General Requirements: Complete Your UST Application

Your free application can be submitted online through www.stthom.edu/apply, Apply Texas, or the Common App.

English Proficiency (MUST COMPLETE ONE)

- **TOEFL:** (internet based): minimum score of 79 / (ITP): minimum of 550
- **IELTS:** minimum score of 6.5
- **ELS:** certificate of completion level 112 required
- **Duolingo:** minimum score of 125
- **SAT:** 1140 (ERWS + MSS) taken after February 2016
- **ACT:** 23 (Composite)
- **U.S. College Credit:** must have completed at least 24 transferable credit hours that includes English Composition I and II. You must have at least a B in each course.

For purposes of proficiency requirements, international applicants are exempt only if they have earned, or will have earned by the time they begin study at UST, a high school diploma and/or post-secondary degree from the countries listed on our site. The diploma or degree must come from a country where English is the sole official language and the primary conversational language of the country. Visit www.stthom.edu/admissions to view the full listing of countries. Please note, if you submit your unofficial/official scores than our office will take these scores into account when rendering a decision.

Official Transcript-Evaluated by an Accredited Agency

International applicants must have an official course-by-course and cumulative GPA evaluation. This needs to include all secondary and post-secondary work. This evaluation must be sent to UST Houston directly from the evaluating agency. The evaluation agency is recommended to be a NACES approved member. The chosen agency may send your evaluation by email to admissions@stthom.edu or mailing directly to our address listed below.

- International applicants that have not graduated from a secondary school, an official record or transcript that shows all coursework, starting with ninth grade through the end of eleventh grade, can be uploaded through the application portal. Please note when the applicant uploads the document to the portal, it is then considered unofficial. Unofficial documents can be utilized for admissions review.

- Applicants will be required to submit official transcripts from all secondary/post-secondary (university and college-level) schools attended. Additionally, if the student has less than 24 college credit hours, high school transcripts according to the education system of your country (generally the last three to four years of secondary education) will be required.
Common Recommended Evaluation Services

These evaluation agencies can convert your international high school grades and/or international college credits to the American 4.0 grade point average (GPA) scale. They also can provide a translation into English, if necessary.

When requesting an evaluation, please apply for a “full evaluation,” also known as a “course-by-course evaluation” of your transcript, which includes GPA. UST Admissions highly recommends that evaluations be sent from an agency that is NACES approved. Please visit NACES.org/members to select your agency of choice. If you do not utilize a NACES approved agency, your official transcript (non-translated) will be required in addition to the credential evaluation.

World Education Services (WES) (http://www.wes.org)
Bowling Green Station, P.O. Box 5087, New York, NY 10274-5087, Phone: (800) 937–3895

SpanTran Evaluation Services (http://www.spantran.com/ust)
2400 Augusta Dr., Suite 451, Houston, TX 77057, Phone: (713) 266–8805

*This is not a comprehensive list. Please visit NACES.org/members in order to see the full listing.*

Immigration Requirements

International students are required to submit the following to receive a Form I-20 before starting at our university in F-1 student visa status. The Form I-20 is required in order to renew an F-1 student visa if you are currently outside of the United States.

- A copy of your passport
- An F-1 Undergraduate Information Form
- An Undergraduate Affidavit of Financial Support Form
- An original and official bank statement (must be less than six months old and in English) and/or an Official Scholarship Award Letter

F-1 Visa students with a valid Form I-20 from another school in the U.S. need to provide a copy of your UST acceptance letter/email to your current/previous school’s international office. Please request to transfer your SEVIS record to UST (School Code HOU214F00102000). You will need to submit the items listed above, as well as a copy of the following:

- I-20(s) from previous school(s)
- F-1 Visa (if available)
- I-94 (Visit https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov to retrieve your I-94)

Our **Office of International Services and Study Abroad** will begin to reach out to you once you have been admitted into the university. If you have additional questions after being admitted, please contact 713-525-3503 or iss@stthom.edu.