

The University of Texas at Austin Honor Code

The core values of The University of Texas at Austin are learning, discovery, freedom, leadership, individual opportunity, and responsibility. Each member of the University is expected to uphold these values through integrity, honesty, trust, fairness, and respect towards peers and community.

Freshman Guide 2010–2011

Admissions Contacts

Freshman Admissions | The University of Texas at Austin
Office of Admissions | P.O. Box 8058 | Austin, TX 78713-8058
512-475-7387* | fax 512-475-7478 | *Customer Service and EID help

FRESHMAN ADMISSIONS CENTER (ON CAMPUS)
512-475-7440 | fax 512-475-7475 | bealonghorn.utexas.edu/fac/

DALLAS ADMISSIONS CENTER
214-526-1800 | fax 214-526-1811 | bealonghorn.utexas.edu/dac/

HOUSTON ADMISSIONS CENTER
713-500-BEVO | fax 713-500-0308 | bealonghorn.utexas.edu/hac/

NEW YORK CITY
917-297-0210 | bealonghorn.utexas.edu/nyc/

SAN ANTONIO ADMISSIONS CENTER
210-562-4665 | fax 210-223-6061 | bealonghorn.utexas.edu/sac/

VALLEY ADMISSIONS CENTER
956-365-8630 | fax 956-365-8623 | bealonghorn.utexas.edu/vac/

GRADUATE AND INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS CENTER
The University of Texas at Austin
Office of Admissions/GIAC | P.O. Box 7608 | Austin, TX 78713-7608
512-475-7390 | fax 512-475-7395 | bealonghorn.utexas.edu/giac/



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Whether you want to pursue a lifelong passion, explore the unfamiliar or investigate your own ideas in greater depth, you're likely to find what you're looking for at UT Austin. This guide will help you make decisions about applying and successfully completing the application process.

- *Get to know us (visits, events, current student and admission counselor profiles, office and contact information):* bealonghorn.utexas.edu/meetus/
- *Join our mailing list:* bealonghorn.utexas.edu/maillinglist/
- *Update your profile:* bealonghorn.utexas.edu/profileupdate/

Get ready to grab life by the horns!

bealonghorn.utexas.edu/freshmen/



Major Selection & Undeclared Majors

When applying, you'll select a first-choice and a second-choice major. You'll initially be considered for admission to your first-choice major; if not admitted to your first-choice, you'll be considered for your second choice. Not ready to select a major? Consider applying as an Undeclared major in the School of Undergraduate Studies.

bealonghorn.utexas.edu/whyut/academics/

Advising for Selected Majors

In addition to the customary advising offered to all students for all majors at UT Austin, some students pursue interests in special aspects (such as pre-med and pre-law) of their majors and receive special advising. See the "Advising and Major Code" section of the online Course Schedule for each semester/session on the Registrar's web site.

<http://registrar.utexas.edu/schedules/>

Pre-Law

Undergraduates interested in attending law school enroll in a variety of majors and receive support from Pre-Law Services in the College of Liberal Arts.

www.utexas.edu/cola/lacs/pre-law_services/advising/

Pre-Med and Health Professions

Undergraduates interested in health careers (doctors, dentists, etc.) enroll in a variety of majors and work closely with advisors in Health Professions Advising to select coursework to prepare them for professional studies after earning undergraduate degrees.

<http://cns.utexas.edu/hpo/>



Application Checklist

DEADLINES: Summer/Fall 2010: **December 15, 2009** | Spring (all years): **October 1** | All items must arrive by the deadline.

Freshman applicants must successfully complete the recommended or advanced high school program as defined by Texas law or its equivalent: bealonghorn.utexas.edu/freshmen/admission/hs-courses/

The Application

- Your completed ApplyTexas Application for Freshman Admission | www.applytexas.org

Essays

- Two essays; most students submit Topics A and B | bealonghorn.utexas.edu/freshmen/essays/

Official Transcript

- Must include your high school's official seal or the signature of a school official, your class rank and size, and your high school coursework; copies and faxes do not satisfy this requirement.

