

## Q What is TSI?

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

## Q What does my TSI status mean?

Complete = You do not need to do anything for TSI

Not Complete = You have taken the TSI Assessment test and have placed into developmental coursework for Math and/or English, which must be taken during your 1<sup>st</sup> semester of enrollment at UTA

Liable = You must either show exemptions for TSI or take the TSI Assessment test prior to enrollment at UTA

## Q What are approved TSI exemptions?

Exemption Type	Area(s) of Exemption	Requirement for Exemption(s)	How to Submit Exemption
<b>ACT scores</b> <i>valid for up to 5 years</i>	English (Reading & Writing)	Composite score $\geq 23$ AND English score $\geq 19$	Student must send ACT scores from ACT to UTA
	Math	Composite score $\geq 23$ AND Math score $\geq 19$	
<b>SAT scores</b> <i>valid for up to 5 years</i>	English (Reading & Writing)	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing score $\geq 480$	Student must send SAT scores from the College Board to UTA
	Math	Math score $\geq 530$	
<b>STAAR scores</b> <i>valid for up to 5 years</i>	English (Reading & Writing)	English III score $\geq 4000$	Student must submit high school transcript or official score report to UTA
	Math	Algebra II score $\geq 4000$	
<b>Texas College Bridge certificates</b> <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	
<b>TSI Completion from Other Texas College</b>	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	
<b>Associate Degree or higher</b>	All	Earned Associate degree or higher (equivalency cannot be used)	Student must submit official college transcript to UTA
<b>Transfer Coursework</b>	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	
<b>Military - Active Duty or Honorable Discharge</b>	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 <a href="mailto:tsi@uta.edu">tsi@uta.edu</a> Honorable Discharge: Student must submit copy of DD 214 showing Honorable Discharge to <a href="mailto:tsi@uta.edu">tsi@uta.edu</a>

## **Q 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 status) prior to enrollment at UTA.

## **Q How/where can I take the TSI Assessment test?**

[Academic Testing Services](#) offers the TSI Assessment test in person, online, and remotely (student tests at non-UTA testing location).

## **Q I have previously taken the TSI Assessment test - can my scores be used?**

If your scores are less than 5 years old, then they can be used to update your TSI status. [Academic Testing Services](#) can retrieve your scores.

## **Q I have taken the TSI Assessment test. What are my next steps?**

Please email [tsi@uta.edu](mailto:tsi@uta.edu) for your updated TSI status.

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

The TSI Coordinator can be reached at [tsi@uta.edu](mailto:tsi@uta.edu).