

APPLYING FOR ADMISSION: INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

When to Apply

International students may apply for admission to associate, bachelor and graduate-level degrees. Applications for admission from international students are due no later than March 1 for the fall semester and Sept. 1 for the spring semester. For graduate applicants, it is important to note that certain departments maintain earlier deadlines.

International students must complete all UAF application requirements to be admitted and meet requirements for U.S. immigration agencies to receive an I-20 certificate of eligibility F-1 status. I-20s Certification of Eligibility for F-1 Status cannot be issued for programs that are offered only through distance delivery. I-20s are not issued for the A.A.S. degree in professional piloting.

Admission Requirements

More information regarding the process for application to associate, bachelor or graduate programs can be found in the Getting Started (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/archives/2020-2021/getting-started/>) section.

UNDERGRADUATE APPLICANTS

To be admitted to UAF, a student must:

1. Apply online (<https://uaf.edu/admissions/apply/international.php>). Applications must be received before the published deadlines, along with a \$50 nonrefundable application fee. Applications submitted after the published deadlines have a \$75 nonrefundable application fee and are processed in the order they are received.
2. Send official secondary school and/or university transcripts to World Education Services (WES) (<http://www.wes.org/>). University course work also needs to be evaluated with a comprehensive course-by-course credential report. Transcripts from Canadian institutions (excluding Quebec) are exempt from this requirement; they may be sent directly from the issuing institution.
3. Submit certified official secondary school and/or university transcripts and English translations. It is required that official transcripts of all high school and/or college-level course work be signed and sealed by a registration official of the institution(s) attended.
4. Submit official TOEFL or IELTS test scores.
5. Submit a copy of the passport identification page.
6. Complete UAF's financial statement form and provide supporting documentation showing adequate funding to cover all expenses at UAF, including round-trip transportation to Alaska.¹

GRADUATE APPLICANTS

To be admitted to UAF, a student must:

1. Apply online (<https://uaf.edu/admissions/apply/international.php>). Applications must be received before the published deadlines, along with a \$75 nonrefundable application fee. Applications submitted after the published deadlines are only accepted upon a department's request and have a \$100 nonrefundable application fee.
2. Review your department's department-specific requirements and application deadlines.

3. Submit certified official university transcripts and English translations. To be considered official, transcripts must arrive in sealed envelopes from each institution attended. If the transcript does not show that a bachelor's degree has been or will be awarded, a diploma must also be sent.
4. Submit official GRE or GMAT test scores. Not all departments require GRE or GMAT scores if the student has earned a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Refer to the admission requirements of your prospective degree program to determine which tests are required.
5. Submit a resume/curriculum vitae. Include work and research experience, publications, patents, honors, professional and civic memberships, and foreign travel.
6. Submit a statement of academic goals. Write a statement indicating why study is desired in a particular program. Include qualifications and educational experience. (For applicants to M.Ed. programs or education licensures/certificates, a four- to-five page self-evaluation essay is required.)
7. Submit three letters of recommendation. Send at least three letters of recommendation from people able to vouch for the applicant's academic work, character and ability to undertake graduate study and research.
8. Submit official TOEFL or IELTS test results.
9. Submit a copy of the passport identification page.
10. Complete UAF's financial statement form and provide supporting documentation showing adequate funding to cover all expenses at UAF.¹

¹ Not an admission requirement, but required to determine visa eligibility.

Required Funding Amounts

The minimum estimated cost for one school year at UAF for an international student is \$38,456 for undergraduate students and \$38,052 for graduate students. (Students taking College of Engineering and Mines and School of Management courses: \$39,800 undergraduate and \$39,906 graduate.) This covers university fees, room and board on campus, books, health insurance, and a reasonable amount of personal expenses. It does not include transportation to and from Alaska, summer living or winter clothing costs. Add approximately \$4,500 for summer living expenses.

Residents of countries which hold approved sister city/sister province agreements qualify for resident tuition. A complete list of sister cities and provinces is listed below. Students on an F-1 visa who are not from a UA sister city or province are not eligible for resident tuition. For international students who are residents of a sister city, the estimated cost for one school year at UAF is \$24,872 for an undergraduate and \$27,864 for a graduate student. (Students taking College of Engineering and Mines and School of Management courses: \$26,216 undergraduate and \$29,718 graduate.)

UA SISTER CITIES AND PROVINCES

Country	City or Province
Australia	Darwin
Canada	Inuvik, Northwest Territory and Whitehorse, Yukon Territory
China	Harbin, Heilongjiang Province
Great Britain	Whitby, England
India	Pune

Japan	Chitose, Hokkaido Prefecture, Kanayama, Nemuro, Noshiro, Obihiro, Saroma, Teshio
Korea	Inchon
Mongolia	Erdenet City
Norway	Hammerfest, Mo, Tromsø
Philippines	Camiling
Russia	Khabarovsk Region, Magadan, Mirnyy, Noglicki, Okha, Providenya, Vladivostok, Yakutsk, Yelisovo
Taiwan	Chiayi Township

Immigration Requirements

Once a student has been accepted to UAF, International Programs and Initiatives will issue a Form I-20, which must be presented at a U.S. embassy or consulate in the country of citizenship in order to obtain an F-1 (student) visa. The I-20 form requires the university to certify to U.S. immigration agencies that a student has been accepted for full-time enrollment and has sufficient funds to meet estimated expenses for an academic program.

If a student is already in the United States on an F-1 visa, the SEVIS record may be transferred as long as the record is in SEVIS active status.

English Proficiency Requirements

Students on an F-1 visa are required to submit scores from the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or the IELTS (International English Language Testing System) exam. Some permanent residents (green card holders) are not required to submit TOEFL or IELTS scores (see exceptions below). English proficiency may be demonstrated by:

1. A minimum TOEFL score of 79.
2. A minimum IELTS score of 6.5.
3. Completion of secondary education in Great Britain, New Zealand, Australia or Canada (excluding Quebec).

Requests for exception to this policy may be submitted via email to the Office of Admissions. Acceptable grounds for waiving this requirement may include:

1. Successful completion (C or higher) of a college-level, non-ESL English composition course.
2. A comparable score on another approved exam such as the ACT, SAT or ACCUPLACER exam.
3. Long-term permanent residents of the U.S. who are able to provide adequate documentation (transcripts, test scores, etc.) demonstrating academic readiness for WRTG 111x.

Request to Postpone

If applicants are unable to attend, they must notify the Office of Admissions and International Programs and Initiatives. Students may request to postpone their admission for up to one calendar year. For graduate applicants, acceptance is not guaranteed for a future semester. An updated financial statement and current supporting financial documents will be required from all students.

Where to Get More Information

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