

2017-18 School Profile

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The Texas Academy of Leadership in the Humanities (TALH) is an early college entrance residential honors program created in 1993 by the Texas legislature to allow academically qualified high school aged students in the state to earn college credits towards a college degree. Students live on the Lamar University campus and enroll as full-time college students. Students completing TALH curriculum after two years will graduate from the program with a diploma and 60+ college credit hours. The majority of these hours are selected from the Lamar University General Education Core Curriculum. Lamar University's General Education Core Curriculum satisfies the criteria for compliance with the mandates of the Texas State Senate and the rules, recommendations and statement of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board found in Chapter 4 B §4.28-4.31.

Classification of Students

Texas Academy of Leadership in the Humanities students are full time residential college students enrolled at Lamar University. Texas Academy students are classified as college freshmen or sophomores by Lamar University:

- Freshman has met all entrance requirements, but fewer than 30 semester hours have been earned
- Sophomore has earned a minimum of 30 semester hours
- Junior has earned a minimum of 60 semester hours

After two years, students graduate from the Texas Academy of Leadership in the Humanities as a college junior with 60+ college credit hours.

School Ethnicity for 2017-18

Asian	13%
Black	7%
Hispanic	24%
White	56%

School Enrollment for 2017-18

Class of 2018	24
Class of 2019	21

Lamar University Grading System

A = Excellent	NG = No grade
B = Good	Q = Dropped passing
C = Satisfactory	S = Credit
D = Passing	U = Unsatisfactory, no credit
F = Failure	W = Withdrawn from university
I = Incomplete	

Standardized Test Results – College Bound Seniors Class of 2017

SAT	NATIONAL	TEXAS	TALH
Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	533	513	661
Math	527	507	646
ACT	NATIONAL	TEXAS	TALH
Composite	21	21	29

GPA Calculation

GPA is calculated on the Lamar University courses only. Previous high school courses are not included in GPA calculation. To compute grade point averages, grade points are assigned to letter grades as follows: to the grade "A," 4 points; to "B," 3 points; to "C," 2 points; to "D," 1 point, and to "F," "I," "S," "U," "NG," "Q," "W," 0 points. The number of grade points earned in a course is obtained by multiplying the number of semester credit hours by the number of points assigned to the grade made in the course. The grade point average is calculated by dividing the total number of grade points earned by the total number of semester hours attempted in courses for which the grades "A," "B," "C," "D," and "F" are assigned. Thus, for grades, "I," "S," "U," "NG," "W," and "Q," neither semester hours nor grade points are used in the computation of the grade point average. Hours attempted include all work taken, whether passed, failed or repeated.

Ranking

TALH does not rank its students. Once admitted into our program, TALH students enroll in university courses and attend courses on the university campus only. They have officially entered college early and no longer enroll in high school courses.

The TALH (Lamar) grade point average (GPA) is a measure of the student's overall academic performance. The TALH (Lamar) GPA determines program eligibility, academic standing, President's List, Dean's List, honors, and graduation eligibility.

Program of Study

The Texas Academy of Leadership in the Humanities (TALH) follows a curriculum that ensures that the graduate completes the TALH program with four years of English, four years of math, and four years of science. Students also take three and one half years of social studies, one half year of economics, two or three years of foreign language, one year of physical education, one half year of speech, one year of fine arts, and four and one half years of approved electives. The TALH curriculum is equivalent or higher in content or rigor than the Foundation High School Program, Distinguished Achievement, with Endorsements curriculum required by the Texas Education Agency. TALH students enroll in courses at Lamar University selected first from the university core curriculum listed on the back. With permission from the director, students may take additional college courses. By incorporating the previous high school record with the college courses taken at TALH, graduates may be certain of an education that meets or exceeds the recommended graduation requirements of the State of Texas.

Components of the General Education Core Curriculum

Communication - three semester hours: ENGL 1301 and three semester hours from COMM 1315, COMM 1321, DSDE 1371, FREN 1311, SPAN 1311

Mathematics - three semester hours from MATH 1314, MATH 1316, MATH 1325, MATH 1342, MATH 1350, MATH 1414, MATH 2305, MATH 2310, MATH 2312, MATH 2413, MATH 2414, MATH 3370

Life and Physical Sciences – six semester hours from BIOL 1308, BIOL 1315, BIOL 1406, BIOL 1407, BIOL 2306, BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, CHEM 1306, CHEM 1308, CHEM 1311, CHEM 1312, GEOL 1390, GEOL 1403, GEOL 1404, PHYS 1305, PHYS 1307, PHYS 1311, PHYS 1401, PHYS 1402, PHYS 1405, PHYS 1407, PHYS 1411, PHYS 2425, PHYS 2426, SPSC 1301, SPSC 1401

Language, Philosophy and Culture – three semester hours from ENGL 2300, ENGL 2310, ENGL 2320, ENGL 2322, ENGL 2326, ENGL 2331, ENGL 2371, ENGL 2376, PHIL 1370, PHIL 2306

Creative Arts – three semester hours from ARTS 1301, ARTS 1303, COMM 1375, DANC 2304, MUSI 1306, PHIL 1330

American History – six semester hours from HIST 1301, HIST 1302, HIST 2301

Government/Political Science – six semester hours from POLS 2301, POLS 2302

Social and Behavioral Sciences – three semester hours from BULW 1370, ECON 1301, ECON 2301, ECON 2302, INEN 2373, PSYC 2301, SOCI 1301

Additionally, students must complete one of the three following component area options:

Component Area Option I – three semester hours from ENGL 1302, ENGL 1374, two semester hour lab sciences from BIOL 1406, BIOL 1407, BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, GEOL 1403, GEOL 1404, PHYS 1401, PHYS 1402, PHYS 1405, PHYS 1407, PHYS 1411, PHYS 2425, PHYS 2426, SPSC 1401 and one semester hour flex course from MATH 1414, MATH 2413, MATH 2414, LIBR 1101, HNRS 2160, LMAR 1101

Component Area Option II – three semester hours from ENGL 1302 and three semester hours from MATH 1316, MATH 1325, MATH 1342, MATH 1350, MATH 1414, MATH 2305, MATH 2310, MATH 2312, MATH 2413, MATH 2414, MATH 3370, BUAL 2310, INEN 2301, PSYC 2317

Component Area Option III - three semester hours from MATH 1316, MATH 1325, MATH 1342, MATH 1350, MATH 1414, MATH 2305, MATH 2310, MATH 2312, MATH 2413, MATH 2414, MATH 3370, BUAL 2310, INEN 2301, PSYC 2317, two semester hour lab sciences from BIOL 1406, BIOL 1407, BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, GEOL 1403, GEOL 1404, PHYS 1401, PHYS 1402, PHYS 1405, PHYS 1407, PHYS 1411, PHYS 2425, PHYS 2426, SPSC 1401 and one semester hour flex course from MATH 1414, MATH 2413, MATH 2414, LIBR 1101, HNRS 2160, LMAR 1101

College and University Matriculation – The Class of 2017 with 24 graduates were accepted to the following institutions:

Baylor University
Iowa State University
Jacobs University
Lamar University
Louisiana State University
Midwestern State University

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
Stephen F. Austin State University
Texas A&M University
Texas Woman's University
Trinity University
University of Alabama

University of Colorado Denver
University of Florida
University of Houston
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
University of Texas at Dallas
Williams College

