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**Associate Vice Chancellorship of Admissions and Marketing**

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**ADMISSIONSPOLICY**

**UNDERGRADUATE Programs**

**General Admission Requirements**

- Have obtained a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent.
- Have taken the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) or the placement test in the areas of Spanish, English, and Mathematics provided by the University
- Some Schools may have other specific program requirements. Refers to School's section in the Catalogue for more information. Evidence of complaints with these additional requirements must be submitted to the School to which the student is applying to admission.

**Admission Process and Documentation**

High school students in their senior year can submit the admission application and provide evidence of their cumulative grade point average (GPA) (computed at the end of the first semester of the senior year) and their College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB), SAT or ACT test results.

Students in their junior year of high school can start an early process by filling in the admission application and providing evidence of their cumulative GPA computed at the end of the second semester of their junior year.

To complete the admissions record process, all applicants must provide the required documentation listed below:

1. Fill and submit the admission application and pay the non-refundable fee.
2. Submit a copy of the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB), SAT or ACT results (if (Institution) was not selected to receive results directly) or take the placement test in the areas of Spanish, English and Mathematics provided by the university.
3. Health and vaccination certification for applicants younger than twenty-one (21) years of age.
4. Submit one of the following as part of the evidence for program-specific requirements:

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- a. Students from the public school's system that provide student GPA via an electronic system recognized by the Department of Education of Puerto Rico, will not need to present physical evidence of the transcript. The electronic transcript sent by the school must show the academic GPA computed at the end of the first semester of the senior year of high school, to be evaluated as part of the admission process.
- b. Students from public and private schools that do not provide the electronic service data transfer recognized by the Department of Education of Puerto Rico, must provide an official transcript comprising their high school years up to the first semester of the senior year of high school, to be evaluated as part of the admission process.
- c. Students must present evidence of high school completion or its equivalent before the first day of class or within 20 days after the beginning of classes. The institution may invalidate the student's admission if this requirement is not met. Veterans and beneficiaries must also submit all admission requirements before the first day of class or within 20 days after the beginning of classes.

### **Admissions Formula**

Admissions will be determined by the Admission Index formula, (if required). This is computed using the results of the following areas of the College Entrance Examination Board: verbal aptitude, mathematics aptitude and English achievement. The high school grade point average (GPA) is also considered.

### **English/Spanish Placement Test**

1. Incoming first-year students **MUST** take the UT placement exam. Information about when and where the tests are offered is provided to entering students by the Office of the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs.
2. The placement exams are used to assess the performance of entering students in the fundamental subjects of Spanish and English. The scores of these tests are used to place students in courses that are appropriately challenging.
3. Students with Advanced Placement College Board Scores of 4 or higher in English or Spanish are exempt from taking the English/Spanish Placement Test and are placed automatically in second year English/Spanish.
4. If you are a **transfer student** and your transcript has been evaluated by your admitting college, then you may have already received credit for a particular

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English/Spanish course. Your college will alert you to the next English/Spanish course you will need to take. If you are a **transfer** student who has NOT been given transfer **credit for an English/Spanish course**, you will need to take the placement test.

5. Students who have not taken English/Spanish **MUST** take the Universidad del Turabo placement exam before enrolling in any English/Spanish course.

### **Readmission**

Students must apply for readmission if they interrupted their studies and did not attend the university for one semester or longer. Summer sessions do not count as interruptions.

- Students must complete the required number of credits for their **year of study**.
- Students must comply with the requirements of the study program of their choice, as well as other general requirements that may apply.
- In order to be readmitted, the period of suspension for academic or disciplinary reasons must have elapsed.

Candidates for readmission may be required to have an interview with the Admissions Committee. It is comprised of the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs or his representative, the Director of Admissions, the Vice Chancellor for Wellness, the Registrar, the Vice Chancellor or his representative and the dean of the school. In special cases, the Committee will have the final authority to determine admissions.

### **Transfer Students**

Transfer students are considered for admission if they have followed a course of study in an accredited university and have completed no fewer than 12 credits in the institution from which they proceed. Their grade point average (GPA) must be above the institutional minimum requirement. The students must not be under academic or disciplinary sanction in the institution from which they proceed.

In order to be admitted, students wishing to transfer must meet the requirements of the program of their choice.

### **Course Validation**

Transfer students have the option of validating courses taken no more than 12 years prior to admission for equivalent courses offered at Universidad del Turabo. The students must

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have a minimum grade of C in each course.

### **Advanced Placement Test**

Credit will be granted for the Advanced Placement Tests of the College Entrance Examination Board if the score obtained is 3 or more, on a scale of 1 to 5.