Test Scores

- Official SAT or ACT scores sent directly to UT Austin from the testing agency. Scores on transcripts and student score reports do not fulfill this requirement. (UT Austin's SAT code: 6882; ACT code: 4240)
- Must be scores from the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT with Writing scores from the same test date.
- Engineering applicants: Submit SAT Subject Test in Mathematics scores or other credentials (to meet calculus readiness requirement). | bealonghorn.utexas.edu/freshmen/admission/majors/engineering/

Fee

- Non-refundable \$60 application processing fee (\$75 for international applicants)
- Online payment preferred; pay by credit card (MasterCard or Visa if paid when applying), electronic check or money order.
- Need a fee waiver? Mail or fax (512-475-7478) documentation to the Office of Admissions by the application deadline; include a copy of your SAT or ACT test fee waiver or a letter from your high school counselor or principal explaining your need for a fee waiver.

Major-specific Items (if required)

- Some majors have special application requirements, such as a specific essay (Architecture, Art, and Art History), portfolio (Art), auditions (Music and Dance), or proof of calculus readiness (Engineering). bealonghorn.utexas.edu/freshmen/majors/

Expanded Resume (highly recommended)

- To report activities and accomplishments beyond those you list on the ApplyTexas Application, submit a separate expanded resume; follow the format on *Be a Longhorn*. | bealonghorn.utexas.edu/freshmen/resume/

Additional Requirements (if applicable)

- Permanent residents:** A photocopy of the front of your permanent resident card
- International students who qualify for Texas residency (under HB 1403):** A completed copy of the residency affidavit | www.utexas.edu/student/admissions/residency
- Home-schooled students:** A transcript of all your high school coursework; other credentials that reflect your academic potential (such as SAT Subject Test scores or dual credit coursework)
- Completed college coursework while in high school:** Official transcripts of the credit issued by the college or university

Optional Items

- Letters of recommendation:** Although not required, letters of recommendation from people who speak meaningfully about your accomplishments will be considered if submitted.
- Special circumstances:** To have us consider a special circumstance in your life, please submit Essay C (optional) or a letter detailing your situation; you may write the letter yourself or have someone submit one on your behalf. | bealonghorn.utexas.edu/freshmen/after-you-apply/factors/

After You Apply

After you apply for admission, you should monitor your application's status and take steps to prepare for your admission decision. Check into other processes—such as financial aid, scholarships, and housing—also.

bealonghorn.utexas.edu/freshmen/after-you-apply/

Application Status Check

Check your Application Status Page until your application is complete. Your page lists items you submitted and those that are still missing. Items submitted electronically may take a few days to show up; items submitted by mail or fax may take a couple of weeks to appear online.

bealonghorn.utexas.edu/status/

Application Review and Admission Decisions

Automatic admission for all eligible top 10%* Texas applicants remains available for students applying for freshman admission for the 2010-2011 academic year.

- *Applications from students who do not qualify for automatic admission are reviewed holistically for academic and personal achievement.*
- *No single factor or combination of factors guarantees admission for non-top 10% applicants; no factor prevents an applicant from being considered for admission.*
- *Because automatic admission does not guarantee a specific major, applications from some automatically admitted students are reviewed holistically to determine the major to which the student will be admitted.*

* Changes to the top 10% law will take effect beginning with 2011 summer/fall applicants (spring 2011 high school graduates). Details about the application and admission process for 2011-2012 applicants will be available in the fall of 2009.

Class Rank

Class rank is one component of every applicant's academic achievement and a significant factor in all freshman admission decisions. If your high school doesn't rank class members, submit a copy of your school's profile by the application deadline; include a statement about your school's ranking policy and a GPA or grade distribution.



Restricted Automatic Admission to Some Majors

Automatic admission based on top 10% status is restricted for some highly competitive majors. As of the summer of 2009, the following colleges/majors offer restricted admission: all majors in the McCombs School of Business, the College of Communication, the Cockrell School of Engineering, the School of Nursing, and the Department of Kinesiology and Health in the College of Education.

bealonghorn.utexas.edu/freshmen/majors/

Your Decision

Your admission decision will be posted on your Application Status Check page as soon as it's made (by early to mid-March) and mailed to your permanent address. Even decisions for some top 10% applicants can take time, especially for majors that are highly competitive (those with restricted admission).

If you're admitted, you'll receive detailed information about what to do to make your admission official.



Student Services

Student Testing Services

512-471-3032 | www.utexas.edu/academic/mec

Placement and testing information (AP, IB, SAT Subject Tests, credit by exam, etc.)

Residency Office

512-475-7408 | www.utexas.edu/student/admissions/residency

Information about Texas residency

University Health Services

512-471-4955 | <http://healthyhorns.utexas.edu>

Information about immunization and other health related issues

Dean of Students

512-471-1201 | <http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu>

Information about student life, organizations, etc.

