

Rising Senior Admission Panel

Chat Questions & Answers

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Do any of your schools have special programs that work with students with disabilities?

Lamar University	Lamar has special programs as well as a disability resource center that works directly with students to assist.
Southern Methodist University	SMU's Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies works with students on learning accommodations based on disabilities. Additionally, our Altshuler Learning

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	Enhancement Center (A-LEC) provides tutoring, academic counseling, writing assistance, and study workshops for all students! https://www.smu.edu/EnrollmentServices/veterans/AcademicServices/ALEC
University of Michigan	Services for Students with Disabilities is a great resource for UMich students to utilize to set up accommodations or anything else you may need to succeed as a student! https://ssd.umich.edu/
University of Mississippi	Ole Miss has an Office for Disability Services that will help with many accommodations.
University of North Texas	UNT has an Office of Disability access for students that may need support in the classroom. We also have a 4 year postsecondary program for students with intellectual disabilities.

Do any of your schools consider having an alumni relative (mother, father, etc) in the admissions process?

Lamar University	Having a relative as an alumni might possibly be considered as an additional piece of information.
Southern Methodist University	SMU may consider alumni relatives in the admission process as an additional piece of information in a student's application.
University of Michigan	You're welcome to include on your application that you've had relatives attend UMich but it doesn't impact your decision.
University of Mississippi	Ole Miss will not consider alumni relatives in the admission process. There are scholarships that alumni children are eligible for.
University of North Texas	At UNT, having a relative as an alum doesn't affect admission, but we do have an alum specific scholarship.

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Can the selection of a particular major affect your chances for admission?

Lamar University	At Lamar your major does interfere with your admission.
Southern Methodist University	At SMU, students indicate 1-2 intended majors on their application. If a student is interested in a Business major (including Marketing, Finance, Supply Chain, etc.) or a Visual & Performing Arts major (Theatre, Film, Music, etc.), this impacts their admission process because these programs have dual admission processes where their applications will be reviewed by the SMU Admission Office as well as the Cox Business Admission Office and the Meadows Arts Admission Office.
University of Michigan	No because all first year applicants to U-M will apply to a school or college, not a specific major.
University of Mississippi	There are no impacted programs at Ole Miss that would affect admission.
University of North Texas	Our admission requirements are for admission to the university and some majors may have other requirements (audition, test scores, portfolios, etc).

Spring Branch ISD chose to not assign grades in the spring semester of 2020 due to covid. Instead the students received a "MS" on their transcripts for "Meets Standards". On your applications and or SRAR record, what should the students submit for their grades that semester? "Pass" in a "Pass/Fail" option, or something else?

Lamar University	At Lamar your application is still evaluated the same in consideration with no exact grades during COVID. Not all schools assigned grades to students during COVID. You just have to submit an official transcript and it will be evaluated based on grades and completion. The students who were given grades during COVID will still have their grades evaluated as well.
Southern Methodist University	At SMU, the MS on transcripts will be treated as a Pass/Fail in our transcript review, but we do not utilize the SRAR.

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University of Michigan	They just need to submit their official high school transcript and we will review whatever information is on there.
University of Mississippi	
University of North Texas	For grades during COVID, a pass or pass/fail is all the information we would need to know. It should be on the transcript, so we will see it also.

How are y'all with teacher recommendations? What are your requirements for that?

Lamar University	
Southern Methodist University	
University of Michigan	Michigan requires one teacher recommendation letter and a report filled out by your high school counselor. You may submit additional letters if you wish, but those are not required.
University of Mississippi	Ole Miss will not require letters of recommendation for admission. They may be requested for scholarships or special programs
University of North Texas	UNT doesn't require letters of recommendation unless you are going through holistic review.

If you are accepted to attend school at your university is there a summer orientation program for incoming freshmen to help them get acquainted with the university?

Lamar University	Yes, Lamar has summer orientation programs that students are able to participate in. Also, we have student orientation for you to see the university, meet your advisor, and more.
Southern Methodist University	
University of Michigan	Orientation will typically host sessions the summer before classes start and there will be plenty of activities to do in

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	the first few weeks of the semester to get acclimated to campus.
University of Mississippi	Yes! Ole Miss will have orientation sessions during the summer before starting college.
University of North Texas	UNT does have a summer orientation that is required to attend.