### **PRE-COLLEGE COURSES**

Credit will be granted to students for courses offered by Universidad del Turabo at the high school level. These courses must be in addition to those required for graduation and must be approved with a grade of A, B or C. The various schools will establish the grades required in the courses to be credited.

The Pre-College Program will keep record of the student's progress and will send evidence of the completed courses to:

### **Residence**

All transfer students must observe the following rules to obtain residence at the University in order to qualify for graduation:

1. Complete the last thirty (30) credits of their bachelor's degree at Universidad del Turabo, 12 of which must be in the r major field of study.
2. Successfully complete del Turabo the last 12 credits of the associate degree at Universidad.
3. Twelve (12) credits of residence (set by each program) will be required of students from Off-Campus Centers.

### **Transient Students**

Transient students must be authorized by their own university to take courses at Universidad del Turabo for no longer than two academic semesters.

Universidad del Turabo admits visiting students or auditors. They must apply for admission within the time limit established by the Admissions Office. They must attend their regular courses, but will receive no credits or grades. These students are not eligible for financial aid.

Authorization for enrollment of transient students and auditors does not constitute a formal admission into the institution, and it terminates at the end of the academic session for which it was granted. To obtain regular student status, students must comply with the admission requirements in force at the time when the application for admission was filed. All applications are subject to an interview by the Admissions Committee.

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### **International Students**

Universidad del Turabo accepts foreign students as permitted by immigration laws. Foreign students are subject to the admission, readmission and transfer requirements established by the Universidad del Turabo.

### **Effective Dates**

Admission or readmission at Universidad del Turabo will be valid for one semester of the academic year, beginning on the date it is granted. Applications that do not include the required documents, or that do not meet all the established requirements will be considered provisional. If all the documents are not received within 20 days from the first day of class, the institution may invalidate the provisional admission.

Applications forms should be requested from:

**UNIVERSIDAD DEL TURABO**  
**Associate Vice-chancellor for Admission and Marketing**  
**PO BOX 3030**  
**UNIVERSITY STATION GURABO, PR 00778**  
**TELEPHONE: (787) 746-3009**

## GRADUATE PROGRAMS

### Master's Programs Admission Requirements

Students wishing to be admitted to Universidad del Turabo master's level programs must meet the following requirements:

1. Hold a Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree from an accredited institution of higher education.
2. Submit an official credit transcript with the application for admission.
3. Complete an interview process with the director/coordinator of the graduate program or his/her representative, if required.
4. Submit letters of recommendation, according to the program.
5. Submit an essay on a topic selected by the Committee, if required.
6. Whether is required by the School or a particular program, take one of the tests of admission to graduate studies offered by the Educational Testing Service, such as the Graduate Studies Admission Test (EXADEP), the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), or the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT). Test results are valid for five years.

Candidates for program with additional admission requirements, such as additional tests, interviews and licenses, certifications, must comply with these requirements.

7. Pay a \$25.00 nonrefundable application fee.

### Readmission

1. Students must apply for readmission if they interrupted their studies for a full academic semester, or more (summer sessions will not count as interruptions).
2. Students must have a cumulative GPA equivalent to the retention index.
3. Students must have acquired a total number of credits equivalent to the required for the corresponding number of years of studies completed.
4. In the case of suspension for reasons of academic index accumulated credits, or for disciplinary reasons, the student must have complied with the period of suspension.
5. Some candidates for readmission may be required to have an interview with the Dean of the School or his/her representative if required by the program.

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6. Meet the requirements for the requested study program, comply with SAP, as well as other general admissions requirements.
7. Students who request readmission to UT are subject to the current curriculum of the study program where they have been admitted.

### **Transfer Students**

Students from other accredited institutions must meet the following requirements for admission:

1. Transfer courses must be from an accredited university.
2. Must meet the admission requirements of the particular program, comply with grade point average according to the credits to be transferred, and specialty to which they are applying.
3. Some candidates for readmission may be required to have an interview with the Dean of the School or his/her representative if is necessary by the program.
4. Submit an official credit transcripts with admission application. Students who are transferring from a university outside of Puerto Rico must submit a course catalog from the previous institution.

### **Residence**

Students who transfer to any graduate program at Universidad del Turabo must complete a minimum of twenty-four (24) credits in order to establish residence and be eligible for graduation.

### **Transient and Auditor Students**

All transient and auditor students must observe the following.

Hold a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent from an accredited university.

Obtain permission from his/her University to take courses at Universidad del Turabo for a period not to exceed two semesters.

