

# Tennessee State University - Admissions Requirements Guide

## Freshman Admission Requirements

Applicants should submit materials as early as possible during their **senior year of high school**.

### Required Documents

- **Application for Admission**
  - Apply Now @ <https://www.tnstate.edu/apply/>
- **Official High School Transcript**
  - Must show proof of **graduation** and completion of all coursework.
- **ACT/SAT Scores** (if under 21)
  - Minimum **ACT: 19** OR **SAT: 900**
- **Immunization Records**
  - Two doses of **Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)** vaccine.

### High School Course Requirements

- **English:** 4 units
- **Mathematics:** 3 units (Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry or Advanced Math)
- **Science:** 2 units (including Biology, Chemistry, or Physics)
- **Social Studies:** 2 units (including U.S. History)
- **Foreign Language:** 2 units
- **Visual/Performing Arts:** 1 unit

### Admission Categories

- **Regular Admission:** Meet all minimum requirements.
- **Admission by Exception:** Deficiency in no more than **two required units** with an ACT of 21+.
- **Regulated Admission:** Applicants who do not meet **GPA and/or test score requirements** may enroll under certain conditions.

More information: [Admissions @](#)

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# Transfer Student Admission Requirements

## Who is a Transfer Student?

A student who has attended **another college or university** before applying to TSU.

## Required Documents

- **Official College Transcripts** (from all previously attended institutions)
- **Official High School Transcript** (if fewer than 60 college credits completed)
- **ACT/SAT Scores** (if under 21 and have not completed college-level Math & English)

## Minimum GPA for Transfer Admission

- **TBR Community Colleges:**
  - 0-14 credit hours: No minimum GPA
  - 15-29 credit hours: **1.4 GPA**
  - 30-50 credit hours: **1.7 GPA**
  - 51-67 credit hours: **1.9 GPA**
  - **Above 67 credit hours: 2.0 GPA**
- **Out-of-State Colleges & Universities: 2.0 GPA**

## Transfer Credit Evaluation

Credits from **Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) institutions** are automatically accepted. Courses from **non-TBR institutions** require evaluation.

More information: [Transfer Admissions @](#)

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# Readmission Requirements

Students who **left TSU and are returning** must submit:

- **Readmission Application @** <https://futuretiger.tnstate.edu/>
- **Official Transcripts** (if attended another institution after leaving TSU)

## Students returning after academic suspension:

- **First suspension (Fall):** Eligible to return in **Summer**
- **First suspension (Spring):** Eligible to return in **Spring**
- **First suspension (Summer):** Eligible to return in **Spring**
- If attended another college and raised GPA to meet retention standards, may reapply.

More information: [Re-Admit Admissions @](#)

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## International Student Admission Requirements

### Required Documents

- **Online Application @** <https://www.tnstate.edu/apply/>
- **Official Transcripts (High School & College, if applicable)**
  - Must be evaluated by **WES, SPANTRAN, or other approved agencies**
- **Proof of English Proficiency (If English is not your native language)**
  - TOEFL iBT: **61**
  - IELTS: **5.5**
  - Duolingo: **75**
  - Pearson PTEA: **50**
- **Financial Statement & Bank Verification**
- **Copy of Passport**

More information: [International Admissions @](#)

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## Dual Enrollment Requirements

High school students can take college courses through **Dual Enrollment**.

### Eligibility Criteria

- **Minimum Weighted GPA: 3.0**
- **ACT/SAT Scores:** (Varies by course)
- **Parental & School Approval**

Apply for Dual Enrollment: **TSU Dual Enrollment @**

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## Transient & Special Student Admission

- **Transient Students:** Enrolled at another institution and taking TSU courses for one semester.
  - Submit an **Official College Transcript** and **Letter of Good Standing**.

- **Special Students:** Taking TSU courses for **personal or professional growth** without pursuing a degree.

More information: **Transient Admissions @** <https://www.tnstate.edu/admissions/transient.aspx>

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## Graduate Program Admission

- **Minimum GPA:** 2.5-3.0 (varies by program)
- **GRE/GMAT Scores** (if required by the program)
- **Official Transcripts** (Undergraduate Degree Required)
- **Letters of Recommendation** (If applicable)

More information: **Graduate School @** <https://www.tnstate.edu/graduate/>

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## Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **FAFSA Application:** <https://studentaid.gov/>
- **Scholarships @** <https://www.tnstate.edu/scholarships>

## Residency Classification for Tuition

- Residency is determined based on **state guidelines**.
- **Residency Appeal Form @** <https://www.tnstate.edu/admissions/documents/ResidencyClassification.pdf>

More information: **TSU Bursar's Office @** <https://www.tnstate.edu/bursar/>

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## Placement Testing & Credit Opportunities

- **ACT/SAT Scores Used for Course Placement**
- **Advanced Placement (AP) Credit**
  - AP scores of **3+** may earn college credit.
- **College Level Examination Program (CLEP)**
- **DANTES & Military Credit Evaluations**

More information: **Testing Services @**

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## Contact Information

- **Admissions Office:** admissions@tnstate.edu
  - **Financial Aid:** finaid@tnstate.edu
  - **International Admissions:** oia@tnstate.edu
  - **Graduate School:** GradSchool@tnstate.edu
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## Important Deadlines & Resources

- **Application Deadlines @** <https://www.tnstate.edu/admissions/deadlines.aspx>
  - **Visit Campus @** <https://www.tnstate.edu/visit/>
  - **Meet the Recruitment Team @** <https://www.tnstate.edu/admissions/recruitment/>
  - **Parent Resources @** <https://www.tnstate.edu/admissions/parents.aspx>
  - **Contact Admissions @** <https://www.tnstate.edu/admissions/contact.aspx>
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## TSU Highlights

- **Carnegie Classification:** High Research Activity (R2) University
- **Military-Friendly:** Certified "Vets Campus"
- **Located in Nashville, TN**
- **Diverse student life and academic programs**

For more information, visit **TSU Admissions @** <https://www.tnstate.edu/admissions/> or email admissions@tnstate.edu