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# COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

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# Admission Requirements Summary

(Some majors may have additional requirements; see university catalog for details.)

Public University	1985 Minimum SAT/ACT By High School Quartile				Fall 1983 Average		Required HS Units				Acceptance Rate*	Enrollment Rate**	High School Quartile of Entering Freshmen		Provisional Admissions	Remedial Courses			Transfer Requirements		Notes
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	SAT	ACT	English	Math	Science	Social Science			1st	2nd		Not Offered	Advised	Required	Minimum GPA	Transferability of D's	
	Angelo State U.			870 21	870 21	876	18.4	3	2	1			2				48	34	Yes		
East Texas State U.	800 18	800 18	800 18	800 18	893	18.6					79	64			Yes			X	2.0	Yes	
Lamar U. at Beaumont					750	14.0					98	64			Yes			X	2.0	Yes	Fall 1986 requirement: SAT 700/ACT 15, or 14 college preparatory high school units with minimum grade requirement.
Midwestern State U.	800 18	800 18	800 18	800 18	825	15.9	4	2	2	4	95	45			Yes			X		Yes	Listed high school units are only recommended.
North Texas State U.		750 19	800 20	850 21	869	20.0	4	3	2	2	74	64	38	31			X	X	2.0	Yes	Listed high school units are only recommended; systematic individual approval is available.
Pan American U.						11.8	3	2	3	3	100	91					X	X	2.0	Yes	
Prairie View A&M U.					660	13.0	3	2	1	3							X			Yes	
Sam Houston State U.			800 18	800 18	810	16.8					75	75	29	37	Yes			X	2.0	Yes	
Southwest Texas State U.		750 17	800 19	900 21	840	19.0					65				Yes			X	2.0	Yes	
Stephen F. Austin State U.			900 20	900 20	855	18.3					80	50	37	43	Yes		X		2.0	Yes	
Sul Ross State U.					680	14.0					69	76						X	††	Yes	
Tarleton State U.				600 12	800	16.6	3	2	1	2	96	85	31	31	Yes			X	††	Yes	
Texas A&I U.			720 16	720 16	820	15.0	3	2	2	2	62	70			Yes		X	X	††1.5-2.0	Yes	
Texas A&M U.	†800	950	1100	1200	1040		4	3	2	2½	82	68	79	18	Yes	X			††3.0-2.0	Yes	Math must include algebra.
Texas A&M U.—Galveston	800	800	900	1000			4	3	2	2½						X			2.0	Yes	
Texas Southern U.					715	10.0	4	2	2	2	89	53	30	40				X		Yes	SAT/ACT scores must be submitted for placement and guidance.
Texas Tech U.		900 20	1000 22	1100 24	940	21.0	4	3	2	2½	90	66	50	30	Yes			X	2.0		D's accepted in transfer at the option of the academic dean.
Texas Woman's U.	630 10	630 10	630 10	630 10	790	16.1	3	2	2	2	90	50			Yes			X	2.0	Yes	When 2 units or 6 quarter units of related math are offered, applicant should present 3rd unit or 3 additional quarter units of math. See catalog for provisional admissions details.
U. of Texas—Arlington		700 15	800 19	1000 24	906	20.0	3	2	1	2	70	72	46	35	Yes	X			2.0	No	Engineering requirements are higher.
U. of Texas—Austin		1100 27	1100 27	1100 27	1041	23.0	4	3	2	3	70	66	89	7	Yes	X			††3.0-2.5	No	
U. of Texas—El Paso		700 15	800 18	800 18			4	3	3	3	88	82	43	29	Yes			X	2.0	Yes	Listed high school units are only recommended.
U. of Texas—San Antonio	†700 15	750 17	800 19	850 21	900	21.0					90	55	10	50	Yes		X		2.0	Yes	
U. of Houston—Downtown											100	59.8						X		Yes	
U. of Houston—University Park	†800 18	900 20	1000 22	1100 25	954	21.5	4	3	2	2	54	53	62	27	Yes		X		††2.0	No	See application booklet for additional admission requirements; listed high school units are only recommended.
West Texas State U.						17.9					90+	75						X		No	

Blank spaces indicate that the university has no specific requirements for this item or provided no information.

† Top 10% of high school graduating class exempted from minimum test score requirements.  
 †† Requirements vary according to number of hours earned.

\* Indicates percentage of applicants accepted for admission.  
 \*\* Indicates percentage of those accepted who enroll.

## Qualifying

If you're thinking about attending a public university in Texas, start preparing now. Admission standards are getting tougher. At least fourteen universities have raised their requirements for entrance in the past three years. Several more have hinted that they are likely to adopt higher standards.

Most schools offer some type of provisional admission if a promising student falls short of the entrance requirements. But they usually require students to enroll in remedial courses if their reading, writing and math skills are not up to college level. If your skills aren't as good as they should be, you'll probably lose time before you can start college-level classes.

## Mastering the Rules

This pamphlet outlines the rules of the game for entrance to each of the 25 four-year state-supported universities. Minimum entrance examination scores are listed for both the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and the American College Test (ACT), and the required number of high school units in core subjects is specified.

You also can use the table to get an idea of how well a particular school may meet your academic needs. Average SAT and ACT scores of the freshmen who entered the university in 1983 are shown, along with a column indicating the percentage of entering freshmen from the top two quarters of their high school graduating classes.

The degree of selectivity can sometimes influence decisions about where you might want to apply. A few schools accept almost all students who submit applications; at others only about half may be admitted. Generally, about 50 to 75 percent of those accepted later enroll.

If you plan to attend a college or university close to home for a couple of years before transferring to another school, you can find a summary of transfer requirements as well. The table shows the minimum grade point average required for transfer and carries an implicit warning that below-average course work isn't always transferable. In other words, a "D" in a college course might not count if you want to transfer your hours to another college.

## **Winning the Game**

Quality has become the watchword of education in the 1980s. It's likely that standards will be upgraded even further in the next few years, particularly in the area of high school course requirements. This pamphlet will be updated periodically to help keep you informed of those changes.

Start preparing now. Get a solid grounding in English, math, science and, perhaps, a foreign language. Those courses will help boost your test scores and improve your overall academic skills. You'll get ahead faster in the game.

## Related Publications

- *Going to College Is Not Out of the Question.* A pamphlet describing four steps in planning for college, with emphasis on the availability of funds to assist students in seeking a higher education.
- *Educational Opportunities in Texas.* A comprehensive listing of postsecondary schools, degree and certificate programs in Texas and some sources of financial aid.
- *Goals for College Success.* A booklet outlining basic skills needed by high school students to perform college-level work successfully.



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