Apply for admission within the period established by the Admissions Office. Universidad del Turabo will admit students on a visiting or auditor status. Once registered, students admitted may attend regular courses at the institution, but will not receive either credit or grades. The Director may authorize students to take courses for professional growth only, and not directed towards obtaining an academic degree. These students will be classified as special students and will not qualify for financial assistance.

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### **International Students**

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Online and out of state students are part of the international student component for internal purposes. However, online students do not have to comply with the same immigration laws.

### **Admission Appeals**

Applicant students can appeal the admission decision. The plea has to be written to the dean of the school. The Dean will contact the applicant student. The appeal should be made within 15 days after student's knowledge about the decision. A copy of the plea should be sent to the admission office.

### **Effective Dates**

Admission and readmission at Universidad del Turabo will be valid for one semester of the academic year, beginning on the date it is granted. Applications that do not include the required documents, or that do not meet the established requirements, will be considered provisional. If the documents are not received within 45 days from the first day of class, the institution may invalidate a provisional admission.

All documentation and/or requests must be forwarded to:

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## **DOCTORAL Programs**

### **Doctoral Programs Admission Requirements**

Students seeking admission to the Universidad del Turabo (UT) Doctoral programs must meet the following requirements:

1. Hold a Master's degree or an equivalent degree from an accredited institution of higher education.
2. Submit official credit transcripts from all the student has attended institutions of higher learning that the students has attended.
3. Upon invitation from the Coordinator of Graduate Studies, take part in an interview with a department representative or the admissions committee.
4. Submit the three recommendation forms included in the admission application.
5. Submit an essay on a topic selected by the School's Admissions Committee.
6. Submit an updated résumé that reflects professional experiences and academic achievements.
7. Take a graduate admissions test offered by the Educational Testing Service, such as PAEG, EXADEP or GRE. Certain programs may require additional tests, such as GMAT in the Management and Information Systems doctoral programs. Test results are valid for five years.
8. Pay a \$75.00 nonrefundable application fee.

### **Readmission**

1. Students must apply for readmission, if they interrupted their studies and did not attend the university for one full academic semester or more.
2. Students must have a cumulative GPA equivalent to the retention index.
3. All candidates for readmission may be subject to an interview with the Doctoral Committee of the School.
4. Students who request readmission to a UT Doctoral program are subject to the current curriculum of the study program to which they have been admitted.

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### Transfer Students

Students from other accredited institutions must meet the following requirements for admission:

1. Transfer students must an accredited institution have completed 6 credits with a minimum 3.00 GPA at an accredited institution.
2. Must not have been subjected to any academic or disciplinary sanctions.
3. Must meet the admission requirements of the particular program and specialty to which they are applying.
4. Submit two official credit transcripts with admission application. Students who are transferring from a university outside Puerto Rico must submit a course catalog from the previous institution.
5. Transfer courses will not be considered for the retention index analysis.

### Residence

To establish residence and be eligible for graduation, students who transfer to the graduate program must complete the following requirement:

Students must obtain at UT the number of credits equal to the difference between the total credits required by the Program minus the number of valid and approved transfer credits.

### Student Categories

- a. **Student in employment-related training:** Students who receive credit for courses which are not conducive to an academic degree.
- b. **Special Students:** Students who have not earned an academic degree and who need to receive credit for courses which are conducive to a degree.
- c. **Transient Students:** Students registered at another institution of higher education who are pursuing an academic degree and who must receive credit for courses. These students must obtain special permission from their institution to take courses at UT.
- d. **Auditor Students:** Students who do not receive credit for their courses and who take such courses for professional or career development reasons.

All students who fall in the categories previously mentioned must meet the following requirements:

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1. Obtain permission from their University to take courses at Universidad del Turabo.
2. Apply for admission within the period established by the Admissions Office.
3. Universidad del Turabo will admit students who are classified within any of the previously mentioned categories. Students admitted, once registered, may attend courses at the institution in any of its modalities or programs. However, permission for registration under the categories mentioned above does not constitute formal admission to the University.
4. Permission to register at UT under these categories expires at the end of the course.
5. The Dean of the corresponding school must authorize these students' registration.
6. All these students must meet the requirements for the requested program of study, as well as other general admissions requirements.
7. All students who apply to UT under the previously mentioned categories may be invited to an interview with the Admissions Committee.

### **International Students**

Admission of International students will follow the established institutional guidelines and is subject to current immigration laws.

### **Effective Dates**

Admission and readmission at UT will be valid for one semester of the academic year, beginning on the date it is granted.

Application deadlines are determined by each School, since they are specific to each Doctoral program. Admissions information requests and submission of required documents are processed by the Associate Vice-chancellor for Marketing and Admission Office

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