BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Texas Legislature established new requirements for student eligibility for admission to any Texas public university under the Uniform Admissions Policy (Texas Education Code §§51.803-51.809). House Bill 3826 (80th Legislature) requires that all students complete at least the Recommended High School Program (RHSP) in order to be eligible for consideration for admission to a public university. However, students applying to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi may qualify for admission by completing a portion of the Recommended High School Program (or the Distinguished Achievement Program), by completing high school course work that is equivalent in content or rigor, or by meeting other qualifications. These changes became effective on September 1, 2009.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO ANY TEXAS PUBLIC UNIVERSITY

A student may be considered for admission to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi if the student has completed the Recommended High School Program or its equivalent, the Distinguished Achievement Program (also known as the Advanced High School Program) or its equivalent, or has achieved college readiness scores on the ACT or SAT entrance exams. Students who attend schools that do not offer the Recommended or Distinguished Program, or who have completed only a portion of the Recommended or Distinguished Achievement Program because not all of the required courses are available to the student (for example, home schools, private schools and out-of-state schools), may still be eligible for admission to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

High school administrators should follow the steps outlined below for each student applying to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. This section is designated for applicants who were unable to complete the Recommended High School Program (or the Distinguished Achievement Program):

1. If the student’s exemption is based on coursework taken, complete the right-hand column of the degree plan (page 2 of this form) indicating the courses that the student will complete or has already completed.
2. Complete the certification page (page 3 of this form)
3. Submit page 2 (if needed to indicate coursework taken) and page 3 to:

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Office of Admissions
6300 Ocean Dr. Unit 5774
Corpus Christi, TX 78412-5774

Or by fax to: (361) 825-5887

Please Note: In order for a student to be considered for admission, this form is required for any student whose high school transcript does not include that he or she is on track to complete the Recommended High School Program or the Distinguished Achievement Program. Please visit http://admissions.tamucc.edu/freshman/ for further information regarding additional admission requirements and deadlines.
### Program of Study

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| English, Language Arts, and Reading - 4 credits | English I, II, III, and IV  
English I and II for Speakers of Other Languages (SOL) may be substituted for English I and II only for students with limited English proficiency. | [ ] yes [ ] no                                         |
| Math – 3 credits                     | Required: Algebra I, II, & Geometry                                      | [ ] yes [ ] no                                         |
| Science - 3 credits                  | No more than 1 credit from each area: (one credit must be a Biology credit)  
1) Biology, AP Biology, or IB Biology  
2) Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC)  
3) Chemistry, AP Chemistry, or IB Chemistry  
4) Physics, Principles of Technology I, AP Physics, or IB Physics | [ ] yes [ ] no                                         |
| Social Studies - 3 1/2 credits       | World History Studies (one credit)  
World Geography Studies (one credit)  
U.S. History Studies Since Reconstruction (one credit)  
U.S. Government (one-half credit) | [ ] yes [ ] no                                         |
| Economics - 1/2 credit               | Economics with emphasis on the free enterprise system and its benefits | [ ] yes [ ] no                                         |
| Physical Education – 1 credit        | The following may be substituted for the 5 physical education courses available: drill team, marching band, cheerleading, ROTC, athletics, Dance I-IV, approved private programs, or certain career and technical education courses. There currently is no limit to number of credits or substitutions allowed. | [ ] yes [ ] no                                         |
| Fine Arts - 1 credit                 | Course may be found in 19 TAC Chapter 117                              | [ ] yes [ ] no                                         |
| Languages Other Than English 2 credits| Must consist of Level I and Level II in the same language               | [ ] yes [ ] no                                         |
| Speech - 1/2 credit                  | Communication Applications is required** (This course may also be counted as an elective.) | [ ] yes [ ] no                                         |
| Electives 6 credits                  | Communication Applications may be counted towards the six elective credits. Select courses from the list approved by SBOE for grades 9-12 (relating to Essential Knowledge and Skills), state approved innovative courses, JROTC (one to four credits), or Driver Education (one-half credit) | [ ] yes [ ] no                                         |
| Total – 24 credits                   |                                                                         | [ ] yes [ ] no                                         |

**Important notes:**
- Courses marked as "AP" are Advanced Placement courses; those marked "IB" are International Baccalaureate courses.
- *Foundation of Physical Fitness is no longer required under the Recommended High School Program; however, it is still a requirement under the Distinguished Achievement/Advanced High School Program.
- **Communication Applications is required as the ½ credit for Speech; however, it may be counted towards the six elective course requirements as well in order to prevent the student from having to complete more than 24 credits.
Certification for Admission to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

I hereby certify one of the following 4 statements for the student named above:

☐ (1) The courses taken by the student are equivalent in content and rigor to courses in the Recommended High School Program (RHSP) or Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP) outlined in Texas Education Code, §§28.025, and 19 Texas Administrative Code, §§74.63 and 74.64.

☐ (2) The student completed only a portion of the RHSP or DAP and those courses are equivalent in content and rigor to the courses indicated in the table above. The student only completed a portion of the RHSP or DAP solely because courses necessary to complete the remainder of the program were unavailable to the student at the appropriate times in the student’s high school career as a result of one or more of the following (select any/all that apply):

  - Course scheduling;
  - Lack of enrollment capacity
  - Another cause not within the student’s control as specified below (please state):

☐ (3) The student satisfies the ACT College Readiness Benchmarks on the ACT assessment (NOTE: Official scores must be submitted to the Office of Admissions at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi).

☐ (4) The student earned a score of at least a 1500 out of 2400 on the SAT assessment (NOTE: Official scores must be submitted to the Office of Admission at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi).

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Signature of High School Certifying Official

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Printed Name

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Institution

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Email Address

Date

Title

Telephone Number