

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSION

For admission purposes, Texas Woman's University defines an "international applicant" as a foreign national who is or will be studying at a U.S. institution on a non-immigrant visa. This includes applicants who hold asylum, refugee, temporary protected status, and are a pending U.S. permanent resident. For questions regarding immigration status, please contact International Student and Scholar Services (<https://twu.edu/international-student-scholar-services/contact-iss/>).

Applicants should submit an electronic international undergraduate application (<https://twu.edu/admissions/international-admissions/#how-to-apply>) along with a non-refundable U.S. \$75 application fee. The application fee applies to all applicants (new and returning) and can be paid by Credit card online (<https://twu.edu/admissions/application-process/application-fee/>).

International Application Credentials

Applicants should submit all required admission documents and test scores (<https://twu.edu/admissions/application-process/test-scores-transcripts/>) to the Student Records office. See International Admissions Requirements (<https://twu.edu/admissions/international-admissions/>) for a list of document requirements, including document format requirements and application deadlines.

All international and permanent resident applicants are required to provide one of the following score reports to demonstrate English language proficiency or meet one of the English language proficiency exemptions noted on the English Proficiency Test Exemption Form (<https://twu.edu/media/documents/admissions/English-Proficiency-Exemption-UG-2023.pdf>):

- TOEFL (<https://www.ets.org/toefl/>) (iBT) test score of 79 or higher,
- IELTS (<https://www.ielts.org/>) overall band score of 6.5 or higher,
- PTE Academic (<https://pearsonpte.com/>) score of 53 or above, or
- Duolingo English Test (<https://englishtest.duolingo.com/applicants/>) score of 100 or higher.

Criteria for Undergraduate International Admission

Undergraduate applicants may be considered for admission if the following criteria are met:

International First-Year Applicants

TWU defines First-Year Applicants as having completed the equivalent of a U.S. high school education in their home country and have not earned any post-secondary credit or earned less than 12 transferable credit hours.

Applicants who have earned at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale (after conversion to U.S. scale if applicable) will be considered for admission.

- Online international admission application (<https://twu.edu/admissions/international-admissions/>)
- A U.S. non-refundable application fee
- English language proficiency test (<https://twu.edu/admissions/international-admissions/toefl-requirements-and-exemptions/>) or

exemption (<https://twu.edu/media/documents/admissions/English-Proficiency-Exemption-UG-2023.pdf>)

- Official domestic high school transcript or official international course-by-course transcript evaluation
 - If graduating from a U.S. high school, see Office of Admission first-year admissions requirements (<https://twu.edu/admissions/first-year-admissions/>).
- If graduating from an international secondary school
 - Course-by-course transcript evaluation by a NACES (<https://www.naces.org/members/>) (National Association of Credential Evaluation Services) or AICE (<https://aice-eval.org/endorsed-members/>) (Association of International Credential Evaluators, Inc.) member. In order to complete the admission review process, the agency must then forward the course-by-course evaluation report along with a copy of the academic documents received by the evaluation provider.
 - A course-by-course evaluation is considered to be an evaluation that includes individual course titles, grades, credit hours, and GPA, along with the provider's summary of the recommendation.
- Applicants who completed the General Secondary Education Certificate, the West African School Certificate, the Kenya Certificate of Education, or comparable Senior Certificate must have earned a minimum of 5 passes at grade "C" or higher after conversion to U.S. scale (subjects must include English, Math, and Science).

International Transfer Admissions

TWU defines transfer applicants as having earned 12 or more transferable credit hours.

Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale (after conversion to U.S. scale if applicable).

- Online international admission application (<https://twu.edu/admissions/international-admissions/>)
- A U.S. non-refundable application fee
- English language proficiency test (<https://twu.edu/admissions/international-admissions/toefl-requirements-and-exemptions/>) or exemption (<https://twu.edu/media/documents/admissions/English-Proficiency-Exemption-UG-2023.pdf>)
- An official transcript from every U.S. institution attended and an official course-by-course transcript evaluation from each international post-secondary institution attended.
 - The course-by-course evaluation must be provided by a NACES (<https://www.naces.org/members/>) (National Association of Credential Evaluation Services) or AICE (<https://aice-eval.org/endorsed-members/>) (Association of International Credential Evaluators, Inc) accredited evaluator. The course-by-course evaluation report must be sent to TWU directly from the evaluation service provider and must include a copy of the academic documents received by the evaluation provider in order to complete the admission review process.
 - A course-by-course evaluation is considered to be an evaluation that includes individual course titles, grades, credit hours, and GPA, along with the provider's summary of the recommendation.

Student Records will transfer all eligible courses; the TWU academic advisor will determine how these courses will be applied to the TWU

degree. Courses must be completed at a regionally accredited university or college or equivalent foreign institution in order to be an eligible transfer course. Coursework taken at an unaccredited or non-regionally accredited institution will be reviewed by Student Records to determine transferability.

English courses completed at institutions outside of the U.S. are not transferable to TWU. Consideration may be given after consultation with an academic advisor, and approval has been determined by the Office of Undergraduate Studies.

Applicants applying for an F-1 student visa will be issued an I-20 (form required to obtain the student visa) after the applicant has been admitted to TWU. Documents required for the I-20 (financial statement, passport, etc.) must be submitted and approved by International Student and Scholar Services (<http://www.twu.edu/international-education/>) before an I-20 will be issued. F-1 visa holders:

- Are not eligible to enroll in a TWU non-degree seeking, certification, or fully online degree program.
- Must comply with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) regulations by maintaining full-time student status during the school year (12 or more undergraduate semester credit hours each semester).
- Must meet the International Student and Scholar Services immigration deadlines (<https://international.twu.edu/?go=Initial>).

For more information, refer to International Student and Scholar Services (<https://twu.edu/international-student-scholar-services/prospective-students/>) website.

To determine status for tuition purposes, applicants must submit proof of Texas residency by completing the Residency Questionnaire (<https://twu.edu/media/documents/registrar/coreresques.pdf>).

All international students are required to have medical and hospital insurance (see Student Health Services (<https://twu.edu/student-health-services/international-students/>)).

International Student and Scholar Services

Applicants should contact International Student and Scholar Services to obtain information regarding document requirements for issuance of an I-20, F-1 visa holder restrictions, and other visa-related questions.

Website: twu.edu/international-student-scholar-services/ (<https://twu.edu/international-student-scholar-services/>)

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