

# ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY

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Texas A&M University-Kingsville adheres to high standards of academic excellence and admits students in accordance with their level of academic preparation without regard to race, color, sex, age, religious commitment or national origin. All inquiries about admission, application for admission and transcripts of credit should be addressed to the Office of Admission, Texas A&M-Kingsville, MSC 128, Kingsville, Texas 78363. (NOTE: Admission to the university does not guarantee admission to a particular college or academic program.)

## ***Admission Deadlines***

Completed applications and required documentation must be in the Office of Admission by the following deadlines to ensure the application is processed prior to the beginning of the semester:

Fall Semester:	August 15
Spring Semester:	December 15
Summer I:	May 15

International students should refer to the International Admission section of this catalog for deadline information.

## ***Freshman Admission Requirements (Students with less than 12 college hours after high school)***

*(Documents 1-4 below comprise a complete admission application; include #5 if courses were taken for college credit prior to admission to Texas A&M-Kingsville.)*

1. Submit a completed application for admission, including the \$15 application fee. The ApplyTexas Application is available online at <https://www.applytexas.org>.
2. Request that an official high school transcript be sent directly to the Office of Admission, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, MSC 128, Kingsville, TX 78363. Acceptance will be tentatively granted on the basis of a high school transcript showing at least six completed semesters and either a Recommended or Distinguished high school program of study.
3. Upon graduation from high school, a student must request a final high school transcript (one that indicates date of graduation and rank in the class) be sent to the Office of Admission, Texas A&M-Kingsville.
4. Notify the testing center to send official copies of ACT or SAT scores directly to the Office of Admission, Texas A&M-Kingsville. Use ACT code 4212 or SAT code 6822.
5. Students attending colleges or universities while still in high school or prior to enrolling at Texas A&M-Kingsville must request official college transcripts be sent directly to the Office of Admission, Texas A&M-Kingsville from each college/university attended.

## ***Admission for First-Time Freshman Students***

1. A first-time freshman student is an applicant who has graduated, or will soon graduate, from a Texas public high school accredited by the Texas Education Agency or a Texas non-public school accredited by the Texas Private School Accreditation Commission or who have completed home schooling or who have received a GED. A first-time freshman has not enrolled in another college or university after graduating from high school or earning a GED. (Dual enrollment credit is not considered in this determination.)
2. An applicant submitting a completed application to Texas A&M-Kingsville as a freshman applicant and who meets one of the following requirements will be granted admission to the university:

Freshmen applicants may obtain automatic admission to the University by meeting the Regular Admission Requirements listed below. Those applicants who do not meet one of the four automatic admission standards listed below will be considered under our Alternate Review policy. Refer to the *Alternate Admission Review Process*.

**REGULAR ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Students graduating in the **top 10%** of their high school class from a Texas public high school under the Recommended or Distinguished Program or completing a college preparatory high school program. Top 10% students must also submit ACT or SAT scores to complete their admission file for course placement purposes.
2. Students completing the State of Texas **Distinguished High School Program**, the **International Baccalaureate Diploma Program** or a high school program of equivalent rigor meet regular admission requirements. These students must also submit ACT or SAT scores to complete their admission file for course placement purposes. (For information about transfer credit granted for IB Diploma holders, please see the Transfer Credit section of this catalog.)
3. Students completing the State of Texas **Recommended High School Program** or an equivalent college preparatory program must meet the following criteria.

<b>Recommended High School Program</b>		
<b>Class rank</b>	<b>SAT Composite Score*</b>	<b>ACT Composite Score</b>
Top Quarter	No minimum; <i>must still submit test scores</i>	No minimum; <i>must still submit test scores</i>
2nd Quarter	790	16
3rd Quarter	870	18
4th Quarter	950	20

*\*The SAT scores reflected in the table above include only the combination of the Critical Reading and Math Sections. They do not include the scores for the writing section of the SAT.*

<b>TEXAS RECOMMENDED HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM</b>		
For students who entered Grade 9 prior to 2007		
To see the chart for students who entered Grade 9 in 2007-2009 or later, please visit our website		
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>REQUIRED UNIT</b>	<b>ACCEPTABLE COURSES</b>
English	4	College preparatory English courses
Mathematics	3	Algebra I and II and Geometry, or any mathematics course that requires these as prerequisites
Science	3	Select from Integrated Physics and Chemistry, Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Principles of Technology. No more than one credit from each area
Social Studies	3.5	World History, World Geography, U.S. History since Reconstruction and U.S. Govt. - 2 credit
Foreign Language	2	2 years of the same foreign language

Technology Applications	1	General computer literacy
Physical Education	1.5	Inquire with H.S. counselor
Fine Arts	1	Inquire with H.S. counselor
Economics	0.5	Inquire with H.S. counselor
Health Education or Health Science Tech	0.5	Inquire with H.S. counselor
Speech	0.5	Inquire with H.S. counselor
Electives	3.5	Inquire with H.S. counselor

- Students who do not complete a college preparatory high school program may also gain regular admission if they satisfy the College Readiness Benchmarks on the ACT assessment, or earn a score of at least a 1,500 on the SAT assessment which does include the writing component.

