International Students

Additional Admission Requirements for International Students

Language Proficiency for Admission
All applicants whose native language is not English must demonstrate English language proficiency necessary to succeed in degree programs at UAH as indicated by completing at least one of the following standardized English proficiency exams with the respective minimum score listed below:

- **TOEFL iBT**: all sub-scores must be greater than or equal to 18
- **TOEFL Essentials**: all sub-scores must be greater than or equal to 8
- **Pearson's Test of English**: 54
- **IELTS**: 6.0
- **Duolingo**: 105

*College and/or departments may require a higher minimum language score for admission.

UAH reserves the right to verify and double-check the applicant’s English proficiency when deemed necessary.

Language proficiency is only one factor in admission decisions. To confirm the full admission requirements for specific degree programs, please refer to the application for your particular degree. An applicant who has earned a bachelor's degree, or higher, from an accredited U.S. institution will be exempted from providing standardized test results for English language proficiency.

**Nonnative English-speaking Graduate Teaching Assistants**
To be considered for positions as teaching assistants or graduate assistants, students must demonstrate at least one of the following minimum standardized English language proficiency test scores:

- **TOEFL iBT**: no sub-score below 22
- **TOEFL Essentials**: no sub-score below 9.5
- **IELTS**: no sub-score below 6.5

**Supplemental Application Documents**
Documents required for an application will vary depending on the program selected, and will be identified within the application portal. Unofficial transcripts may be considered during the admission process, but official transcripts must be received before a student can register for classes. Once admitted, international students will need to submit proof of financial support before immigration form I-20 can be issued.

Please review the catalog admissions page (http://catalog.uah.edu/grad/admissions/application-procedure/) for additional information regarding required documents.

*Priority admittance will be given to international students who have applied and submitted all required documents by:*

- **Spring**: October 1
- **Summer**: February 1
- **Fall**: June 1