

Admissions Information and Requirements

Admission to Prairie View A&M University is open to qualified individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, or educationally unrelated disability. Academic preparation and commitment to succeed are major criteria for admission to the University. All inquiries about admission, application for admission, and transcripts of credit should be addressed to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Prairie View A&M University, P.O. Box 3089, Prairie View, Texas 77446-3089.

Freshman Admission

Applicants for admission to the freshman class should submit their application materials as early as possible in their senior year of high school. All students are required to submit the Texas Common Application for admission (available at www.pvamu.edu) and a non-refundable \$25.00 processing fee. Each student must submit the Student Readiness Survey Form completed by the high school counselor, principal or college official of the last school attended. Transcripts submitted should include all semesters of high school credits as soon as grades are available. Applicants are requested to furnish final records immediately following graduation from high school.

Freshman applicants for college admission are those who have graduated from high school, are nearing completion of high school, have earned a General Equivalency Diploma (GED), or have satisfactorily completed fewer than 15 transferable semester credit hours. Applicants must satisfy the freshman admission requirements. All freshman applicants must submit test results from either the American College Testing (ACT) Examination or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

Application

Eligibility for admission is determined by evaluation of the completed application and supporting documents. All first time college freshmen must submit the following items to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions:

1. Completed Texas Common application for admission including the \$25.00 non-refundable required fee. An additional \$15.00 non-refundable late application fee is required after the deadline.
2. Certified high school transcript for all previous work showing completion, or GED certificate showing that the equivalent of a diploma has been earned.
3. A Student Readiness Survey Form completed by your high school principal or counselor
4. Copy of the Social Security card
5. SAT or ACT score report.

For a freshman to complete the application file and finalize the admission process, a final transcript must be sent directly from the applicant's high school. It is the responsibility of the student to request that the transcript be sent. The high school transcript must include the graduation date and rank in class. If the transcript (s) submitted as part of the application procedure are final and official, additional transcripts are not required.

Types of Undergraduate Admission

Honors Admission (Apply separately for scholarship assistance.)

1. An official high school transcript including the following:
 - English: 4 credits
 - Mathematics: 4 credits (Algebra I and above)
 - Science: 3 credits (Biology, Chemistry and Physical Science)
 - Social Studies: 4 credits (World History-1, World Geography 1, U.S. History-1, U.S. Government-1/2, Economics-1/2)
 - Foreign Language: 2 credits in a single language

Computer Science: 1 credit

2. A high school GPA of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale
3. SAT score of 1200 or an ACT score of 25
4. Passage of any state mandated examination used as a high school exit examination.

Automatic Unconditional Admission

Graduate in the top 10% of high school graduating class in Texas in one of the two school years preceding the academic year for which applicant is applying for admission (TEC 51.803) as determined by high school GPA.

Regular Unconditional Admission

1. An official high school transcript or GED
2. Passage of any state mandated examination used as a high school exit examination
3. High school grade point average that is equal to or greater than a “C+” (2.50 on a 4.00 scale)
4. SAT score of 820 or an ACT score of 17

Provisional Admission

1. An official high school transcript or GED
2. Passage of any state mandated examination used as a high school exit examination
3. High School grade point average range from 2.49 –2.00 on a 4.00 scale
4. SAT score less than 820 or an ACT score of less than 17

Provisionally admitted students have one calendar year to successfully remedy academic deficiencies and demonstrate the ability to be successful in college level courses. Failure to exit within one year may result in denial of future enrollment. Release to regular admission status will be granted to students who, within a calendar year of admission, complete 24 hours of coursework with a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA. Students who successfully satisfy TASP requirements may be considered for release to regular admission prior to the completion of 24 hours of coursework.

Updating of Admissions Application

Students who do not enroll for the semester for which they are approved should contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions to update their application for admissions before attempting to enroll for another semester. This must be done prior to the application deadline date for the application to be given full consideration.

<i>Application Area</i>	<i>Summer</i>	<i>Fall</i>	<i>Spring</i>
Undergraduate Admissions	April 1	July 1	November 1
International Admissions	March 1	June 1	October 1
University Village (Housing)*	NA	July 15	December 15
Financial Aid	May 1	July 15	November 1
Scholarships	March 1	April 1	November 1
University College	NA	July 15	December 15

* Assignments are on a first-come, first-served basis and are not guaranteed until the signing of the lease by all parties.

All materials required to complete the undergraduate admissions application process are due in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions according to the schedule listed above.

Admission Appeal Procedure

A student who is denied admission to the University may appeal in writing to the Admissions and Academic Standards Committee, Prairie View A&M University, P.O. Box 2715, Prairie View, Texas 77446.

Special Admissions

Concurrent Enrollment for High School Students

The Concurrent Admission Program is designed to provide a university-supervised program offering college credit to outstanding high school students. Students must meet the following requirements to be admitted to the program:

1. Complete the eleventh grade by the date of expected enrollment in college classes.
2. Earn a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.50 on a 4.0 scale by the end of the first semester of the junior year.
3. Attain an ACT composite score of 17 or more or an SAT score of 820 or more.
4. Obtain written permission from parent(s) or legal guardian(s).
5. Obtain a letter of recommendation from the high school counselor.
6. Complete all TASP sections satisfactorily or have obtained a TASP exemption prior to course registration.

A permanent college record is established once students are admitted and enrolled. The University will release the banked college credit(s) when an official transcript identifies successful completion of the high school graduation requirements. A maximum of two academic courses may be taken during the Fall, Spring or Summer semester. Courses a student may take include English, History, Mathematics, Political Science (Government), or other courses approved by the dean of the school or college offering the courses.

Home Schooled

Students who graduate from high schools not accredited by the Texas Education Agency or who are home schooled may be considered if they have a score of 820 or above on the SAT, or 17 or above on the ACT.