Division of Diversity & Community Engagement

512-471-3212 | www.utexas.edu/diversity/ddce

Activities and programs to meet student needs; includes Academic Enrichment Services, Volunteer & Service Learning Center, Multicultural Information Center, Services for Students with Disabilities, etc.



Colleges & Schools

School of Architecture

512-471-1922 | bealonghorn.utexas.edu/architecture/

McCombs School of Business

512-471-0690 | bealonghorn.utexas.edu/business/

College of Communication

512-471-1553 | bealonghorn.utexas.edu/communication/

College of Education

512-471-3223 | bealonghorn.utexas.edu/education/

Cockrell School of Engineering

512-471-4321 | bealonghorn.utexas.edu/engineering/

College of Fine Arts

512-471-5011 | bealonghorn.utexas.edu/finearts/

Jackson School of Geosciences

512-471-6048 | bealonghorn.utexas.edu/geosciences/

College of Liberal Arts

512-471-4271 | bealonghorn.utexas.edu/liberalarts/

College of Natural Sciences

512-471-4536 | bealonghorn.utexas.edu/naturalsciences/

School of Nursing

512-232-4780 | bealonghorn.utexas.edu/nursing/

College of Pharmacy

512-471-1737 | bealonghorn.utexas.edu/pharmacy/

School of Social Work

512-232-7352 | bealonghorn.utexas.edu/socialwork/

School of Undergraduate Studies

512-475-7000 | bealonghorn.utexas.edu/ugs/

Timeline

Aug. 1	ApplyTexas admissions/scholarship application opens UT Austin Honors application opens Housing application available for students who complete admissions application
Oct. 12	Discover UT
Nov. 1	Plan II Honors and Business Honors priority deadline
Nov. 14	Transfer to Texas (open house for prospective transfer applicants and current CAP students)
Dec. 1	Freshman fall scholarship deadline Suggested date for mailing remaining application items to the Office of Admissions to meet the December 15 deadline
Dec. 15	Summer/fall 2010 admissions application deadline Honors application deadline
Jan. 1	First date to submit FAFSA information for fall 2010
Mid-Jan.	Orientation registration opens for admitted students
Mar. 6	Rise & Shine and Explore UT
Mar. 15	Date by which summer/fall admission decisions are delivered
Mar. 31	Priority FAFSA deadline
June & July	Orientation sessions for entering freshmen
Mid-July	Begin delivery of on-campus housing assignments

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Federal law prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender (Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972) and disability (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990). The university has designated the following persons as coordinators to monitor compliance with these statutes and to resolve complaints of discrimination based on gender or disability: For students: Soncia Reagins-Lilly, senior associate vice president for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, 100-B West Dean Keeton Street, Student Services Building, Room 4.104, (512) 471-1201. For employees: Linda Millstone, associate vice president for Institutional Equity and Workforce Diversity, 101 E. 27th Street, North Office Building, Room 4.302, (512) 471-1849.

Related Processes

Honors Programs

512-471-6524 | bealongsouth.utexas.edu/honors/

Application Deadline: December 15, 2009

Six honors programs are available to entering freshmen:

Business Honors*	Liberal Arts Honors
Dean's Scholars Honors	Plan II Honors*
Engineering Honors	Turing Scholars

*Priority deadline: November 1

Division of Housing and Food

512-471-3134 | bealongsouth.utexas.edu/freshmen/housing

Submit your online *ApplyTexas Application for Freshman Admission* (www.applytexas.org) and indicate an interest in on-campus housing. After your admissions application is complete, you'll be given access to the housing application online. Although it's never too late to apply for housing, applying early may improve your chances of getting the residence hall you request.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

512-475-6282 | www.texasscholarships.org | <http://finaid.utexas.edu>

Submit your online *ApplyTexas Application for Freshman Admission* (www.applytexas.org); include the scholarship section of the application and the required essays. Additional scholarship opportunities may be available through academic departments and through private scholarship sources.

Scholarship Application Deadline: December 1

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (www.fafsa.ed.gov) beginning January 1.

UT Austin's FAFSA code: 003658

Priority FAFSA deadline: March 31, 2010

Some aid is awarded early in the application cycle; apply early to be considered for all types of aid.

Orientation

512-471-3304 | www.utorientation.com

Orientation registration for admitted fall students is available in mid-January. During orientation, admitted students register for classes with assistance from academic advisors. Summer orientation sessions for entering fall students are held in June and July.