

# International Admissions Q and A

## How do I apply for admission?

Complete the International Graduate Application or International Freshman or International Transfer Application at [www.ApplyTexas.org](http://www.ApplyTexas.org) and submit your application fee.

## Can I fax my credential evaluation, transcripts or test scores?

No. All documents must be original and sent directly from a university or testing agency.

How do I submit test scores to Lamar University? All test scores must be original, and sent to Lamar University directly from the testing agency. Most testing agencies send by electronic delivery on a daily basis.

## What is Lamar's mailing address?

### For International Graduate Admission:

Lamar University  
Graduate Admissions Office  
PO Box 11614  
Beaumont, TX 77710

### For International Undergraduate Admission:

Lamar University International Admission  
PO Box 10009  
Beaumont, TX 77710

## How do I change my contact information, or major?

**For International Graduate Admission:** If you are a new student and have not yet registered for courses, please send an email to [gradmission@lamar.edu](mailto:gradmission@lamar.edu)

**For International Undergraduate Admission:** If you are a new student and have not yet registered for courses, please send an email to [internationaladmissions@lamar.edu](mailto:internationaladmissions@lamar.edu)

## What if I want to change my start date?

Applications are semester specific to a Fall, Spring or Summer semester. If you need to change to a start date that begins in a different semester, you must update your application at [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org).

## What is the best way to contact International Graduate Admissions?

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## How do I update my ApplyTexas Application?

Application Update Instructions: When you log into your ApplyTexas account, you will see all of the applications that you have created on your profile. Look for the button to the right of the application that you wish to copy, and click the "copy" button. You can now create a new application for the term that you desire, and the information from the old application is copied to the new. Please verify that all of the information is current and accurate, and then submit.

## Why can't I apply for an upcoming semester?

The application deadline for that semester has probably passed. Please apply for the next available start date.

## What are the international admission requirements?

Graduate admission is for international students who hold a bachelor's degree and wish to pursue a master's or doctoral degree at Lamar University. Graduate admission is competitive, and requirements vary by department. Upon receipt of all university-required documents, the Admissions Office will forward your file to your desired academic department for an admission decision.

1. **Apply for Admission** at [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org)
2. **Provide Proof of English Language Proficiency.** International applicants, both undergraduate and graduate, must provide proof of English language proficiency through scores on the TOEFL or IELTS. This testing requirement is waived only for applicants who have completed at least two consecutive years of study at a college or university in the U.S. or in an English proficiency-exempt country. Scores are valid for two years, and must be received directly from the testing agency.

## English Proficiency Requirements

	Regular Admission	Bridge Admission	Lamar Language Institute Admission
TOEFL Internet Based Total	79	61-78	Below 61
TOEFL Computer Based Total	213	179-212	Below 179
TOEFL Paper Based Total	550	500-549	Below 500
IELTS Total	6.5	6.0	Below 6.0

3. **Submit Official Transcripts or Credential Evaluation**

**For International Graduate Admission:** International Graduate applicants should have an official report of course-by-course [evaluated transcripts](#) sent to Lamar University directly by the evaluating agency **OR** should submit official transcripts from each post-secondary university or college attended. An official statement of the award of the degree or diploma is required for each degree completed. College work from one institution posted on the transcript of another institution will not be accepted. Applicants from an institution that does not issue a transcript in English must submit the native language transcript with an official English translation. Official translations are prepared by a recognized translation service and include all original seals and/or signatures.

**For International Undergraduate Admission:**

**Undergraduate Freshman:** If you are an international student who has never been enrolled at a post-secondary college or university, you must submit an original credential evaluation of high school work, and show evidence of completion with a cumulative 2.5 grade point average.

**Undergraduate Transfer:** If you are an international student who has been enrolled at another post-secondary college or university and would like to transfer into an undergraduate degree program at Lamar University, you must submit an original credential evaluation of all previous college work. If you will be transferring fewer than 18 credit hours, the evaluation must include high school. Admission requires a 2.5 grade point average on all secondary and post-secondary school work.

4. **Submit Admission Test Scores.** International Graduate applicants must have official test scores sent to Lamar University directly by the testing agency. Applicants for the MBA program should take the GMAT. All other graduate applicants should take the GRE. Score requirements are competitive and are assessed by each academic department.

### How do I submit a college transcript from outside the United States?

Students who have attended a high school, college or university outside the U.S. must have official transcripts translated and evaluated for authentication from a recognized United States evaluation company. (NOTE: Some academic departments require that all foreign transcripts be evaluated.) *The transfer evaluation must include course by course grades, include a grade point calculation and indicate the diploma or degree conferred from each institution previously attended.* This evaluation must be forwarded to Lamar University directly from the credential evaluation agency. If your transcripts have not yet been evaluated, please select one of the sites below and follow their instructions.

#### **SDR EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANTS**

10134 Hammerly, No. 192  
Houston, TX 77080  
(713) 460-5344  
[www.sdreducational.org/](http://www.sdreducational.org/)

#### **GLOBAL CREDENTIAL EVALUATORS, INC.**

PO Box 9203  
College Station, TX 77842-9203  
(409) 690-8912  
[www.gcevaluators.com](http://www.gcevaluators.com)

#### **WORLD EDUCATION SERVICE**

PO Box 745  
Old Chelsea Station  
New York, NY 10113-0745  
(212) 966-6311  
[www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org)

#### **INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC CREDENTIAL EVALUATORS**

PO Box 2585  
Denton, TX 76202-2585  
(817) 383-7498  
[www.iacei.net](http://www.iacei.net)

#### **EDUCATION EVALUATORS INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

11 South Angell St. #348  
Providence, RI 02906  
(401) 521-5340 [www.educei.com](http://www.educei.com)

#### **FOREIGN CREDENTIALS SERVICE OF AMERICA**

1910 Justin Lane  
Austin, TX 78757-2411  
(512) 459-8428 Fax: (512) 459-4565  
[www.fcsa.biz](http://www.fcsa.biz) / email: [info@fcia.biz](mailto:info@fcia.biz) or [davidbrowne@fcia.biz](mailto:davidbrowne@fcia.biz)

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How will I be notified of my admission status? All admission correspondence will be directed to the personal email address that you supplied on ApplyTexas. After admission, all official correspondence will be directed to your Lamar University email address.

How do I receive my student ID number? Your student ID number begins with the letter "L" It will be included on all correspondence from the admission office.

### What does my admission status mean?

**Applied Online:** Your application has been received (The ApplyTexas Application is forwarded to Lamar University within 24-48 hours after you submit).

**Incomplete:** The admissions office has not yet received all of the documents required to review your file.

**Review:** Graduate admission is competitive and varies by academic department. All graduate applicants are placed in “Review Status” after all admission documents are received. Each graduate academic department reviews all applicants and determines whether they are to be admitted as a graduate student.

**University Acceptance:** In addition to your acceptance to Lamar University, you have met ALL admission requirements, and have been fully accepted to the graduate program by your department.

**International Bridge Acceptance:** You have met all university and departmental admission requirements and are accepted to the graduate program, but your language proficiency requirement score requires that you also enroll in language courses at the Lamar Language Institute.

**International Conditional Acceptance:** You have met all university and departmental requirements, except for language proficiency. You will be enrolled at the Lamar Language Institute and required to successfully complete the advanced level classes prior to gaining University Acceptance Status.