

Admission Requirements

Domestic Applicants

Students seeking admission to master's or doctoral programs at Texas A&M University-Kingsville must submit the following:

- a. A completed online application. Students should submit their application at https://admissions.tamuk.edu/portal/app_start.
- b. \$50 Non-refundable Application Fee.
- c. Official transcripts from all previously attended College and/or Universities. Degrees must be earned from schools that are accredited by one of the seven institutional accrediting bodies recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). **Transcript policy: All official transcripts and degree certificates submitted to the College of Graduate Studies for admission or credit-transfer purposes become property of Texas A&M University-Kingsville and cannot be returned to the student or forwarded to other institutions.**
- d. Three (3) letters of recommendation are required for graduate students majoring in any doctoral program. Some graduate programs also require letters of recommendation. Please contact your department of interest for more information.
- e. For students whose education instruction has **not** been in the English language and/or whose first or native language is **not** English, please see the Proof of English Proficiency (p. 1) section below.

Admission requirement for any graduate program may vary based on the particular program. For more information on the admission/entrance requirements for specific programs, please refer to the department pages of the catalog or contact the graduate coordinator of the department for which you are applying. All students should be familiar with the information provided in the graduate catalog.

International Applicants

Students seeking admission to master's or doctoral programs at Texas A&M University-Kingsville must submit the following:

- a. A completed online application. Students should submit their application at https://admissions.tamuk.edu/portal/app_start.
- b. \$75 Non-refundable Application Fee.
- c. A university approved Foreign Credential Evaluation with the report listed on the admission website submitted directly from the credential evaluation agency to Texas A&M-Kingsville for any institutions outside of the United States. **(High school/Secondary school transcripts are not required.)**

For international students who have attended U.S. schools, degrees must be earned from schools that are accredited by one of the seven institutional accrediting bodies recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education or Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). **Transcript policy: All official transcripts and degree certificates submitted to the Office of Admission, for admission or credit-transfer purposes, become property of Texas A&M University-Kingsville and cannot be returned to the student or forwarded to other institutions.**

- d. Proof of English Proficiency (p. 1) (see below).
- e. A personal statement, resume, letters of recommendation (2 or 3), or other supporting documents are required for some graduate programs. Please contact your department of interest for more information.
- f. Copy of biographical page of your passport.
- g. Financial documents required for issuance of I-20. (if admitted)
- h. Proof of sufficient medical insurance coverage. All international students attending TAMUK are required to have the Texas A&M University System Student Health Insurance Plan (SSHIP). The plan is automatically charged to the student's tuition and fee statements once they enroll in class. This information will be reflected on your form I-20 as well. For more information about the TAMUS Student Health Insurance Plan, please see our website: https://www.tamuk.edu/academicaffairssupport/oisss/current_students/Insurance.html.
- i. International students transferring from another institution in the United States must submit the following additional documents to the Office of International Student and Scholars Services:
 - i. International Student Status Transfer Form completed by student and DSO of current institution.
 - ii. Updated proof of financial support dated within three months or less of the first enrollment at TAMUK.
 - iii. Copy of current I-20; copy of student's F1 visa; Copy of I-95 (front & back)
 - iv. For students with dependents: Written notification requesting dependents to be included on I-20.
- j. Please contact the Office of International Student & Scholar Services (OISSS) for further immigration information at OISSS@tamuk.edu.

Proof of English Proficiency

Texas A&M University-Kingsville requires all applicants, regardless of immigration status, whose educational instruction has not been in the English language and/or whose first or native language is not English, to demonstrate proficiency in English. Texas A&M University-Kingsville requires a minimum TOEFL score of 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-based), or 79 (internet-based). This score must be sent directly from the Educational Testing Services (ETS) and dated within two (2) years of enrollment. Residual (Institutional) TOEFL exams taken at another institution will not be

accepted. TOEFL (Code #6822). The College of Graduate Studies also accepts electronic Pearson Test of English (PTE) score for Proof of English Proficiency. The minimum required PTE is 53. IELTS scores are also accepted. The minimum score required is a 6.0 overall band score. Texas A&M University-Kingsville only accepts scores submitted electronically by the IELTS test center. **No paper Test Report Forms will be accepted.** An institutional code is NOT required. Please contact the test center directly where you took the IELTS test and request that your test scores be sent to the following e-download account:

Texas A&M University-Kingsville
Graduate Admissions
700 University Blvd. MSC 128
Kingsville, TX 78363

All international students are required to take the TOEFL, IELTS or PTE unless they qualify for a waiver.

Students who have completed their formal education at the secondary or postsecondary level in the following countries are exempt from the TOEFL requirement: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, American Samoa, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Canada (except Quebec), Cayman Islands, Dominica, Federated States of Micronesia, Gambia, Ghana, Gibraltar, Grenada, Guam, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Liberia, New Zealand, Nigeria, United Kingdom (all), Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Trinidad-Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands, and Virgin Islands. Please note: applicants from Puerto Rico, where Spanish is the primary language are required to submit a TOEFL or equivalent.

The following are considered for the English Proficiency Admission Requirement:

- GRE Verbal Score 400 (Score on the Prior GRE Scale) or 146 (Score on the Current GRE Scale)
- Based on the review and decision of the College of Graduate Studies, student who have earned at least 12 credits, with a grade C or better, in university-level courses from a U.S. institution or an institution in one of the countries listed above, may be exempt from TOEFL.
- Completion of IEP program at TAMUK ELTC with an Advanced Plus.
- Completion of the advanced-level Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP) offered by the Texas International Education Consortium (TIEC).
- 100 on Duolingo

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Please send Graduate Admission Supporting Documents to the following address:

Graduate Admissions
Texas A&M University-Kingsville
700 University Blvd., MSC 128
Kingsville, TX 78363-8202

Email: graduateadmissions@tamuk.edu