

International Students

International students are defined as any applicant who is not a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident. International applicants must meet all established requirements for admission from secondary schools or from other colleges and universities. International applicants should apply for admission at least six months in advance of desired attendance date in order to facilitate timely admission and enrollment.

An undergraduate international applicant must submit:

1. Completed **undergraduate international application** form.
2. Non-refundable application fee of \$60 USD.
3. Official copies of secondary school and college or university transcripts including English translations forwarded to The University of Alabama in Huntsville directly from the institution(s) attended or the approved accrediting agency. Personal copies are not accepted. English credits earned at international institutions will be evaluated by the Department of English at UAH after an admission decision is made.
4. Certificate of Foreign Credit Evaluation for all high school or college coursework done outside of the U.S. must be performed by an approved service. The evaluation should contain a course-by-course description and a grade point average from each institution attended. Applicants have the responsibility to contact the evaluation agency directly and have the evaluation agency send the official evaluation report to UAH - copies will not be accepted by UAH. Examples of acceptable evaluation services are:

Josef Silny & Associates, Inc.
International Education Consultants
7101 SW 102 Avenue
Miami, FL 33173
Ph: 305.273.1616
Fax: 305.273.1338
Translation Fax: 305.273.1984
www.jsilny.com (<http://www.jsilny.com>)
info@jsilny.com

World Education Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 5087
Bowling Green Station
New York, NY 110274-5087
Ph: 212.966.6311
Fax: 212.739.6120
www.wes.org (<http://www.wes.org>)

Lisano International
P.O. Box 507
Auburn, AL 26831
Ph: 334.745.0425

5. Official American College Test (ACT) scores or SAT scores sent directly to UAH from the testing service headquarters. ACT/SAT is not required of an applicant who has earned more than 24 semester hours of college work with a 2.0 GPA.
6. Proof of English language proficiency. Please refer to the section on English language requirements for nonnative speakers below.
7. Students who will attend UAH in F or J student status are required to submit a certified affidavit of financial support and financial statements/bank records as evidence of sufficient finances to cover university and personal expenses while attending UAH.

Transferring From Another U.S. Institution

Individuals in the U.S. in F or J status who intend to transfer to UAH from a U.S. high school or college will receive, upon admission, a *transfer clearance* form that must be completed by the previous institution's designated official (international student advisor) and sent to the UAH Office of Admissions in order to be eligible for enrollment. It is also the responsibility of the admitted F or J student to communicate with the previous school's international student advisor to ensure that the SEVIS I-20 or DS-2019 record is transferred from the previous school to UAH prior to the start of the semester of enrollment.

English Language Requirements for Nonnative Speakers

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 greater than or equal to 18 OR
IELTS: all sub-scores greater than or equal to 6.0
 - b. Students with two or more sub-scores below these minimum qualifications must enroll in the UAH Intensive Language and Culture (ILC) Program before they can enroll in graduate course work.
*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. 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.
 - b. 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.

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

English Language Placement Test

The UAH English Language Placement Test (ELPT) is required of all students whose native language is not English, regardless of nationality or prior English study. A student must complete any intensive English coursework that the test indicates is required.

Health and Immunization Policies

Student Health Insurance

International students are required to purchase the UAH student health insurance and will be assessed the insurance premium each semester upon enrollment in classes. Requests for a waiver from the mandatory policy must be made to the Student Health Center within 10 days of the start of class.

Immunizations

If you were born after 1956, proof of two (2) measles containing vaccinations. One of these vaccines must be an MMR vaccination after 1980.

Acceptable proof of tuberculosis screening that is no more than twelve months old.

All first time freshmen and students living in on campus housing must also show proof of a meningitis vaccine.

Tuberculosis Screening and Testing Policy

All new international students must complete tuberculosis screening through the Student Health Center. This screening process will be scheduled as a part of the orientation program and will be provided upon arrival on campus at the UAH Student Health Center.