

Eligibility for Admissions to Texas Tech University–Costa Rica as a Freshman Undergraduate student for RHIM, Retail Management or Mathematics Programs

Academics

- **No GPA minimum**
 - However, and for comparison purposes, the average GPA of the accepted student over the last two years at Texas Tech University (Lubbock campus) was 3.29 on a 4.0 scale.
- **SAT and ACT scores are not required**
 - However, they may be useful for placement, to waive the Texas Success Initiative Program assessment requirement (TSI, see below), or as proof of English proficiency.

Administrative

- **Application Fee**
 - \$75
- **High School transcripts**
 - Submit original or attested copies of high school transcripts and any exit examinations taken. May be sent electronically, but if you are admitted to Texas Tech University- Costa Rica, you must submit OFFICIAL FINAL TRANSCRIPTS upon arrival.

English Proficiency

- Students must submit one of the following to show proof of English language proficiency:
 - **TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language; TOFEL)**
 - 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.
 - **IELTS (International English Language Testing Service; IELTS)**

- 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.
- **PTE Academic (Pearson Test of English Academic; PTE Academic)**
 - 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.
- **Cambridge CPE (Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English; CPE)**
 - The minimum required Cambridge CPE grade is C. There is no institutional code for the Cambridge CPE. The Cambridge CPE is valid for life.
- **Cambridge CAE (Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English ; CAE)**
 - The minimum required Cambridge CAE grade is B. There is no institutional code for the Cambridge CAE. The Cambridge CAE is valid for life.
- **Waivers** for English language proficiency will be granted to students who:
 - achieve a score of 500 on the SAT Writing and Reading or a 20 on the ACT English section, or,
 - received a grade of C or better on the IB Diploma in English or a C or better on the A-level GCE in English (not English as a Second Language, English Literature, etc.)

Additional requirements before class enrollment:

- Although the **Texas Success Initiative (TSI)** is not a requirement for admission eligibility, **admitted** students are required to complete TSI assessment of college readiness prior to enrollment in any courses (TSI exam fee is \$50).
- Prior to taking the TSI, students must do a pre-assessment online. The exam consists of Mathematics, Reading and Writing sections.
- TSI Exemptions/Waivers:
 - Students who meet one of the following conditions are exempt or partially exempt from taking an initial assessment test. In each case, TTU-CR must receive official proof in order to process the exemption. ACT and/or SAT scores must be part of the student's TTU-CR record. Official score reports must be submitted to the Office of Admissions (these scores may be submitted on your official high school transcript).



- **ACT**

A composite score of 23 with a minimum of 19 on the English test (will satisfy both reading and writing TSI requirements) and/or the mathematics test shall be exempt from those corresponding sections;

- **SAT**

SAT Testing prior to March 1, 2016: a combined critical reading (formerly "verbal") and mathematics score of 1070 with a minimum of 500 on the critical reading test (will exempt a student from both the reading and writing TSI requirements); a combined critical reading (formerly "verbal") and mathematics score of 1070 with a minimum of 500 on the mathematics test will exempt a student from the TSI mathematics requirements.

SAT Testing on or after March 2, 2016: a minimum score of 480 on the Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) will exempt a student from both the TSI reading and writing requirements; a minimum score of 530 on the mathematics test will exempt a student from the TSI mathematics requirements.

- A student who has graduated with an associate or baccalaureate degree from an institution of higher learning whose accreditation is recognized by SACS-COC (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools).
- A student who is enrolled in a certificate program of one year or less (Level-one certificates, 42 or fewer semester credit hours or the equivalent).
- A student who has previously attended any institution and has been determined to have met readiness standards by that institution.
- A non-degree seeking student.
- A student who is serving on active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States, the Texas National Guard, or as a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States and has been serving for at least three years preceding enrollment.
- A student who on or after August 1, 1990, was honorably discharged, retired, or released from active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States or the Texas National Guard or service as a member of a reserve component of the United States.