

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 pending U.S. permanent resident. For questions regarding immigration status, please contact International Student and Scholar Services (<http://www.twu.edu/international-education>).

Applicants should submit an international undergraduate application along with a nonrefundable \$75 application fee. The admission application can be found at ApplyTexas (https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX). The application fee applies to all applicants (new and returning) and can be paid by:

- Credit card online through ApplyTexas prior to submitting the application.
- U.S. certified check or money order payable to Texas Woman's University and mailed to the Office of Admissions Processing (<https://twu.edu/admissions-processing>). The applicant's full name, date of birth, and TWU student identification number must be included.
- Cash (no personal checks) at the Bursar's Office.

International Application Credentials

Applicants should submit all required admission documents and test scores to the Office of Admissions Processing (<https://twu.edu/admissions-processing>). See International Admissions Requirements (<https://twu.edu/admissions/international>) for a list of document requirements, including document format requirements and application deadlines. Country specific requirements are provided upon receipt of an ApplyTexas (https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX) admission application.

All international and permanent resident applicants must also provide proof of English language proficiency by submitting an official score report for one of the following English language tests:

- 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
- Submit a request for exemption if one of the approved exemptions on the TOEFL Exemption form (<https://twu.edu/media/documents/admissions-processing/TOEFL-Exemption-UG-2019.pdf>) have been met.

Criteria for Undergraduate International Admission

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

International First-Year Applicants

- Applicants who have 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.

- Earned at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale (after conversion to U.S. scale if applicable).
- If graduating from a U.S. high school see Office of Admission (<https://twu.edu/admissions>) first-year admissions requirements (<https://twu.edu/admissions/first-year-students>).
- First-year applicants who have the General Secondary Education Certificate, the West African School Certificate, or the Kenya Certificate of Education must present a minimum of 5 passes at grade "C" or higher (subjects must include English, Math, and Science).
- The table below presents minimum equivalents to a U.S. high school education.

International Transfer Admissions

- Applicants who have 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).

The Office of Admissions Processing 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.

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 applicants transferring from U.S. colleges or universities must submit a Transfer Clearance form (<https://twu.edu/media/documents/international-education/Transfer-Clearance-update-10-4-18.pdf>) to the International Student and Scholar Services. (<http://www.twu.edu/international-education>) In addition, 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://twu.edu/international-education/newly-accepted-students/international-students>).

For more information, refer to International Student and Scholar Services (<http://www.twu.edu/international-education>) 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/Core-Residency-Questionnaire.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 the office of International Student and Scholar Services to obtain information regarding document requirements for issuance of an I-20, F1 visa holder restrictions, and other visa related questions.

www.twu.edu/international-education/

Office of International Student and Scholar Services

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International Secondary Diploma Equivalencies

Country	Secondary Certificate or Diploma
Australia	Higher School Certificate, Senior Certificate, Senior Secondary Studies Certificate, Victorian Certificate of Education plus Statement of Results A and B, School Leaver Statement and Year 12 Certificate of Achievement
Bahrain	General Secondary Education Certificate (minimum of 5 "C" grades or higher)
Bangladesh	Intermediate Certificate or Higher Secondary Certificate
Canada	Manitoba High School Diploma, Ontario Secondary School Graduation Diploma, Honours Graduate Diploma, Secondary School Diploma, Quebec Senior High School Leaving Certificate Grade 12, Certificate of Graduation
Caribbean	General Certificate of Education "O" Level, Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) Secondary Examination Certificate
China	Senior Middle School Diploma
Colombia	Bachillerato
Egypt	General Secondary Education Certification
Ethiopia	Ethiopian School Leaving Certificate, Ethiopian Higher Education Entrance Exam
France	Diploma de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degre (Baccalaureat)
Germany	Reifezeugnis or Zeugnis der Reife (Abitur)
Ghana	West African School Certificate
Greece	Apolytirio Eniaiou Lykeiou (Upper Secondary School Certificate)
Guatemala	Bachiller, Certificado General de Estudios
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Certificate of Education
India	Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC), Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC), Senior Secondary Certificate, Pre-University Certificate, Pre-Degree Certificate
Indonesia	Surat Tanda Tanat Belajar (STTB) or Sekolah Menengah Unum Tingkat Atas (SMA)
Iran	Sixth Year Secondary Certificate
Italy	Diploma di Maturita
Ivory Coast	Diplome de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degre
Japan	Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate - academic or vocational (Kotogakko Sotsugyo Shomeisho)
Jordan	General Secondary Education Certificate
Kenya	Kenya Certificate of Education (KCSE)
Korea	Graduation Certificate from Secondary/Senior Middle School
Kuwait	General Secondary Education Certificate, 30 Admission Information
Latin America	Bachillerato or bachiller
Lebanon	Baccalaureate Part II (awarded until 1987), Baccalaureate Libanaise (Lebanese Baccalaureate) (awarded since 1990)
Malaysia	Malaysian Certificate of Education
Mexico	Certificado de Bachillerato (Baccalaureate Certificate), Certificado de Bachillerato Tecnologico (Technological Baccalaureate Certificate), Titulo de Bachiller (Title of Baccalaureate), Certificado de Preparatoria. Awarded upon completion of 3 years of upper secondary.
Nigeria	West African School Certificate
Norway	Examen Artium Certificate
Pakistan	Intermediate or Higher Secondary Certificate
Peru	Certificado de Education Secundaria Comun Completa (plus 1-2 years curso Preparatorio)
Philippines	High School Graduation Diploma (10 years), plus Associate Degree (2 years at university-level)
Russia	Certificate of Secondary Education (attestat zrelosti) (11 year minimum)
Saudi Arabia	General Secondary Education Certificate
Singapore	Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education "A" Levels (GCE "O" Levels must also be submitted)
Spain	Titulo de Bachiller
Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka General Certificate of Education "A" Level
Sweden	Matriculation Certificate (Avgansbetyg)
Taiwan	Senior High School Diploma, or Junior Middle School Diploma with 5 year Junior College Diploma
Thailand	Certificate of Secondary Education (Matayom VI)
Turkey	Lise Diplomasi, (General Secondary School (Lycum Diploma))
United Kingdom	General Certificate of Education "O" Levels, General Certificate of Secondary Education "O" Level
Venezuela	Bachillerato en Ciencias or en Humanidades
Vietnam	Bang Tot Nghiep Trung Hoc Pho Thong (Senior high school certificate)
Yugoslavia	Prior to 1980 - Matura. Since 1980 - Secondary School Leaving Diploma
Zimbabwe	Advanced and Ordinary level General Certificate of Education Examining Board Certificates