International Students

Additional Admission Requirements for International Students

SAT/ACT score is not required for undergraduate international applicants. Applicants may submit scores, if available, for consideration in admission or scholarship eligibility determination.

All applicants whose native language is other than English must demonstrate the linguistic proficiency necessary to function in degree programs at UAH.

1. Unconditional admission to degree programs.*
   a. In order to be considered for admission to degree programs with no additional English language training required, applicants must meet the following minimums on the TOEFL or IELTS.
      - TOEFL (iBT): all sub-scores # 18 OR
      - IELTS: all sub-scores # 6.0
   * Language proficiency is only one factor in admission decisions. To confirm the full admission requirements for specific degree programs, please contact the department directly.

2. Bridge admission to degree programs with some English required.
   a. Applicants who do not meet these minimum requirements may still be considered for admission to degree programs at the university with some English language training required (Bridge Admission). Applicants with the following minimums on the TOEFL or IELTS may be admitted and will sit for the UAH English Language Placement Test (ELPT) upon arrival at the university. Results of the ELPT will determine additional English language coursework needed.
      - TOEFL (iBT): Overall # 65, with # 2 sub-scores below 18 OR
      - IELTS: Overall # 5.5, with # 2 sub-scores below 5.5

3. Admission to the ILC Program.
   a. Applicants who do not currently meet the requirements for admission to a degree program at the university are encouraged to apply for admission to the UAH Intensive Language and Culture (ILC) Program. Successful completion of the UAH ILC meets the language proficiency standard for admission to degree programs at the university.
   To be considered for admission to the UAH Intensive Language and Culture Program, applicants must have the following minimums on the TOEFL or IELTS.*
      - TOEFL (iBT): Overall of at least 50 with no sub-score below 12 OR
      - IELTS: Overall of at least 4.0 with no sub-score below 3.5
   *NOTE: If an applicant does not have a TOEFL or an IELTS score, he/she may request a pre-assessment and be considered for admission to the ILC. He/she will then be formally assessed upon arrival at UAH and will be placed in appropriate classes in the ILC program.

Nonnative English-speaking Graduate Teaching Assistants (NnGTA)
To be considered for positions as teaching assistants or graduate assistants, students must have the following minimums on the TOEFL or IELTS.

- TOEFL (iBT): no sub-score below 22 OR
- IELTS: no sub-score below 6.5

English Language Proficiency Requirement at UAH (Students)

For admission to the university with no intensive English language courses required, students need:

- TOEFL iBT: Sub-score 18 or higher
  or
- IELTS: Sub-score 6.0 or higher

For admission to the university with some intensive English language courses required (bridge program), students need:

- TOEFL iBT: 65 or higher (overall) with no more than two sub-scores below 18
  or
- IELTS: 5.5 or higher (overall) with no more than two sub-scores below 5.5

For admission to the Intensive Language and Culture Program, students need a minimum of:

- TOEFL iBT: Minimum of 50 (overall) with no sub-score below 12
  or
- IELTS: Minimum of 4.0 (overall) with no sub-score below 3.5

NOTE THAT OFFICIAL TEST SCORES SHOULD BE SENT DIRECTLY TO UAH FROM THE TOEFL OR IELTS TESTING SERVICE

*iBT = internet-based TOEFL; IELTS = International English Language Testing System
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 the Graduate School website. 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/ilcp.