

International Undergraduate Admissions

The following outlines the general processing of undergraduate international students to the University of West Florida ("UWF" or "University"). These procedures are encompassed in UWF Regulation 3.042, Admission of International Students, as it may be amended.

General Provisions

1. Applicants to the University are considered international students if they are not U.S. Citizens and if they require a student visa to remain in the United States. Applicants who are permanent residents of the United States are not considered international students. In addition to the policies and procedures stated for the different categories of admission, the following application and admissions information pertains to international applicants.
2. Domestic applicants should refer to the "Freshman Admissions" or "Transfer Admissions" sections.
3. This regulation outlines minimal eligibility requirements for international student applicants seeking admission to a degree program at UWF. International student applicants enrolling as non-degree seeking students are not subject to the following criteria unless they are attending UWF under an international exchange agreement which requires the student to document English proficiency.

Application and Admissions Requirements

1. Admission of international students to UWF is governed by Florida Board of Governors (BOG) regulations 6.001, 6.002, 6.004, and 6.009 and the requirements herein.
2. International students must meet minimum requirements as outlined in UWF Regulation 3.001 Admissions Standards for First Time in College Student Applicants or UWF Regulation 3.032 Undergraduate Admissions Standards for Transfer Students in order to be considered for admission, depending on their student type classification upon application. Failure to meet the requirements to be considered for an admissions evaluation may result in an incomplete application. Satisfaction of minimum requirements does not guarantee admission into the University. Preference for admission in any term will be given to those applicants whose credentials indicate the greatest promise of academic success.
3. In addition to meeting requirements outlined in UWF Regulations 3.001 or 3.032, international applicants must also meet the following criteria and submit the required documentation to receive consideration for admission to the University:
 - a. An applicant whose native language is not English must provide evidence of English language proficiency. The English requirement (proficiency in written and spoken English) may be fulfilled by establishing *one* of the following:
 - i. The applicant is from a country where English is the official language;
 - ii. The applicant's prior associate's, bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree was earned from a college or university

in the United States that is accredited by an approved accrediting agency;

- iii. The applicant's prior bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree was earned from a country where English is the official language, or from a university at which English is the official language of instruction;
 - iv. The applicant achieved a qualifying standardized test score (ACT or SAT) as noted below and on the Undergraduate Admissions website:
 1. SAT: Reading and Writing 490+ or
 2. ACT: English: 17+ and Reading: 19+
 - v. The applicant achieved a qualifying score on an accepted English proficiency exam as noted below and on the Undergraduate Admissions website:
 1. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): 79
 2. International English Language Testing System (IELTS): 6.0
 3. Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR): B2
 4. Duolingo English Test (DET): 110
 5. Pearson Test of English (PTE): 53
 6. Cambridge English Language Assessment (CELA): 175
 7. Oxford Online Placement Test: B2
 - vi. The applicant successfully completed UWF's Intensive English Program (IEP) and received a letter of recommendation for admission from an IEP administrator.
- b. Applicants must submit transcripts evidencing all prior academic coursework including post-secondary education. Transcripts that are not in English must be accompanied by a certified English translation. Transcripts from educational institutions outside the United States must be accompanied by an official, course-by-course credential evaluation, whether completed by an approved credentialing agency or internally by UWF staff deemed qualified to evaluate credentials. All academic credentials become property of the University and will not be returned or forwarded to a third party. The University requires an official copy of all academic credentials.
 - c. Applicants must submit a non-refundable application fee payable in U.S. dollars.
 - d. Applicants will not be considered for admission until the University has received all required materials. International student applications, along with all other records required for admission, must be received by the program deadline or the application deadline, whichever is earlier, unless waived by the University in writing. Applicants who have provided all required materials and have met all admission requirements except the English proficiency requirement may be considered for conditional admission to the University. Applicants who receive a conditional admission offer and who desire to attend UWF must first enroll in the Intensive English Program at UWF. If such students seek to enroll in a degree program, they must meet the requirements set forth above.
4. In addition to the admission requirements herein, international students must meet the following requirements to enroll at UWF or register for classes.
 - a. Applicants must complete, sign, and submit a Mandatory Immunization Health History Form through the MyUWF Immunization Status app to include the following

information. This requirement is in accordance with University Policy AC-28, Health Requirements for International Applicants, as it may be amended.

- i. Medical History Form completed by the student,
 - ii. Documentation of MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) immunization or qualified exemption, and
 - iii. Proof of immunization for meningitis and hepatitis B, or a signed waiver indicating the applicant's informed decision not to be vaccinated.
- b. F-1 and J-1 applicants must provide proof of medical insurance that complies with the requirement of University Policy AC-06 "Medical Insurance Coverage for F-1 and J-1 Visa Holders and F-2 and J-2 Dependents and Spouses", as it may be amended.
- c. F-1 and J-1 applicants must follow the financial documentation processes provided by the Office of International Affairs before the Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20 or a DS-2019) will be issued by the University. Applicants will be required to show adequate funding resources to provide for their support while studying. Funding resources must be verified by the student's or sponsor's bank by submitting a Certification of Financial Resources Form with approval by a financial institution. The total funds available to the student for the first academic year, or semester for J-1, must at least equal the total estimate of institutional costs and living expenses, including tuition, fees, books, room and board, health insurance, and other living expenses while enrolled at the University.
- d. For transfer students: F-1 applicants must verify their eligibility to transfer to UWF in F-1 status with the institution that holds the applicant's SEVIS record. F-1 students must transfer in accordance with 8 CFR 214.2(f)(8)(i).

Deadlines for Applications and Supporting Documents

Semester	Deadline
Fall	June 1
Spring	November 1
Summer	April 1