C. FIRST-TIME, FIRST-YEAR (FRESHMAN) ADMISSION

C1-C2: Applications

C1 **First-time, first-year (freshman) students:** Provide the number of degree-seeking, first-time, first-year students who applied, were admitted, and enrolled (full- or part-time) in **Fall 2020**.

- Include early decision, early action, and students who began studies during summer in this cohort.
- Applicants should include only those students who fulfilled the requirements for consideration for admission (i.e., who completed actionable applications) and who have been notified of one of the following actions: admission, non-admission, placement on waiting list, or application withdrawn (by applicant or institution).
- Admitted applicants should include wait-listed students who were subsequently offered admission.

Total first-time, first-year (freshman) men who applied	6714
Total first-time, first-year (freshman) women who applied	7296

Total first-time, first-year (freshman) men who were admitted	3570
Total first-time, first-year (freshman) women who were admitted	3809

Total full-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) men who enrolled	772
Total part-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) men who enrolled	1

Total full-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) women who enrolled	757
Total part-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) women who enrolled	1

C2 **Freshman wait-listed students**

Students who met admission requirements but whose final admission was contingent on space availability

	Yes	No
Do you have a policy of placing students on a waiting list?	x	

If yes, please answer the questions below for **Fall 2020** admissions:

WAITING LIST	TOTAL
Number of qualified applicants offered a place on waiting list:	2043
Number accepting a place on the waiting list:	765
Number of wait-listed students admitted:	340

Is your waiting list ranked?	Yes	**No**
If yes, do you release that information to students?		
Do you release that information to school counselors?		x

C3-C5: Admission Requirements

C3 **High school completion requirement**

Check the appropriate box to identify your high school completion requirement for degree-seeking entering students:

	High school diploma is required and GED is accepted
x	High school diploma is required and GED is not accepted
	High school diploma or equivalent is not required

C4 **Does your institution require or recommend a general college-preparatory program for degree-seeking students?**

x	Require
	Recommend
	Neither require nor recommend

C5 **Distribution of high school units required and/or recommended.** Specify the distribution of academic high school course units required and/or recommended of all or most degree-seeking students using Carnegie units (one unit equals one year of study or its equivalent). If you use a different system for calculating units, please convert.

	Units Required	Units Recommended
Total academic units	15	20+
English	4	4
Mathematics	3	4
Science	3	3
Of these, units that must be lab	2	2
Foreign language	2	3
Social studies	3	

History		3
Academic electives		3
Computer Science		
Visual/Performing Arts		
Other *(specify)*		

C6-C7: Basis for Selection

C6 Do you have an open admission policy, under which virtually all secondary school graduates or students with GED equivalency diplomas are admitted without regard to academic record, test scores, or other qualifications? If so, check which applies:

[ ] Open admission policy as described above for all students

Open admission policy as described above for most students, but--
[ ] selective admission for out-of-state students
[ ] selective admission to some programs
[ ] other (explain):

C7 Relative importance of each of the following academic and nonacademic factors in your first-time, first-year, degree-seeking (freshman) admission decisions.

	Very Important	Important	Considered	Not Considered
Academic				
Rigor of secondary school record	X			
Class rank		X		
Academic GPA	X			
Standardized test scores	X			
Application Essay	X			
Recommendation(s)	X			
Nonacademic				
Interview				X
Extracurricular activities		X		
Talent/ability		X		
Character/personal qualities		X		
First generation			X	
Alumni/ae relation			X	
Geographical residence				X
State residency				X
Religious affiliation/commitment				X
Racial/ethnic status			X	
Volunteer work			X	
Work experience			X	
Level of applicant's interest			X	

C8: SAT and ACT Policies

Entrance exams

	Yes	No
Does your institution make use of SAT, ACT, or SAT Subject Test scores in **admission** decisions for first-time, first-year, degree-seeking applicants?	X	

C8A If yes, place check marks in the appropriate boxes below to reflect your institution's policies for use in admission for **Fall 2022.**

	ADMISSION				
	Require	Recommend	Require for Some	Consider if Submitted	Not Used
SAT or ACT	X				
ACT Only					
SAT Only					
SAT and SAT Subject Tests or ACT					
SAT Subject Tests					

