Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) Exemption Guidelines
*For Undergraduate Students Only*

**Coursework Performance**

Students may use performance in specific courses to become exempt from corresponding sections of the THEA. All courses used for exemption purposes must have been taken at UTSA and within five years from the date of admission to the teacher certification program.

For undergraduate students, a grade of "B" or better in one of the following courses must have been achieved in order to be declared exempt:

- THEA Reading - "B" or better in a sophomore level or higher Literature course
- THEA Mathematics - "B" or better in College Algebra (MTC 1023)
- THEA Writing - "B" or better in WRC 1013 and WRC 1023

**Testing Exemptions**

- ACT Composite-23 English and Math part scores-19. Taken within the last five years.
- SAT Combined Score-1070 and verbal and math scores of at least 500. Taken within the last five years.
- TAAS Exit Level Scale Scores: Math = TLI X-86; Reading = TLI X-89; Writing = 1770. Taken within the last three years.
- TAKS scaled scored of at least 2200 on the mathematics section (for math exemption) and scaled score of at least 2200 on the English Language Arts section (for reading and writing exemption). Taken within the last three years.

**Exemption for Hearing Impaired Students**

Hearing impaired students who plan to enter a teacher certification program may substitute the Stanford Achievement Test for the THEA. Passing scores are as follows:

- Reading Comprehension - 29
- Mathematics - 66
- Language - 37
- Study Skills - 19