

2016-2017 ApplyTexas Essay Prompts

For U.S. Freshman and International Freshman Applications

Essay 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.

Essay Topic B:

Some students have an identity, an interest, or a talent that defines them in an essential way. If you are one of these students, then tell us about yourself.

Essay Topic C:

You've got a ticket in your hand - Where will you go? What will you do? What will happen when you get there?

Essay Topic D:

Please Note: The essay in this section is specific to certain college majors and is not required by all colleges/universities that accept ApplyTexas applications. If you are not applying for a major in **Architecture/Interior Design, Art, Art History, Design, Studio Art, Visual Art Studies/Art Education** you are not required to write this essay.

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 (architecture/interior design, 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?

Texas A&M University

Applications for Summer/Fall 2017 and later

All applicants are required to respond to both essay Topics A *and* B.

Essay Topic C is optional.

The University of Texas at Austin

Applications for Summer/Fall 2017 and later

All applicants must submit an essay responding to Topic A, along with a second essay addressing Topic B, C, D or S.

Essay Topic S is used to detail special circumstances you want considered as part of your admissions application. It may be submitted as a second essay, or as a third essay if you are required to submit an essay in response to Topic D due to the major you selected. You may also submit it as a third essay at your discretion.

Special Requirements:

Architecture

Essay Topic D is required for those applying to [Architecture](#).

Art and Art History

Essay Topic D is required for those applying to [Fine Arts'](#) Department of Art and Art History.

Nursing

[Nursing](#) will require an essay in response to a separate prompt. Final information will be posted over the summer.