<b>ACT College Readiness Benchmarks</b>	
<b>ACT Section</b>	<b>Score</b>
English	18
Math	22
Reading	21
Science	24

### **ALTERNATE ADMISSION REVIEW PROCESS**

Applicants who do not meet the Regular Admission Requirements outlined above will automatically be reviewed by the Undergraduate Admissions Committee using a holistic review that includes the applicant's rank in class, standardized entrance test scores, performance in specific high school courses, extracurricular activities, community service, talents and awards, leadership skills, employment, and other factors that support a student's ability to succeed at the university.

### **ALTERNATE ADMISSION CONDITIONS:**

Students admitted under Alternate Admission will be subject to the following conditions:

- Must attend a new student orientation program for new students.
- Must meet with a University College Advising (UCA) Center staff member and complete a *Learning Contract*, to include recommendations for both fall and spring semester courses and requirements established by UCA staff.
- Complete 12 semester credit hours of coursework at TAMUK during both the Fall and Spring semesters.
- Meet with assigned UCA staff member throughout each semester.

5. Complete the year with an academic status of Good Standing (GPA  $\geq$  2.00).

## ***Admission for Freshman-Transfer Students***

Freshman-Transfer Students are those applicants who are applying with less than 12 transferable semester credits (1-11 transferable semester hours) **taken after high school graduation.**

An applicant submitting a completed application to Texas A&M-Kingsville as a freshman-transfer applicant and who meets all of the following requirements will be granted admission to the university.

- a. Meet one of the freshman admission options under Freshman Admission above  
**and**
- b. have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale from all the other institutions that are fully approved by the appropriate regional accrediting agency  
**and**
- c. be in good standing with their previous college or university.

## ***Transfer Admission Requirements***

1. Submit a completed application for admission, including the \$15 application fee by the stated deadline (see Admission Deadlines). The Apply Texas Application is available online at <https://www.applytexas.org>.
2. Submit official copies of all transcripts from other universities and colleges attended. Course work taken at other colleges and/or universities will be converted into Texas A&M-Kingsville equivalents where appropriate.
3. Applications will not be evaluated until all transcripts from previous colleges and/or universities are received.
4. Admission to the university does not guarantee admission to a particular college or academic program.
5. Transfer students who do not meet published admission criteria do not qualify for automatic admission to Texas A&M-Kingsville. Transfer students in this category who wish to receive further review must contact the dean of their academic college for consideration. If their academic dean recommends admission, students will be admitted with an academic status of Scholastic Probation and must maintain a 2.0 GPA during their first semester of enrollment at Texas A&M-Kingsville. Failure to maintain a 2.0 GPA during the first term of enrollment will result in dismissal from the institution.

## ***Admission for Transfer Students***

Students applying with 12 or more transferable semester credits must satisfy the following requirements:

- a. Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale from all the other institutions that are fully approved by the appropriate regional accrediting agency  
**and**
- b. be in good standing with their previous college or university.

Admission to the university does not guarantee admission to an academic program.

## ***Admission for Non-Traditional Students (Freshman and Freshman-Transfer)***

For the purpose of admitting students to Texas A&M-Kingsville, a *non-traditional student* is defined as an entering undergraduate student who is 25 years or older. A non-traditional student is given the option to submit ACT or SAT scores to the Office of Admission. Those choosing not to take either standardized test may be required to take a placement exam prior to enrolling. These exams are administered on campus on a regular basis. Admission Deadlines are August 15 for Fall, December 15 for Spring and May 15 for Summer. Please see the appropriate section, Freshman or Freshman-Transfer, for information concerning submission of application and supporting documentation (e.g. high school and/or college transcripts).

## ***Admission for Undergraduate Non-Degree Students***

The Non-Degree category of admission is designed for students who are attending another college or university and want to enroll at Texas A&M-Kingsville for one or two undergraduate courses **and** are not interested in pursuing a degree at Texas A&M-Kingsville.

To be considered for Non-Degree admission, applicants must submit the following items:

1. A completed Application for Admission (The Apply Texas Application is available online at <https://www.applytexas.org>.)
2. An official copy of their **most recent** transcript
3. The \$15 application fee

Non-Degree students are admitted only for one semester at a time. If consecutive enrollment is desired, students must follow the appropriate admission application procedures. NOTE: Students admitted as Non-Degree are not eligible for financial assistance.

