

# Admissions

## Application Process

The application process at Taylor University is more than paperwork. Through this process, students are invited to join Taylor's intentional Christ-centered graduate community, developing minds for relentless discovery and a vision for engaging the world.

## Application Procedures

Students may apply to their chosen graduate program year round, but are encouraged to apply as early as possible before the term of desired enrollment. Programs will accept students based on established timelines and for specific terms. Application materials are available through the website of the specific program or may be requested by phone.

## Application Review

Admission to Taylor University involves a two-stage process:

- During the first stage of the review process, applications are assessed carefully to determine if they meet minimum requirements for admission to the university. Qualified students then continue to the second stage of the review process.
- During the second stage of the process, students from the pool of qualified applicants are selected for admission. Selection is based on a comprehensive review of the materials received. Academic preparedness, spiritual depth and unique contributions to the community are important factors that are considered.

## Decisions and Notification

Prospective students will receive one of two types of notification:

- **Standard Notification**  
Students are notified of their application status on a rolling basis. During the application process, students usually enter into a conversation with university personnel, particularly the program personnel. Students are encouraged to complete their application as early as possible. An interview is recommended for all students and required for admission to some programs.
- **Denial**  
The review committee may feel that a student's success at Taylor is in question and that a denial is in the best interest of the student. In such cases, students are notified by mail of the decision.

## International Students

International students desiring admission should provide the following for consideration:

- A minimum TOEFL iBT score of 90, with no lower than a score of 22 on each of the four sections. Scores must not be more than two years old. When registering, students should indicate code 1802 to have the scores sent directly to Taylor. The TOEFL may be waived if the student is a citizen of Australia, the Bahamas, the British West Indies, Canada, Great Britain, or New Zealand, or if the student has studied in one of the above-mentioned countries or in the United States within the last two years and has a good academic record.
- Certificate/Diploma showing completion of an undergraduate degree, including the results of any examinations. Official English translation of the certificate or diploma is required.
- An acceptable GRE score as determined by the graduate program. This score is necessary for students who have not completed an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution of higher education where English is the language of instruction.

An application will not be evaluated until the student submits a completed application (including essays), completed recommendation forms, official academic records and test scores, TOEFL scores, an affidavit of support, and a signed Life Together Covenant.

International students have to show evidence of financial support before full acceptance can be granted. The Form I-20 will not be issued until documentation showing sources of financial support is submitted. International students may work on campus part-time during the academic year; however, the income generated will not be sufficient to cover education costs.

If a student enters the graduate program on conditional admission (having a questionable TOEFL or GRE score), completion of ESL 200 and ESL 201 (6 undergraduate credit hours total) will be required in the first semester of study to ensure language ability. Unsuccessful completion of these courses would result in an inability to continue in the graduate program.

## Transfer Students

Transfer students are accepted into graduate programs on a case by case basis. Consult with the specific program for further information.

See the *Academic Regulations* section for information regarding the transfer of credit to Taylor University.

## Guest Status

Students are considered guests when they are not seeking a degree from Taylor University and fall into one of the following categories:

- Students who desire to take one or two courses at Taylor for the specific purpose of transferring the credit earned to another institution.
- Students who attend one of the Christian College Consortium schools and desire to complement their preparation with course work at Taylor.
- Individuals who wish to take one or two courses solely for the purpose of self-improvement.

Guest students may earn no more than 9 credit hours with this status. Transfer credit is not accepted while the student holds guest status. Students who wish to apply credits toward a degree must apply for regular admission to the University through the relevant graduate program.