

**Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering
Policy on Transfer Admission for Undergraduate Students**

Students from Institutions Outside Texas A&M University (TAMU)

The admission process for students who transfer from institutions outside TAMU is handled almost entirely by the University's Office of Admissions. For more information on the transfer admission process and deadlines see <https://admissions.tamu.edu/transfer/apply>

Students who apply for transfer from other institutions are placed into two categories by the Office of Admissions based on criteria defined by Texas A&M University. These are:

- 1) Automatic deny
- 2) Admit or deny admission upon further review.

For more information about the criteria used to establish these categories, contact the Office of Admissions: <http://admissions.tamu.edu>

The Department is involved in the admission process only for those students placed into the second category- "admit or deny upon further review". The Office of Admissions sends a list of these students with summary sheets for each, to the Department for review. The program directors for Biological and Agricultural Engineering (BAEN) and Agricultural Systems Management (AGSM), as representatives of the Department Head, decide which students are admitted.

Several factors are considered in the admission decision for transfer students. These include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Number of students currently enrolled in the program for which they have applied to
- 2) The number of admitted entry-to-a-major students from the College of Engineering who will enroll in the BAEN program for the semester
- 3) The number of transfer applicants under review
- 4) The academic record of those transfer applicants under review.

With respect to factor 4), the BAEN program favorably views those students with a proven record of excellence in math and science courses. Students must have the following coursework complete in order to have their application reviewed. Students who have all the following complete will have **the best chance** of being admitted:

- 1) Completed a minimum of 15 semester credit hours (SCH) of core math/sciences courses that transfer as TAMU MATH151, MATH 152 (or higher), and PHYS 206 and either CHEM 107/117 (CHEM 120) or BIOL 111 (or equivalent) with a grade not less than "B"
- 2) earned a math/science GPA of 2.75 or better
- 3) earned a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or better
- 4) no history of repeating, dropping or withdrawing from courses
- 5) not made a grade less than "C" in any course in the last semester of course work

Notes:

1. The Department reserves the right to refuse admission to any applicant who has been assigned a sanction due to academic misconduct.
2. Students who are accepted may be placed on “Provisional” status for a minimum of one semester.
3. Provisional students must meet a set of requirements to remain in the Department. These requirements, as defined by the Department, may include but are not limited to: the number of hours taken per semester, restrictions on dropping courses, specific courses that must be taken in designated semesters, minimum grades in specific courses, and minimum overall GPA .
4. The provisions of this policy do not constitute a contract, express or implied, between any applicant, student, faculty or staff member of the Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering or Texas A&M University. This policy is for informational purposes only and should not be interpreted as a guarantee of admission if all provisions are met. The Department reserves the right to change or alter any statement herein without prior notice.