## ***High School Dual Enrollment Admission***

The Texas A&M University-Kingsville Dual Enrollment Program allows a high school student to earn college credit(s) while fulfilling high school requirements. To be eligible, a student must meet the following criteria:

1. The student is in high school, pursuing the Distinguished High School Program at a junior or senior level.
2. The student has “B” overall high school average.
3. The high school principal or senior counselor must recommend the student and sign the Dual Enrollment Form.
4. A paper application for admission and \$15 application fee. The paper application is available from the high school senior counselor.
5. A high school transcript.
6. The student must demonstrate that he or she is exempt under the provisions of the Texas Success Initiative or be deemed “college ready” by scoring the minimum passing grade in the appropriate assessment tests.
7. Enrollment will be limited to a maximum of seven (7) hours each long term (fall or spring) or for a maximum of four (4) hours each summer session.

Dual Enrollment packets are available from your high school counselor. Once complete, your counselor will submit the completed packet to the Office of Admission, Texas A&M-Kingsville.

## ***Early College Program***

The Early College Program (ECP) is designed for high school students who wish to enroll in the University during the fall and/or spring semester of their senior year and **who are not planning to use the courses completed at the university as part of their high school program**. *Students cannot participate in the Dual Enrollment Program and ECP simultaneously.*

To be admitted, and in accordance with state law, students must meet the following admission requirements:

1. The student must be enrolled in high school at the senior level.
2. A “B” overall high school average is required.

3. The high school principal or senior counselor must recommend the student and sign the ECP recommendation form.
4. An application for admission and \$15 application fee. The ApplyTexas Application is available online at <https://www.applytexas.org>.
5. A partial high school transcript showing rank in class must be submitted.
6. The student must demonstrate that he or she is exempt under the provisions of the Texas Success Initiative or be deemed “college ready” by scoring the minimum passing grade in the appropriate assessment tests. (See TSI section of this catalog.)
7. Enrollment will be limited to a maximum of seven (7) hours each long term (fall or spring) or for a maximum of four (4) hours during the summer session.
8. Be approved by the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs or designee.

High school seniors must be advised by academic advisers under University College. Students admitted to the Early College Program are subject to all Texas A&M-Kingsville, The Texas A&M University System, State of Texas, and federal rules and regulations applicable to degree seeking students.

Students participating in this program are not eligible for the reduced fee schedule extended to high school students participating in the Dual Enrollment Program. Since all credits earned while enrolled in the Early College Program count solely as college-level credits, students participating in UIL sanctioned sports must make certain that they understand how their participation in the Early College Program may affect their eligibility. Students cannot participate in the Dual Enrollment Program and the Early College Program simultaneously.

Students admitted under this program, who wish to continue in the summer or fall semester immediately following graduation from high school must reapply for admission and submit any additional documentation required to gain admission into their chosen undergraduate course of study at Texas A&M-Kingsville. The undergraduate application fee will be waived for Early College Program students who wish to remain enrolled at Texas A&M-Kingsville.

### ***Readmission***

Former students who have had a break in enrollment of more than two years at this university must update their records and submit a readmission application to the Office of Admission prior to being given permission to register. Those who have taken college work at another institution and who are in good academic standing at that institution must request that official transcripts be sent to the Office of Admission. Permission to register will be granted if a student is in good standing (a 2.0 overall grade point average) and the readmission application is submitted to the Office of Admission. If work from former institutions is evaluated after readmission and it is determined that the student's transfer grade point average is below 2.0, the student will be deemed ineligible to continue.

### ***Academic Fresh Start***

Pursuant to Senate Bill No. 1321 enacted by the 73<sup>rd</sup> Texas Legislature, students seeking admission to Texas A&M-Kingsville who have previous college course work more than 10 years old at the time of application, may elect to have the University disregard that course work when considering the applicant for admission. An applicant who makes this election and is admitted may not receive any course credit for courses undertaken 10 or more years prior to the date of the election. The Academic Fresh Start Option can be exercised only once.

Students electing to use the Academic Fresh Start Option and who are receiving financial aid should contact the Office of Student Financial Aid and the Veteran Affairs Office (if applicable). Students electing to participate in the Academic Fresh Start program will maintain their current TSI status.

Failure to attend the university during the initial semester of the Academic Fresh Start election will negate the agreement and the student will have to reapply for Academic Fresh Start in a future semester.

### ***Visiting Student***

A Visiting Student is a student seeking admission to classes for only one semester. To apply, refer to “Admission for Non-Degree Students” section above. Please be advised that a Visiting Student is not eligible for financial aid.

If you wish to continue your studies at TAMUK, you will need to inform the Office of Admission that you wish to change your status from a Visiting Student to a Freshman or Transfer Student. You will then need to submit all documents required to complete your file which can be found in either the freshman or transfer section of this catalog.



