A comprehensive college education depends on a robust exchange of ideas, exposure to differing cultures, preparing for the challenges of an increasingly diverse workforce, and acquiring competencies required of future leaders. The Office of Admissions recruits prospective undergraduate students, manages the admissions application process, and reviews applications in order to admit and enroll undergraduate students who are best able to contribute to, and benefit from, the University's rich, diverse, and challenging educational environment. Similarly, the Graduate and International Admissions Center (GIAC) manages the admissions application process and assists in the review of applications in order to admit and enroll international undergraduate students as well as all applicants to the University’s many master's and doctoral programs.

The University receives a large number of applications and admits the number of students to whom it can offer a high-quality educational experience, including providing the resources needed for timely graduation. As a result, the University must often admit a limited number of applicants from among those who are qualified.

The procedures and criteria for admission given in this section are effective as of the date of publication but are subject to change by action of the Texas Legislature or the Board of Regents. The information here is intended for use by students applying for admission for the academic years covered by this catalog.

In compliance with the Federal Student Right-to-Know Act, information about graduation rates and crime statistics is available from the Office of Admissions.

Questions about undergraduate admission may be addressed to the Office of Admissions by telephone or by e-mail. The Office of Admissions may also be contacted by mail at The University of Texas at Austin, Office of Admissions, PO Box 8058, Austin, TX 78713-8058. Questions about graduate admission should be directed to the Graduate and International Admissions Center.