Admissions Application Procedures
For International Applicants

Please refer to the Graduate Catalog for additional admissions information, or visit our website, www.gradschool.ttu.edu

Please use your name as it appears on your passport on your application and all other communication with TTU.

The following requirements should be followed carefully in order for an applicant to be admitted to a graduate program at Texas Tech University. Applicants should also check the websites of the departments to which they are applying to determine if the departments have any additional requirements.

**Deadlines**

January 15 for fall and summer semesters  
June 15 for spring semester

*Note that some departments may have earlier deadlines!*

A completed application consists of the following:

A. Application – Applications may be obtained from our website at www.gradschool.ttu.edu. The applicant's name must be the same as it appears on the passport. All institutions (including name and location) attended must be included on the application. Falsification of application information will void admission to Texas Tech University.

B. $100 Non-refundable Application Fee—Acceptable methods of payment are checks drawn on a U.S. bank, international money orders, cashier's checks, U.S. or international postal money orders, traveler's check, or U.S. credit card. The application fee may be paid either through the ApplyTexas application (www.applytexas.org) or on the Graduate School website if using the paper application. This nonrefundable application-processing fee is required of all international applicants seeking admission to the Graduate School. This fee cannot be waived or deferred.

C. Official Proof of English Proficiency—All international applicants must provide proof of English proficiency before their applications can be considered for admission. This test is waived only for graduates of U.S. universities or universities in English proficiency-exempt countries. Applicants who have completed at least two consecutive years at a college or university in the U.S. or in an English proficiency-exempt country, are also exempted from the English proficiency requirement. A list of English proficiency-exempt countries is available at http://www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool/admissions/appProc_Internat.php.

Applicants may submit one of the following English proficiency measures:

1) **TOEFL** (Test of English as a Foreign Language; www.toefl.org) – The minimum TOEFL score required is 550 (paper-based version) or 79 (internet-based version). The TOEFL score must be received directly from the Educational Testing Service (ETS); Texas Tech University’s institutional code is 6827. TOEFL scores are valid for only two years.

2) **IELTS** (International English Language Testing Service; www.ielts.org) - The minimum IELTS required score is an overall band score of 6.5 on the Academic version; IELTS General Training results are not acceptable. There is no IELTS institution code for Texas Tech University. IELTS scores are valid for only two years.

3) **PTE Academic** (Pearson Test of English Academic; www.pearsonpte.com/pteacademic) – The minimum required PTE Academic score is 60. PTE General and PTE Young Learners results are not acceptable. There is no PTE Academic institution code for Texas Tech University. PTE Academic scores are valid for only two years.

4) **Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English** (Cambridge CPE; http://www.cambridgeesol.org/exams/general-english/cpe.html) – The minimum required Cambridge CPE grade is C. There is no institutional code for the Cambridge CPE. The Cambridge CPE is valid for life.

5) **Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English** (Cambridge CAE; http://www.cambridgeesol.org/exams/general-english/cae.html) – The minimum required Cambridge CAE grade is B. There is no institutional code for the Cambridge CAE. The Cambridge CAE is valid for life.

D. Original or certified copies of all college and university transcripts (mark sheets, examination results, etc.). An official English translation is required. If the degree is not complete when the application is made, six semesters or three years of course work are required. After the degree is completed, a final transcript showing the degree awarded must be submitted. Texas Tech University requires a degree that is equivalent to a U.S. undergraduate degree.

E. The original or certified photocopies of the degree certificate, diploma, or official statement that the degree has been granted. An official English translation is required.

F. Proof of Financial Support (Optional) – Applicants may provide proof of financial support as part of their application materials, or they may provide proof upon learning of their admission decision. This document is not necessary for application evaluation purposes. With exceptions noted on our website, fellowships and assistantships for new students are available from the departments and not from the Graduate School. All correspondence regarding financial assistance should be conducted with the department to which the applicant is applying.

G. Passport Bio Page (Optional) - This page will be used only if an international applicant is admitted and an I-20 needs to be issued. This document is not necessary for application evaluation purposes.