C8B If your institution will make use of the ACT in admission decisions for first-time, first-year, degree-seeking applicants for **Fall 2022** please indicate which ONE of the following applies (regardless of whether the writing score will be used in the admissions process):

[ ] ACT with writing required
[ ] ACT with writing recommended
[X] ACT with or without writing accepted

C8B If your institution will make use of the SAT in admission decisions for first-time, first-year, degree-seeking applicants for **Fall 2022** please indicate which ONE of the following applies (regardless of whether the Essay score will be used in the admissions process):

	SAT with Essay component required
	SAT with Essay component recommended
X	SAT with or without Essay component accepted

C8C Please indicate how your institution will use the SAT or ACT essay component; check all that apply.

	SAT essay	ACT essay
For admission		
For placement		
For advising	X	X
In place of an application essay		
As a validity check on the application process	X	X
No college policy as of now		
Not using essay component		

C8D In addition, does your institution use applicants' test scores for academic advising?

X	Yes
	No

C8E Latest date by which SAT or ACT scores must be received for fall-term admission: March 15th

Latest date by which SAT Subject Test scores must be received for fall-term admission:

C8F If necessary, use this space to clarify your test policies (e.g., if tests are recommended for some students, or if tests are not required of some students):

The SAT or ACT is not required for non-US citizen applicants attending high school outside of the U.S., but it will be used in admission and scholarship decisions if submitted.

C8G Please indicate which tests your institution uses for **placement (e.g., state tests):**

x	SAT
x	ACT
	SAT Subject Tests
x	AP
x	CLEP
x	Institutional Exam
	State Exam (specify):

C9-C12: Freshman Profile

Provide information for **ALL enrolled, degree-seeking, full-time and part-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) students** enrolled in **Fall 2020**, including students who began studies during summer, international students/nonresident aliens, and students admitted under special arrangements.

C9 Percent and number of first-time, first-year (freshman) students enrolled in Fall 2020 who submitted national standardized (SAT/ACT) test scores.

- Include information for **ALL enrolled, degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshman) students who submitted test scores.**
- Do not include partial test scores (e.g., mathematics scores but not critical reading for a category of students) or combine other standardized test results (such as TOEFL) in this item.

- Do not convert SAT scores to ACT scores and vice versa.
- If a student submitted multiple sets of scores for a single test, report this information according to how you use the data. For example:
  - If you consider the highest scores from either submission, use the highest combination of scores (e.g., verbal from one submission, math from the other).
  - If you average the scores, use the average to report the scores.

	Percent	Number
Submitting SAT Scores	40%	605
Submitting ACT Scores	55%	846

For each assessment listed below, report the score that represents the 25th percentile (the score that 25 percent of the freshman population scored at or below) and the 75th percentile score (the score that 25 percent scored at or above).

Assessment	25th Percentile	75th Percentile
SAT Composite	1250	1440
SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	630	710
SAT Math	620	740
ACT Composite	29	33
ACT Math	26	31
ACT English	29	35
ACT Writing	NA	NA

Percent of first-time, first-year (freshman) students with scores in each range:

Score Range	SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	SAT Math
700-800	35.87%	46.78%
600-699	49.92%	37.02%
500-599	12.73%	15.54%
400-499	1.48%	0.66%
300-399		
200-299		
Totals should = 100%	100.00%	100.00%

Score Range	SAT Composite
1400-1600	41.32%
1200-1399	44.46%
1000-1199	14.05%
800-999	0.17%
600-799	
400-599	
Totals should = 100%	100.00%

Score Range	ACT Composite	ACT English	ACT Math
30-36	69.15%	71.99%	41.61%
24-29	26.83%	22.58%	48.82%
18-23	3.90%	5.32%	8.62%
12-17	0.12%	0.11%	0.95%
6-11			
Below 6			
Totals should = 100%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

C10 Percent of all degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshman) students who had high school class rank within each of the following ranges (report information for those students from whom you collected high school rank information)

Assessment	Percent	
Percent in top tenth of high school graduating class	47%	
Percent in top quarter of high school graduating class	79%	
Percent in top half of high school graduating class	94%	Top half +
Percent in bottom half of high school graduating class	6%	bottom half = 100%
Percent in bottom quarter of high school graduating class	1%	
Percent of total first-time, first-year (freshmen) students who submitted high school class rank:	26%	

C11 Percentage of all enrolled, degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshman) students who had high school grade-point averages within each of the following ranges (using 4.0 scale). Report information only for those students from whom you collected high school GPA.

