

# INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION

Applicants who are not U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents should apply for undergraduate admission through the Center for International Studies and Programs (CISP). For more information about international undergraduate admission, please visit the CISP website (<http://cms.ysu.edu/administrative-offices/center-international-studies-and-programs/about-cisp>). Those wishing to enroll in the English Language Institute (ELI) also apply directly to the CISP. For more information about admission, see International Student Applicants (<https://www.ysu-info.org/international>); visit the ELI section (<http://cms.ysu.edu/administrative-offices/english-language-institute/eli-web-application>) for more information.

## International Student Applicants

Youngstown State University welcomes applications from qualified students around the world. The University's Center for International Studies and Programs (CISP) provides a wide range of support services for international students, described in detail in other sections of this *Undergraduate Catalog*.

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## General Admission Statement

The admission information contained in this section reflects standard admissions requirements. Meeting these requirements does not guarantee admission to the university or to specific programs. Persons who are not citizens of the U.S. but hold permanent resident, refugee, or political asylum status should apply based on their state of residence.

## Academic Credentials

Academic credentials include high school and college transcripts, test scores, GED scores, and/or any other records required for admission or granting credit. **Only properly certified and signed credentials issued to YSU and received directly from the issuing institution will be accepted. Provisional admission may be offered in certain cases to applicants who submit certified copies of credentials.** Students admitted provisionally will be required to produce all original documents by the end of their first term of enrollment.

## International Application Priority Deadlines

Semester	Freshman	Transfer
Fall	March 1	May 1
Spring	July 1	September 1
Summer	November 1	February 1

## International Freshman and Overseas Transfer Students

Applicants from overseas must submit the following information well in advance of the desired date of admission. Admission is possible during all terms provided the deadline for application is met. Students should plan to arrive one week prior to the beginning of the term.

- A completed application form, a \$45 non-refundable application fee (to be drawn on a U.S. bank) and a list of all educational experiences including studies undertaken in the U.S. Applicants seeking F-1 or J-1 (student) nonimmigrant status must submit certification of sufficient financial resources available for education and living expenses while attending the University.
- Official credentials and transcripts from all secondary schools, colleges, and universities that the student has attended, including subjects studied, grades, and a key to the grading system. If credentials are not in English,

official translations must be provided. Transfer credits may be granted for courses taken at U.S. and overseas accredited institutions only if an official syllabus or course description is provided; other options include credit by examination. Evidence of academic and disciplinary good standing at the last prior institution with a minimum grade point average of 2.00 (on a 4.00 scale). Some YSU programs may have higher requirements.

- *Transfer applicants who have successfully completed more than one year of full-time post-secondary study (excluding English-as-a-second-language [ESL] courses) do not need to submit secondary school records or results of school certificate, matriculation, or certificate of education examinations. However, they must submit official transcripts and syllabi for all college-level work as described above.*
- **English Language Proficiency** - Applicants whose education is from an English-medium secondary or postsecondary institution in certain countries are exempt from the standardized English proficiency testing requirement. International students who graduate from an English-medium secondary school in the United States are required to submit either the ACT or SAT in lieu of TOEFL.

All other applicants for whom English is a second language must present evidence of proficiency in the English language in one of the following ways:

Official Test Score on one of the following:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) directly from the Educational Testing Service (ETS) with a minimum score of: 500 or higher on the paper-based test (PBT) 173 or higher on the computer-based test (CBT), or 61 or higher on the Internet Based TOEFL test (IBT)
- a minimum score of 5.5 composite (with at least 5.0 on each subscale) on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
- a minimum score of 950 on the SAT II English Language Proficiency Test

Successful completion of 24 semester hours of college-level coursework from an accredited English-medium college in the United States or another country where English is an official language.

Students may also be referred to enroll in CISP's full-time English Language Institute (ELI); for information call 330-941-2336 for applications. Successful completion of the English Language Institute at YSU fulfills the proficiency requirement (determined by examination and classroom assessment).

Applicants whose standardized test score is below the minimum may be admitted, at the discretion of the University, if there is compelling additional evidence of English language proficiency commensurate with academic study at YSU.

