Admission

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi considers itself to be an agent of opportunity, particularly for those persons residing in the South Texas Region. Accordingly, the admission standards and policies of the University have been designed to identify students who show potential for academic success.

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION

There are seven categories of undergraduate admission to the University:

1. Regular Freshman Admission (Regular First-Year Admission)
2. Alternative Freshman Admission (Alternative First-Year Admission)
3. Transfer Student Admission
4. Transient Admission
5. International Student Admission
6. Postbaccalaureate Admission
7. High School Senior Concurrent Enrollment Program

These categories and their associated requirements are described below.

Applications to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi through any of the seven admission categories will be processed only after all required documentation and fees have been received. An application is considered to be complete only when the Office of Admissions has received all required documentation, including completed application forms, required test scores, and any other information or fees specifically required. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Completed applications are processed as they are received, and applicants are usually informed of their admission status within three to four weeks.

Application materials and information concerning all aspects of the admissions process may be obtained directly from:

Office of Admissions
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
6300 Ocean Drive, Unit 5774
Corpus Christi, TX 78412-5774
Telephone: (361) 825-7024

Prospective students are strongly urged to apply early.

Application Fee

Applicants applying or reapplying to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi are required to pay an application fee of $25. The fee may be waived only in exceptional cases for applicants with hardships. An applicant in such circumstances should request his or her high school counselor, financial aid officer, or social worker to submit a letter verifying the need for a waiver with the application for admission.

Applicants who are not U.S. citizens are considered through International Admission. For international applicants, the nonrefundable application fee is $50.00, paid in U.S. currency.

FRESHMAN ADMISSION PROCEDURE

Application and Transcript Submission

A student may apply for admission by completing the ApplyTexas Application (for U.S. Freshman Admission) online at www.applytexas.org or www.tamucc.edu. If preferred, an applicant may request a paper copy of the application form from the Office of Admissions. Upon completion of the application form, an applicant should submit the form and the appropriate application fee to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. The student must request his or her registrar to (1) send an official transcript indicating grades through the applicant’s junior year and his or her class rank and (2) confirm the courses that will be completed through the senior year. Any student who has already graduated from high school
at the time of application must furnish an official transcript, which includes the date of graduation, class rank and grades for all courses taken. To be considered official, a transcript must bear an original signature of a school official and/or the school seal. Applicants should submit the application, transcript, application fee, and any supporting credentials to the Office of Admissions.

Testing

Applicants must take either the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT). Students are encouraged to take the SAT or the ACT during the spring of their junior year in high school. However, scores from tests taken later are acceptable if submitted by the freshman admission deadlines.

The SAT and ACT are offered at conveniently located testing centers throughout the United States and in major cities in many foreign countries. Testing dates, locations, and fees required are described in the information bulletin, which may be obtained from the student’s high school or by writing the College Board ATP, P.O. Box 6200, Princeton, NJ 08541-6200, or the American College Testing Corporation, ACT Registration, P.O. Box 414, Iowa City, IA 52243-4198.

When registering, designate that the results be sent to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi by the testing agencies. Test scores may also be submitted on the official high school transcript. Test scores are not official and will not be accepted unless furnished in these manners. For Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, the SAT code is 0366 and the ACT code is 4045.

REGULAR FRESHMAN ADMISSION

Freshman applicants are those citizens or permanent residents of the United States who have not been enrolled in any college-level institution except while still in high school or during the summer immediately following high school graduation and before enrolling in Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi for the subsequent fall. Freshman applicants are also called “first-year” applicants.

The best predictors of academic success have been a combination of high school class rank and standardized test scores. A student’s high school class rank results from ongoing opportunities to demonstrate capabilities in familiar situations, whereas standardized tests use objective measures for gauging academic potential. Regular Freshman Admission is based upon the combination of these two factors.

Applications are reviewed to ensure that applicants present the basic academic preparation required to pursue study at this University. Students who complete the Recommended High School Program, the Distinguished Achievement Program, or the Texas Scholars Program fulfill the academic preparation requirement.

The units of study and acceptable high school courses are:

- **English** 4 Credits;
- **Laboratory Science** 3 Credits, at least 1 of which must be in Biology, Chemistry, or Physics;
- **Mathematics** 3 Credits at the level of Algebra I or higher, which may include Plane Geometry;
- **Social Studies** 3 Credits;
- **Foreign Language** 2 Credits in one foreign language or American Sign Language.

While not required for admission, a high school course in computing may provide the skills needed to fulfill the University’s computer literacy requirement. Students who have graduated in the top 10% of their high school classes are admitted
without minimum SAT or ACT score requirements. Such students, however, are encouraged to have scores on either the SAT or ACT submitted to the Office of Admissions.

The following requirements linking high school class standing and minimum SAT/ACT scores will apply:

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<tr>
<th>Class Standing</th>
<th>Required SAT Score</th>
<th>ACT Composite</th>
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<td>Top 10%</td>
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<td>Next 15%</td>
<td>900 or above</td>
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<td>2nd Quarter</td>
<td>1,000 or above</td>
<td>21</td>
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<td>3rd Quarter</td>
<td>1,100 or above</td>
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<td>4th Quarter</td>
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Holders of GED diplomas who seek Regular Freshman Admission are subject to a similar scale of GED score relative to the SAT or ACT score as shown below:

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<th>GED Score</th>
<th>SAT Total/Verbal</th>
<th>ACT Composite/English</th>
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<td>&gt; 58</td>
<td>900/480</td>
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<td>51 - 57</td>
<td>1,000/480</td>
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<td>45 - 50</td>
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**Freshman Admission Deadlines**

To ensure full consideration, the ApplyTexas Application, application fee, required transcripts, and any supporting documentation must be in the Office of Admissions by the following deadlines:

- Fall Semester - July 1
- Spring Semester - November 1
- Summer Session - April 1

Completed applications received after the deadline date but before the beginning of regular registration will be processed subject to available space.

**ALTERNATIVE ADMISSION FOR FRESHMEN**

Those students who do not meet regular admission requirements may be considered under the Alternative Admission Procedure. The Undergraduate Admissions Committee will review applications for consideration under the Alternative Admission Procedure. In addition to reviewing the student’s class rank, standardized test scores, and high school courses, the committee will consider other factors such as participation in extracurricular activities, including evidence of leadership; community service; talents and awards; extenuating circumstances; and employment, internships, and summer activities.

Applicants for Alternative Admission must have an official SAT or ACT score on file with the University. The applications considered under the Alternative Admission Procedure will be on a case-by-case basis. Students admitted under Alternative Admission may be subject to specific enrollment conditions established by the Undergraduate Admissions Committee based on the applicant’s individual circumstances. These conditions may include enrolling in prescribed developmental course work, participating in tutoring sessions and other academic support activities, and meeting other conditions designed to promote academic success.

**EXCEPTIONAL TALENT POLICY**

Admission based upon exceptional talent provides an important pathway to higher education for students who do not meet normal admissions criteria but who have outstanding abilities and/or experience. Accordingly, a select group of applicants may be considered for admission because they possess exceptional talents that are important to the intellectual vitality, prestige, and diversity of the university community. Areas identified for consideration under exceptional talent admissions include outstanding achievement in intellectual or creative endeavors including the visual and performing arts, communications, athletics, and other experiences that demonstrate unusual promise for leadership.