Dual Credit Programs

High-achieving high school seniors from local high schools are offered the opportunity to enroll in selected college-level classes to earn college credits. These banked college credits will not be issued until the student has graduated from high school and met the admission requirements. Students interested in this program should contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

Former Students

Students who have previously attended Prairie View A&M University and do not enroll for courses during one or more semesters but, who wish to return, must submit an application for admission and pay an application fee. If a student has attended any other institution while away from Prairie View A&M University, the student will be classified as a readmitted student. Transfer credits will be evaluated and applied as appropriate.

Transient Students

A transient student is one who is currently enrolled in another college or university, is in good standing, and desires admission to Prairie View A&M University for a limited period, usually one semester or summer term. Admission as a transient student is determined after the completed application has been reviewed and approved and the application fee has been paid.

Academic Fresh Start Admission

According to Section 51.931 of the Texas Education Code, a Texas resident may apply for admission to the University as an undergraduate student and request that course credit or grades earned ten or more years prior to the semester the applicant plans to enroll not be considered. The applicant must meet the standards for one of the other types of admission. Students admitted under the “fresh start” option may not receive credit for any course work taken ten/or more years prior to enrollment. A student who elects the fresh start will forfeit TASP exemption normally awarded to a student who had earned 3 SCH of transferable college work before 1989.

Admitted Fresh Start applicants have “Academic Fresh Start” indicated on their official Prairie View A&M University transcript. Forfeited course work cannot be considered as prerequisites, but placement examinations are allowed for courses that were not considered for admission because of the Fresh Start. Once admitted on Academic Fresh Start, the enrolled student cannot subsequently request that the Fresh Start policy restrictions be removed.

Students must submit a written request to the Office of Undergraduate Admission to enter under the Academic Fresh Start admission option. The Fresh Start Program provisions can be used only once at Prairie View A&M University. If an applicant has used the Academic Fresh Start Policy at a previous school, the Academic Fresh Start will remain in effect at Prairie View A&M University upon transfer.

There may be implications for financial aid and veteran’s benefits for students admitted under Academic Fresh Start.

Admission of International Students

All International students must comply with INS rules and regulations. Undergraduate international students must complete the application and pay the non-refundable \$50.00 application fee in U.S. currency. All International students must submit the following in addition to the above listed items:

- 1) Evidence of ability to Finance Education – Affidavit of financial support as well as certification of ability to finance study while attending Prairie View A&M University. No student should depend upon receiving an out-of-state fee waiver. Applications for such waivers must be made as part of the competitive scholarship process and is separate from the admissions process.
- 2) Evidence of ability to speak, write, and comprehend written and oral English language. All students must present a score of 500 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) administered by the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, NJ as a part of the application process for admission to the university. Any student who graduated from a secondary education institution in the United States or who earned a score of 18 on the English Section of the ACT or a 400 on the Verbal component of the SAT is exempt from the TOEFL.
- 3) Confirmation of Immigration Status International students seeking I-20AB (Certification of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant [F-1] Student Status) must secure certification forms in person. If the form is not picked up in person, it will be forwarded by U.S. mail only.
- 4) Evaluation of foreign transcripts. Applicants must submit official transcripts for all high school and college work completed up to the time of expected enrollment. An evaluation of all foreign college transcripts must be completed by: Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc., P.O. Box 92970, Milwaukee, WI 53202-0970, (414) 289-3400 or Span Tran Educational Services, P.O. Box 7211 Regency Square Blvd. Suite #205, Houston, Texas 77036, (713) 266-8805.

All international students admitted to the University must first report to the Immigration Services Coordinator, W.R. Banks, Room 123 and present all immigration documents for inspection and entry into the record. All immunization records are to be presented directly to the Owens-Franklin Health Center by the student.

All items on the application must be fully answered. All communications regarding admission to the University should be sent to:

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General Transfer Admission

A student transferring from community/junior college or another university with 15 transferable semester credit hours will be admitted with a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or better from the last institution attended and official transcripts of all work completed at other institutions. Transfer applicants who have earned fewer than 15 semester credit hours must satisfy the regular requirements for freshman admission (See Freshman Admission). A student on academic probation or suspension from another institution is not in academic good standing and is not eligible for admission. Transfer students must satisfy all Prairie View A&M University requirements for graduation. . All courses and grades transferred from other colleges and/or universities are recorded as received on the student's academic record at Prairie View A&M University. Changes in the evaluation of transfer credit will not be permitted after one (1) year from the student's initial evaluation at Prairie View A&M University. **Grades earned at other institutions may not be used to remove a grade point deficiency acquired in residence at Prairie View A&M University.**

Students wishing to transfer must submit the following items to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions:

1. Completed application for admission including the \$25.00 non-refundable required fee (An additional \$15.00 non-refundable late application fee is required after the deadline).
2. Official college/university transcript(s) from all institutions attended.
3. Copy of the Social Security card.
4. If applicable, a written request to use the Academic Fresh Start Program, prior to admission.

Regular Unconditional Admission

1. An official College and/or University transcript(s) from a regionally accredited institution.
2. Successful completion of 15 semester credit hours or more of transferable college courses in which the student earned a "C" or better in all courses and achieve a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or better on a 4.00 scale. Remedial and some technical courses in which grades of "D" or "F" were earned will not be accepted.
3. Students with less than 15 semester credit hours must meet regular admission standards for freshman students.

If a student has successfully completed the 42-semester credit hour core mandated by the state of Texas, the student will have fulfilled the core curriculum requirements for Prairie View A&M University. A student who has not completed the core curriculum elsewhere will be required to complete the University core. A student must meet special program requirements in addition to general core curriculum requirements.