

# Admission and Registration

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## Admission

Admission and readmission of undergraduate students to the University is the responsibility of the director of admissions. Information about admission to the University is given in the [General Information Catalog](#).

## Admission to the Health and Society Major

### Freshman Admission

Applicants should use the ApplyTexas online application and select the Health and Society major listed in the College of Liberal Arts as a first-choice major.

### External Transfer Admission

Students who wish to transfer to the University from another college or university must apply to the Office of Admissions as described in the [General Information Catalog](#).

### Internal Transfer Admission

- Minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA at the University with at least 12 hours in residence for a letter grade.
- Must be prior to fifth long semester, cumulative, including transfer work. Students with four or more semesters in transfer credit may only apply in their first semester.
- Compelling statement of interest in the major.

Applications will be accepted twice per year and will be reviewed after grades are posted. Decisions will be made prior to the start of the following long semester.

The admission committee may consider the following factors, among others, when considering applications:

- GPA trend relative to cumulative GPA
- Strength of essay
- Time to graduation
- Intent to declare health and society as a single major

## Admission to the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science

Students must be admitted to the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science degree program; they may apply for admission after completing the following requirements: The student must earn a grade of at least *C*- in Biology 311C, Chemistry 301, and Mathematics 408C or 408N; and a grade of at least *B*- in Geological Sciences 401 or 303. To be competitive for admission, the student must have a grade point average of at least 2.75 in these four courses.

Applications are evaluated after the end of each fall and spring semester. Students whose applications are denied may reapply through the supplemental admission process the following semester. Admission decisions are based on the student's grade point average in the basic sequence courses, his or her University grade point average, and other factors; these factors include, but are not limited to, the difficulty of the student's course load, course repetitions, and proven mathematical ability. Students should consult advisors in the College of Liberal Arts Student Advising Office, Dorothy Gebauer Building 2.200, for information about the application process and application deadlines. Once admitted

to the degree program, students will be advised in the Department of Geography and the Environment.

More information about the degree program is given in [Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science](#).

## Admission to the Environmental Science Program

All freshmen and external transfer students majoring in environmental science (EVS) are first admitted to the University as entry-level EVS majors in the Jackson School of Geosciences, the College of Liberal Arts, or the College of Natural Sciences. After completing a minimum of 24 hours in residence, students may select the EVS degree plan that best suits their long-term interests and, if necessary, transfer to the appropriate college/school in accordance with the regulations and procedures set forth in that college or school's *General Information*.

### Freshman Admission

Freshmen applicants seeking admission to the EVS major through the Jackson School of Geosciences, the College of Liberal Arts, or the College of Natural Sciences must meet the calculus readiness requirement by the official admissions application deadline. More information about the calculus readiness requirement is available through the [University Admissions Office](#).

Freshmen applicants to the EVS major from all three colleges/schools are reviewed and admitted as a single cohort. Applicants should use the [ApplyTexas online application](#) and select the "Environmental Science, Entry-Level" major option listed in the Jackson School of Geosciences, the College of Liberal Arts, or the College of Natural Sciences as a first-choice major. Applicants should apply to the EVS program in the college that best suits their anticipated area of focus (geographical sciences, biological sciences, or geological sciences, respectively).

### External Transfer Admission

Students who wish to transfer to the University from another college or University must apply to the Office of Admissions as described in [General Information](#). External transfer applicants seeking admission to the Environmental Science (EVS) Degree Program through the Jackson School of Geosciences, the College of Liberal Arts, or the College of Natural Sciences must demonstrate calculus readiness by the official admissions application deadline. Details regarding transfer calculus readiness are available through the [University Admissions Office](#).

External transfer applicants to the EVS major from all three colleges/schools are reviewed and admitted as a single cohort. Applicants should use the [ApplyTexas online application](#) and select the "Environmental Science, Entry-Level" major option listed in the Jackson School of Geosciences, the College of Liberal Arts, or the College of Natural Sciences as a first-choice major. Applicants should apply to the EVS program in the college that best suits their anticipated area of focus (geographical sciences, biological sciences, or geological sciences, respectively).

### Internal Transfer Admission

Internal transfer, entry-level applications submitted to the EVS major through the Jackson School of Geosciences, the College of Liberal Arts, and the College of Natural Sciences are reviewed and admitted as a single cohort. All internal transfer applicants should use the online EVS Program Transfer Application and must meet the requirements for internal transfer given in the [General Information](#).

To be competitive for admission, internal transfer applicants should have a grade point average of at least 3.0 in Biology 311C, Chemistry 301, Mathematics 408C or 408N or 408K, and Geological Sciences 401 or 303.

Additional Information for all internal transfer applicants:

- Application Deadline: March 1st for entry the following academic year.
- Only currently enrolled students in good academic standing with their college of residence may apply.
- Students may apply during the semester they are completing the minimum requirements to be eligible for consideration.
- Entry-level admission to all Environmental Science majors is offered as space is available to the students who are best qualified. Decisions are based on the student's grade point average in the introductory science and math courses listed above, University grade point average, and other factors including, but not limited to, difficulty of course load, course repetitions, proven mathematical ability, and interest in the field of Environmental Science.

Students should consult with an Academic Advisor for additional information on the application process and deadlines.

## Admission to the Urban Studies Major

### Freshman Admission

Applicants should use the ApplyTexas online application and select the Urban Studies major listed in the College of Liberal Arts as a first-choice major.

### External Transfer Admission

Students who wish to transfer to the University from another college or university must apply to the Office of Admissions as described in the General Information Catalog.

### Internal Transfer Admission

- a. Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA at the University with at least 12 hours in residence for a letter grade.
- b. Must be prior to fifth long semester, cumulative, including transfer work. Students with four or more semesters in transfer credit may only apply in their first semester.
- c. Compelling statement of interest in the major touching on academic and extracurricular preparation.

Applications will be accepted twice per year and will be reviewed after grades are posted. Decisions will be made prior to the start of the following long semester. The admission committee may consider the following factors, among others, when considering applications:

- GPA and GPA trend relative to cumulative GPA
- Strength of essay and prior experience (academic or extracurricular) with key urban dilemmas
- Time to graduation
- Intent to declare Urban Studies as a single major

## Registration

General Information gives information about registration, adding and dropping courses, transfer from one division of the University to another, and auditing a course. The Course Schedule, published before registration each semester and summer session, includes registration instructions, advising locations, and the times, places, and instructors of classes. The *Course Schedule* and the *General Information Catalog* are published on the registrar's website.