Score Range	Percent
Percent who had GPA of 4.0	20.84%
Percent who had GPA between 3.75 and 3.99	25.73%
Percent who had GPA between 3.50 and 3.74	23.45%
Percent who had GPA between 3.25 and 3.49	13.72%
Percent who had GPA between 3.00 and 3.24	10.84%
Percent who had GPA between 2.50 and 2.99	4.90%
Percent who had GPA between 2.0 and 2.49	0.52%
Percent who had GPA between 1.0 and 1.99	
Percent who had GPA below 1.0	
Totals should = 100%	100.00%

C12 Average high school GPA of all degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshman) students who submitted GPA: 3.63

Percent of total first-time, first-year (freshman) students who submitted high school GPA: 100.00%

C13-C20: Admission Policies

C13 Application Fee

If your institution has waived its application fee for the Fall 2021 admission cycle please select no.

	Yes	No
Does your institution have an application fee?	X	

Amount of application fee: $60

	Yes	No
Can it be waived for applicants with financial need?	X	

If you have an application fee and an on-line application option, please indicate policy for students who apply on-line:

X	Same fee
	Free
	Reduced

	Yes	No
Can on-line application fee be waived for applicants with financial need?	X	

C14 Application closing date

	Yes	No
Does your institution have an application closing date?	X	

	Date
Application closing date (fall)	7/31
Priority Date	1/15

	Yes	No
C15 Are first-time, first-year students accepted for terms other than the fall?	X	

C16 Notification to applicants of admission decision sent *(fill in one only)*

	On a rolling basis beginning	
X	By (date):	1-Apr
	Other:	

C17 Reply policy for admitted applicants *(fill in one only)*

	Must reply by (date):		
	No set date		
X	Must reply by May 1st or within	2	weeks if notified thereafter
	Other:		

Deadline for housing deposit (MMDI 1-May

Amount of housing deposit: $100.0

Refundable if student does not enroll?

	Yes, in full
	Yes, in part
X	No

C18 Deferred admission

	Yes	No
Does your institution allow students to postpone enrollment after admission?	X	

If yes, maximum period of postponement: 1 Year

C19 Early admission of high school students

	Yes	No
Does your institution allow high school students to enroll as full-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) students one year or more before high school graduation?		X

C20 Common Application: Question removed from CDS. (Initiated during 2006-2007 cycle)

C21-C22: Early Decision and Early Action Plans

C21 Early Decision

	Yes	No
Does your institution offer an early decision plan (an admission plan that permits students to apply and be notified of an admission decision well in advance of the regular notification date and that asks students to commit to attending if accepted) for first-time, first-year (freshman) applicants for fall enrollment?	X	

If “yes,” please complete the following:

First or only early decision plan closing date	11/1
First or only early decision plan notification date	12/31
Other early decision plan closing date	1/15
Other early decision plan notification date	4/1

For the Fall 2020 entering class:

Number of early decision applications received by your institution	527
Number of applicants admitted under early decision plan	343

Please provide significant details about your early decision plan:

SMU has two early decision deadlines,Early Decision 1 has November 1st deadline, Early 2 has January 15th deadline

C22 Early action

	Yes	No
Do you have a nonbinding early action plan whereby students are notified of an admission decision well in advance of the regular notification date but do not have to commit to attending your college?	X	

If “yes,” please complete the following:

Early action closing date	11/1
Early action notification date	12/31

	Yes	No
Is your early action plan a “restrictive” plan under which you limit students from applying to other early plans?		X

NOTE:

* Beginning Fall 2019, based upon a revised admission policy, methodology of counting applicants changed.
* ACT Composite is calculated based on the best individual section scores (super score).
* SAT and ACT scores reported are based on Single Score. (Higher of the two when both ACT and SAT are reported by a student)
*Beginning Fall 2020, Number of wait-listed students admitted includes all admitted students and not students that admitted and enrolled.
not students that admitted and enrolled as reported in the past.