

Admissions

Application Process

The application process at Taylor University is more than paperwork. Through this process, students are invited to join Taylor's intentional Christ-centered community, developing minds for relentless discovery and a vision for engaging the world.

Application Procedures

Students may apply to Taylor University any time after the completion of their junior year of high school, but should apply early in the academic year preceding their desired enrollment. Application materials may be requested by phone, via email at ADMISSIONS_U@TAYLOR.EDU, or by writing the Office of Admissions, Taylor University, 236 West Reade Avenue, Upland, IN 46989. Students may also apply online at <https://www.taylor.edu/how-to-apply/>.

Application Review

The application review is intended to evaluate the whole person in the process. We look to see first and foremost if a student has articulated having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We assess high school academic information to ensure a student is not being set up to fail in this rigorous collegiate academic environment. Each component of the application file is thoroughly reviewed by the admissions office prior to offer of enrollment.

Secondary School Preparation

Applications to Taylor University should graduate from an accredited secondary school and present satisfactory aptitude test scores. Applicants should pursue a challenging college preparatory course load, including four years of English, a minimum of three years of math, a minimum of three years of laboratory science, and two years of social science. Two years of a foreign language are recommended.

Required credentials include the application form, a personal statement of faith, official high school transcript (GED may also be accepted), a Christian character reference, and aptitude test scores (either SAT or ACT). For test scores to be considered official, they must be sent to the Admissions Office either through a high school guidance counselor or from the College Entrance Examination Board or the American College Testing Service. An official campus visit and personal interview are essential components of the decision making process.

Decisions and Notification

The Admissions Office works to evaluate an application and send decision notification to a student within a month of receiving a completed application file.

Based on the evaluation of the application, a student will receive one of three types of notifications:

Standard Notification of Acceptance offered to those found to be a good fit for the institution.

Provisional Acceptance for those who may be a good fit for the institution yet need some support to help ensure academic success.

Denial of Admission is possible if a student's success at Taylor is in question.

Details regarding decision making and notification may be obtained from the Executive Director of Admissions.

Provisional Acceptance

This admissions classification is for applicants who, because of unusual circumstances, do not meet the minimum academic standards for regular admission. Students admitted under this classification must earn a minimum GPA of 1.70 during the first year as a full-time student in order to remain at Taylor. Students accepted under this classification are given a prescribed schedule (less than 15 hours) and are assigned an advisor from the Academic Enrichment Center. Please contact the Admissions Office for additional information.

Matriculation Deposit

Matriculation deposits are required for the following terms:

- **Fall**

All applicants accepted for the Fall semester are required to submit a \$200 matriculation deposit (\$150 toward tuition and \$50 housing deposit) that secures the student's place in the student body and begins the housing process. Students not living in university housing must submit a \$150 matriculation deposit. All new students are required to live on campus unless they are commuting from their parents' home. The matriculation deposit deadline for fall admission is May 1. A new or readmitted student who cancels prior to May 1 will receive a full refund.

- **Spring**

Students applying for the Spring semester may pay their \$200 matriculation deposit any time after they have been accepted. A new or readmitted student who cancels prior to November 1 will receive a full refund.

- **Summer**

Students enrolling for Summer term may pay their matriculation deposit of \$20 upon notification of acceptance. A new or readmitted student who cancels prior to the first day of classes will receive a full refund.

All refund requests must be submitted in writing.

International Students

International students desiring admission should provide the following for consideration:

- TOEFL score of at least 550 on the paper-based test or 213 on the computer-based test. Scores must not be more than two years old. When registering, students should indicate code 1802 to have the scores sent directly to Taylor. The TOEFL may be waived if the student is a citizen of Great Britain, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, or the British West Indies, or if the student has studied in one of the above-mentioned countries or in the United States within the last two years and has a good academic record.
- Certificate showing completion of secondary school, including the results of any examinations. Official English translations of the certificates are required.
- SAT or ACT scores. These scores are recommended for students who wish to be considered for merit scholarships. They are also used to determine proficiency requirements in math, reading, and writing.

An application will not be evaluated until the student submits a completed application (including essays), completed recommendation forms, official academic records and test scores, TOEFL scores, an affidavit of support, and a signed Life Together Covenant.

International students have to show evidence of financial support before full acceptance can be granted. The Form I-20 will not be issued until documentation showing sources of financial support is submitted. International students may work on campus part time during the academic year; however, the income generated will not be sufficient to cover education costs.

Transfer Students

Transfer students must submit the transfer application form, a high school transcript, a pastor's recommendation, an official transcript from each institution previously attended, and the Transfer Verification Form, which includes a request for a report of good standing from the last college attended. Generally, a B- average is required. In addition, standardized test scores are required to determine proficiencies in math, reading, and writing.

For information regarding the transfer of credit to Taylor University, refer to **Transfer Credit Policy** on page 26.

Advanced Placement and Credit by Examination

For information, refer to **Advanced Placement and Credit by Examination** on page 22-23.

Credits-in-Escrow

Junior and senior high school students may enrich and expand their educational experiences by enrolling at Taylor University on a space available basis for the Fall and Spring semesters. Students may take one or two classes per semester. Full college credit is awarded for all courses satisfactorily completed according to the University's established requirements and procedures. Escrow credits earned at Taylor may be transferred to other colleges and universities.

Guest Status

Students are considered guests when they are not seeking a degree from Taylor University and fall into one of the following categories:

- Students who desire to take one or two courses at Taylor for the specific purpose of transferring the credit earned to another institution.
- High school students who wish to take college courses and apply these hours to credits-in-escrow.
- Students who attend one of the Christian College Consortium schools and desire to complement their preparation with course work at Taylor.
- Individuals who wish to take one or two courses solely for the purpose of self-improvement.

Guest students may earn no more than 24 credit hours with this status. Transfer credit is not accepted while the student holds guest status. Students who wish to apply credits toward a degree must apply for regular admission to the University through the Office of Admissions.