

UT Austin Essay Requirements

<http://admissions.utexas.edu/apply/freshman-admission#fndtn-freshman-admission-resume-submission>

Along with your [ApplyTexas](#) application, submit at least one essay.*

What's Required

All applicants must submit an essay responding to Topic A

In addition to Topic A, Topic N is required for those applying to [Nursing](#) for their first-choice major.

Essay Topics

Topic A

What was the environment in which you were raised? Describe your family, home, neighborhood or community, and explain how it has shaped you as a person.

Topic N

Considering nursing as your first-choice major, discuss how your current and future academic activities, extracurricular pursuits and life experiences will help you achieve your goals.

Submitting Your Essays

Generally, you should plan to submit your essay in conjunction with your [ApplyTexas](#) application; do so even after you've submitted other portions of the application by logging in to your [ApplyTexas](#) account.

Essays written in response to Topic N may not be submitted through [ApplyTexas](#). To submit these essays, use the [Document Upload System](#).

You may also submit other essays using the [Document Upload System](#)—or by mailing them to the [Office of Admissions](#)—although these submission methods are not preferred.

+Three short answers

Answer at least three short-answer prompts in the [ApplyTexas](#) application.

What's Required

All applicants must submit three short answers responding to prompts in [ApplyTexas](#). Answers are limited to no more than 40 lines, or about 250 – 300 words.

An additional short answer is required for those applying to [Fine Arts](#)' Department of Art and Art History. Responses are limited to 450 – 500 words.

An additional short answer is required for those applying to [Social Work](#). Responses are limited to 450 – 500 words.

See prompts next page.

Short Answer Prompts

Short Answer 1: Career Plans

If you could have any career, what would it be? Why? Describe any activities you are involved in, life experiences you've had, or even classes you've taken that have helped you identify this professional path.

Tips to consider: This is an opportunity to describe your academic and future professional interests. You may not yet be 100% certain about what you want to do, but is there a particular field that you think you want to work in, or a certain path you want to pursue after college? How have your interests and experiences influenced your choice of majors or your plans to explore in college?

Short Answer 2: Academics

Do you believe your academic record (transcript information and test scores) provide an accurate representation of you as a student? Why or why not?

Tips to consider: Feel free to address anything you want the Office of Admissions to know about your academic record so that we can consider this information when we review your application. You can discuss your academic work, class rank, GPA, individual course grades, test scores, and/or the classes that you took or the classes that were available to you. You can also describe how special circumstances and/or your school, community, and family environments impacted your high school performance.

Short Answer 3: Leadership

How do you show leadership in your life? How do you see yourself being a leader at UT Austin?

Tips to consider: Leadership can be demonstrated by positions you hold as an officer in a club or organization, but other types of leadership are important too. Leaders can emerge in various situations at any given time, including outside of the school experience. Please share a brief description of the type of leadership qualities you possess, from school and non-school related experiences, including demonstrations of leadership in your job, your community, or within your family responsibilities, and then share how you hope to demonstrate leadership as a member of our campus community.

Short Answer: Art and Art History Applicants

Personal interaction with objects, images and spaces can be so powerful as to change the way one thinks about particular issues or topics. For your intended area of study (art history, design, studio art, visual art studies/art education), describe an experience where instruction in that area or your personal interaction with an object, image or space effected this type of change in your thinking. What did you do to act upon your new thinking and what have you done to prepare yourself for further study in this area?

Short Answer: Social Work Applicants

Discuss the reasons you chose social work as your first-choice major and how a social work degree from UT Austin will prepare you for the future.