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 $50 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 document-by-document (high school) and course-by-course (college) 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.
   - World Education Services, Inc.
   - Lisano International
   - SpanTran

5. Official American College Test (ACT) scores or SAT scores should be sent directly to UAH from the testing service. Please note, ACT/SAT scores are not required for international undergraduate applicants. If available, students may submit scores to determine any scholarship eligibility.
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
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

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. Request for a waiver should be submitted to the International Student and Scholar Services Office within 10 days of the start of term.

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.