

International Students

All international students must present officially certified academic credentials, evidence of adequate financial support, and, for non-native English speakers only, a minimum TOEFL score of 550 (paper based), 79 (Internet based), or a minimum score of 6.5 on the IELTS, taken within the preceding two years. Students who have completed grades 10-12 at a U.S. accredited high school and have a satisfactory ACT English subscore may request a review for waiver of this requirement. Students transferring from an accredited U.S. institution (or institution in a county where English is the native language) with at least 24 transferable credit hours and completion of English Composition I and II with a grade of "C" or above will not be required to submit the TOEFL or IELTS for admission consideration.

Applicants who meet the academic and financial requirements but who do not meet the English proficiency requirement of the University of Arkansas will be offered conditional admission to attend an intensive English program through the Spring International Language Center. Students will be eligible to enroll in University of Arkansas academic courses upon successful completion of the highest level of the intensive English program with a 3.00 grade average and recommendation of the director of Spring International.

An entering freshman who has completed secondary school at either U.S. or foreign institutions must have a) the equivalent of a final cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (or its equivalent) and b) competency equivalent to that developed by taking four years of English and three years each of mathematics, natural sciences, and social studies, and an additional three units of electives chosen from English, speech, foreign languages, mathematics, natural sciences, or social studies in U.S. high schools.

A student transferring with fewer than 24 semester hours of post-secondary coursework at either U.S. or foreign institutions must a) have a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.50 (or its equivalent) on all post-secondary coursework attempted, and b) meet the requirements specified for entering freshmen. A student transferring from either a U.S. or foreign post-secondary institution with at least 24 semester hours must have the equivalent of a cumulative GPA of at least 2.50 on all post-secondary course work attempted.

A non-refundable application fee of \$50 is required for all international applicants. All applications and supporting documents must be submitted by May 31 for the fall semester; October 31 for the spring semester; and March 1 for the summer sessions.

Any international student returning to the university after an absence of a full semester (fall or spring) or more must submit an application for admission. For these students, the application deadlines are August 15 for the fall term and January 1 for the spring term. It should be noted that a student previously enrolled at the University of Arkansas who takes a full term of courses elsewhere and then seeks readmission to the university returns as a transfer student and must meet university admission requirements for international transfer students, submit a photocopy of the I-20 issued by the transferring institution, and submit a new financial statement. An application fee is not required for returning students.

For specific admission requirements and application materials pertaining to students on F-1, J-1, or any non-immigrant visas, applicants should write directly to the International Admission Office, 340 N. Campus Drive,

213 Gearhart Hall, 1 University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701, or call 1-479-575-6246 or e-mail iao@uark.edu.

Please see the section Placement and Proficiency Tests (<http://catalog.uark.edu/undergradcatalog/enrollmentservices/placementandproficiencytests/>) for university policy regarding English language use by non-native speakers.