

International Students

Additional Admission Requirements for International Students

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.

Nonnative English-speaking Graduate Teaching Assistants

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

*iBT = internet-based TOEFL; IELTS = International English Language Testing System

Official TOEFL or IELTS scores must be sent directly to the Graduate School 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.

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 Graduate School for an exemption from the English Language Placement Test (ELPT).

For information about English language courses visit <http://www.uah.edu/ilcp>.