

# INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION

Applicants who are not U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents should apply for undergraduate admission through the International Programs Office (IPO). For more information about international undergraduate admission, please visit the IPO website (<https://cms.ysu.edu/administrative-offices/international-programs-office/future-students>). Those wishing to enroll in the English Language Institute (ELI) also apply directly through the IPO; visit the ELI section (<http://www.ysu.edu/english-language-institute>) for more information.

## International Student Applicants

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

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For issuance of an immigration document, F-1 and J-1 students must demonstrate the financial ability to pay for at least **one year of academic and living expenses**.

## 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. All must be in a sealed envelope(s) from the issuing institution. Admission may be offered in certain cases to applicants who submit certified copies of credentials.** Students admitted with copies will be required to produce all original documents by the end of their first term of enrollment.

## International Application Priority Deadlines

| Semester | Freshman   | Transfer from U.S. Institutions |
|----------|------------|---------------------------------|
| Fall     | June 1     | June 15                         |
| Spring   | November 1 | November 15                     |

## 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 must attend the mandatory new international student orientation.

- A completed application form, a \$45 non-refundable application fee and a list of all educational experiences including studies undertaken in the U.S. Applicants seeking F-1 or J-1 (student) non-immigrant 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; evaluation of transfer credit will be made prior to the start of classes. 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* 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 post-secondary 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, IELTS, or PTE Academic.

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 [Effective August 2018 intake]:

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:
  - 67 or higher on the Internet Based TOEFL test (IBT)
- a minimum score of 6.0 composite (with at least 5.0 on each subscale) on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
- a minimum score of 910 on the SAT II English Language Proficiency Test
- American College Testing (ACT) [17]
- PTE Academic (Pearson Test of English) [58]
- 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.

## The English Language Institute (ELI)

The English Language Institute (ELI) at Youngstown State University offers an intensive English program with non-credited classes for English language learners. In addition, the ELI provides an orientation to college life and American culture. Classes are available to college-bound students, permanent residents, immigrants, and special interest groups. Upon graduation from the program, students will have completed their English proficiency requirements and are granted admission to Youngstown State University (No TOEFL or IELTS required).

**Please note:** ELI courses cannot be used as credit toward a degree. Applicants should be aware that deficiencies in English may increase the amount of time and money required for completing a regular program of study.

## Types of Admission for International Students

### Regular Admission

Regular admission will be granted if the student's records meet YSU's academic requirements for admission, satisfy the high school curriculum requirements, and show that the applicant has adequate preparation for study in the 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 YSU's English Language Institute (ELI).

## **Admission with Transfer Credit**

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, IPO's Associate Provost, and the Chair of the relevant department.

## **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.)