Students may be required to enroll in supplemental noncredit courses in English as a second language (ESL). Applicants may be required to submit additional materials.

## TOEFL/IELTS Registration and Official Score Reports

It is to your advantage to take the TOEFL early or before the application process. The *TOEFL Bulletin*, which includes a registration form, is available in many locations outside of the U.S., usually at American embassies and consulates, U.S. educational commissions and foundations, binational centers, and many private organizations, such as the Institute of International Education (IIE), the African-American Institute (AAI), American-Mideast Educational and Training Services (AMIDEAST), and the American-Korean Foundation.

You may also contact:  
TOEFL/TSE Educational Testing Services  
P.O. Box 6154

Princeton, NJ 08541-6154, USA

**Website:** <http://www.ets.org/toefl>  
Telephone: (609) 771-7780

**The official reporting TOEFL code for YSU is 1975.**

## The English Language Institute (ELI)

The English Language Institute (ELI) at YSU was established through the Center for International Studies and Programs (CISP) and the Department of English to provide intensive study of English to speakers of other languages. It offers pre-college credit courses designed to teach English to students who already have some knowledge of English. In addition, the ELI provides an orientation to college life and culture in the U.S. Courses are available both to international students and to immigrants.

English-as-a-second-language courses cannot be used as credit toward a degree. Applicants need to understand in advance that deficiencies in English may increase the amount of time and money required for completing a regular program of study.

Proficiency testing is also available by special arrangement. YSU's Center for International Studies and Programs (CISP) administers both the institutional TOEFL and the MELAB. These scores are valid at YSU only.

## Types of Admission for International Students

### Regular Admission

Regular admission will be granted if your records meet YSU's academic requirements for admission, satisfy the high school curriculum requirements, and show that you have adequate preparation for study in your proposed major. Regular admission is unconditional admission.

### Conditional Admission

Students meeting all the above admissions requirements except the specified level of English proficiency may be admitted conditionally. This admission is conditional upon successful completion of English language study at CISP's English Language Institute (ELI).

### PROVISIONAL ADMISSION

Students meeting all the above admissions requirements except the specified level of official documents submission in certain cases may be admitted provisionally. This admission is also conditional upon successful completion of English language study at CISP's English Language Institute (ELI).

**Provisional admission may be offered in certain cases to applicants who submit certified copies of credentials.** Students admitted provisionally will be required to produce all original documents by the end of their first term of enrollment

### Admission with Transfer Credit

All transfer credit is evaluated by the Center for International Studies and Programs. Credits from accredited or officially recognized institutions in other countries will be evaluated upon presentation of official transcripts, official translations and complete course descriptions and/or syllabi. Students holding undergraduate degrees equivalent to the bachelor's degree may be admitted to the University for post-baccalaureate undergraduate study upon recommendation of the dean of the proposed college, CISP's director, and the chair of the relevant department.

### Standardized Academic Testing

Scores on the SAT or ACT are required only for the admission of international students from Canada, those who are attending U.S. high schools or international schools that follow a U.S. high school curriculum, and those who

intend to participate in the intercollegiate athletic program and need to comply with NCAA eligibility requirements.

Other students will be tested on a case-by-case basis.

To receive more information about the SAT I: Reasoning Test, contact:

The College Board SAT Program  
P.O. Box 6200  
Princeton, NJ 08541-6200 USA  
Telephone: (609) 771-7600  
**Web address:** [www.collegeboard.org](https://www.collegeboard.org) (<https://www.collegeboard.org>)  
**YSU's SAT reporting code number: 1975**

To receive more information about the ACT, contact:

ACT National Office  
500 ACT Drive  
P.O. Box 168  
Iowa City, IA 52243-0168  
Telephone: (319) 337-1000 Fax: (319) 339-3020  
**Web address:** [www.act.org](https://www.act.org) (<https://www.act.org>)  
**YSU's ACT reporting code number: 3368**

## Graduate Admission

Application for admission to the University for graduate study is made directly to Graduate Admissions. (For details, consult the *Graduate Catalog* or the College of Graduate Studies (<http://cms.ysu.edu/college-graduate-studies/college-graduate-studies>) website.)