




Q1 What is Texas Success Initiative (TSI)?

TSI is a state law that requires all undergraduate, degree-seeking students at Texas public colleges to show college-level readiness in English and Math.

Q2 Where can I view my TSI status after admission to UTA?

After admission to UTA, you can view your TSI status in MyMav (click the Admissions tile, then TSI status). Your TSI Overall Status will be listed, see Q3 below for TSI status definitions. If your TSI status is Liable or Not Complete, “No” will be indicated next to the subject area(s) if TSI hasn’t been met.

Q3 What does my TSI Overall Status mean?

	TSI Overall Status	Action Needed	Enrollment Impact
	Liable	TSI exemption or TSI test score(s) haven’t been received ACTION: submit documentation for a TSI exemption or TSI test score(s)	All enrollment prevented
	Not Complete	TSI test score(s) received are below college readiness benchmark ACTION: (optional): retake TSI test	TSI course enrollment required during 1 st semester at UTA.
	Complete	College readiness demonstrated in Math & English ACTION: none	No TSI enrollment impact

Q4 What are approved TSI exemptions?

Exemption Type	Area(s) of Exemption	Requirement for Exemption(s)	How to Submit Exemption
ACT scores <i>valid for up to 5 years</i>	English (Reading & Writing)	Prior to Feb. 15, 2023: Composite score ≥ 23 AND English score ≥ 19 After Feb. 15, 2023: Combined English & Reading score ≥ 40	Student must send ACT scores from ACT to UTA
	Math	Prior to Feb. 15, 2023: Composite score ≥ 23 AND Math score ≥ 19 After Feb. 15, 2023: Math Score ≥ 22	
SAT scores <i>valid for up to 5 years</i>	English (Reading & Writing)	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing score ≥ 480	Student must send SAT scores from the College Board to UTA
	Math	Math score ≥ 530	
STAAR scores <i>valid for up to 5 years</i>	English (Reading & Writing)	English III score ≥ 4000	Student must submit high school transcript or official score report to UTA
	Math	Algebra II score ≥ 4000	

Texas College Bridge certificates <i>valid for up to 2 years after high school graduation date</i>	English (Reading & Writing)	certificate earned for English prep course completion	Student must submit certificate(s) from GreenLight to UTA
	Math	certificate earned for Math prep course completion	
TSI Completion from Other Texas College	Reading	college deemed student Complete for TSI Reading	Student must submit official college transcript to UTA
	Writing	college deemed student Complete for TSI Writing	
	Math	college deemed student Complete for TSI Math	
Associate Degree or higher	All	Earned Associate degree or higher (equivalency cannot be used)	Student must submit official college transcript to UTA
Transfer Coursework	English (Reading & Writing)	C or better in 3-hour college-level course from accredited higher education institution in one of the following subjects: ANTH, ART, BIOL, BCMN, COMM, COMS, ECON, ENGL, GEOG, GOVT, HIST, PHIL, POLS, PSYC, SOCI or THEA	Student must submit official college transcript to UTA
	Reading only	C or better in 3-hour college-level course from accredited higher education institution in one of the following subjects: CHEM, DNCE, GEOL, HUMA, MUSI or PHYS	
	Math	C or better in 3-hour college-level Math course from accredited higher education institution	
Military - Active Duty or Honorable Discharge	All	at least 3 years of service completed in U.S. armed forces/reserve or Texas National Guard	Active Duty: Student must submit copy of official military document showing minimum 3 years of active service to tsi@uta.edu Honorable Discharge: Student must submit copy of DD 214 showing Honorable Discharge to tsi@uta.edu

Q5 What if I do not have exemptions for one or more areas of TSI?

You must take the relevant sections of the TSI Assessment test (English and/or Math based on your TSI Liable status) prior to enrollment at UTA.

Q6 When should I take the TSI Assessment test?

It is recommended that TSI testing is completed as soon as possible for all liable areas, as it will impact advising and enrollment at UTA.

Q7 How/where can I take the TSI Assessment test?

UTA [Academic Testing Services](#) offers the TSI Assessment test in person, online, and remotely (student tests at non-UTA testing location). You can also contact your local Texas community college or high school for TSI testing availability. If TSI testing is not completed at UTA, refer to Q9 to submit your TSI scores.

Q8 What are the TSI Assessment test passing scores to be classified as TSI Complete?

TSIA2 (test date on or after January 11, 2021 - scores must be less than 5 years old)		
Subject	Passing Score Option 1	Passing Score Option 2
English (Reading and Writing)	ELAR: 945 or higher and Essay: 5 or higher	ELAR: less than 945 and Diagnostic: 5 or higher and Essay: 5 or higher
Math	Math: 950 or higher	Math: less than 950 and Diagnostic: 6

TSIA (test date prior to January 11, 2021 - scores must be less than 5 years old)	
Subject	Passing Score
Reading	351 or higher
Writing	340 or higher AND Essay: 4 or higher
Math	350 or higher

Q9 I have previously taken the TSI Assessment test at another Texas school - can my scores be used?

If your scores are less than 5 years old, then they can be used to update your TSI status. Please complete the [Authorization to Release TSI Scores](#) form. Once your request is processed, you will receive an email from a TSI advisor with your updated TSI status.

Q10 I have taken the TSI Assessment test and my TSI status is Not Complete, what are my next steps?

A TSI advisor will contact you via your UTA student email with your required next steps prior to your attendance at New Maverick Orientation.

Q11 Who can I contact if I have TSI questions or want to know more about my status?

TSI advisors can be reached at tsi@uta.edu. You should email using your UTA student email account (@mavs.uta.edu) and include your 10-digit UTA ID number.