coordinating Board recognized institution may be admitted with the approval of the Office of Admissions.

**International Admission Deadlines**

The completed ApplyTexas Application for admission of international students and all required documents and supporting material must be on file by the following deadlines:

- Fall Semester - May 1
- Spring Semester - September 1
- Summer Session - February 1

**International Student Advising**

The Coordinator, International Student Admissions, located in the Office of Admissions, oversees all academic and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) requirements of F-1 students attending A&M-Corpus Christi. International students are required to report to the Coordinator, International Student Admissions at the beginning of each semester to maintain accurate status and essential information. The Coordinator, International Student Admissions helps students with forms and paperwork required for optional and curricular practical training, changes on I-20 form, change of status, reinstatement, and medical insurance requirements.

For additional information regarding international students, contact the Office of Admissions in the Student Services Center.

**English as a Second Language International (ESLI)**

The ESLI University Language Center, a privately owned and operated program located on the campus of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, provides students intensive English training in preparation for entrance to the University. Students may enroll and begin study in ESLI courses at any time during the fall, spring, or summer terms. Tuition and fees for ESLI programs may differ from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi tuition and fees.