International Students

Additional Admission Requirements for International Students

An applicant who is a graduate of a foreign institution is subject to the same criteria for admission as a graduate of a U.S. institution. In addition, applicants whose native language is not English are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) and score at least the minimum scores shown here.

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<th>TOEFL Test Type</th>
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Official TOEFL or IELTS scores must be sent directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions from Educational Testing Services (ETS) or IELTS. College and/or departments may require a higher minimum TOEFL score for admission. All international applicants must apply for admission by the posted deadlines for the term in which they wish to enroll and all application materials must be received in the Office of Graduate Admissions by April 1 (September 1) for admission for the following Fall (Spring) semester.

In addition, all international students must request that:

1. One official copy in English of college or university transcripts be forwarded to UAH directly from the institution(s) attended. Do not send personal copies;
2. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) or Miller Analogies Test (MAT) scores, as appropriate, be sent directly to UAH from the testing service;
3. A certified financial statement be submitted as evidence of sufficient finances to cover fees and personal expenses while attending UAH. An Affidavit of Financial Support form is available at http://www.uah.edu/images/colleges/graduate-studies/forms/AAA_financialsupportafidavit.pdf. The completed affidavit form must be accompanied by a bank statement which indicates that there are sufficient funds to sponsor the student for one calendar year. This affidavit must be received before an I-20 can be issued. For more information about health insurance please see the following link http://www.uah.edu/health-and-wellness/student-health-center/student-insurance-plan. Proof of continued health insurance coverage must be presented by the student during each semester of enrollment;
4. Students may also submit scores from the Test of Spoken English (TSE) and Test of Written English (TWE).

Students who have earned a bachelor’s or higher degree from an accredited U.S. institution will be exempted from the TOEFL, IELTS, TSE requirements above. Students with degrees from non-U.S. institutions that have English as their primary language of instruction (e.g. United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, etc.) may petition the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies for an exemption from the ELPT.

For information about ESL courses or the UAH Intensive English Program (IEP) go to http://www.uah.edu/iecp.

Note that, notwithstanding these exemptions, students whose native language is not English who are seeking Graduate Teaching Assistant positions must comply with the appropriate section of this catalog regarding English language proficiency and have their English language proficiency verified by the director of ESL.