

Requirements for International Undergraduate Student Admission

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The University of South Carolina Upstate welcomes the applications of qualified international students. International candidates must be proficient in the English language and admissible to institutions of higher education in their own countries before being considered for admission to USC Upstate.

Students should study about twelve years in schools in their own countries, beginning at about age six. The last four or five years should include the study of English, history, mathematics and science.

The following information IS REQUIRED to complete the admissions process:

Undergraduate Application for Admission and Request for I-20—Both applications must be completed. Please print or type.

Application Fee—An application fee of \$40 (in U.S. dollars) must accompany the admissions application. Please do not mail cash. Money orders or cashier's checks are preferred. Credit card is required to apply online.

Financial Certification—The student or his/her parents must send proof that the family or sponsor can pay approximately \$26,879 (in U.S. dollars) for each year anticipated for completion of the baccalaureate degree at the University. This estimate includes tuition, on-campus room and board, and miscellaneous expenses excluding transportation between the University and the home country. The University requires an official statement from a bank, an employer or sponsor, or other official affidavit of support.

School Records—Official transcripts from all schools, colleges and universities attended. All transcripts must be translated to English. International transcripts must be evaluated by World Education Services (WES) to receive transfer credit.

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)—The Scholastic Aptitude Test measures verbal and mathematical ability and is required for all University degree programs. Information about this test can be found at many international schools or at the U.S. Embassies, Consulates, or the Office of the United States Information Service. If information is not available in the student's own country, the students may write: Scholastic Aptitude Test, Foreign Edition, Box 592, Princeton, New Jersey, 08540, USA. Information about the test may also be accessed on the web at www.collegeboard.org. SAT scores are required for all students who are less than 22 years of age. The minimum SAT score required for admission is 850.

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)—This test is required for all international students except those whose native language is English. Information about this test can be found at many schools or at the U.S. Embassies, Consulates, or the Office of the United State Information Service. If the information is not available in the student's own country, the student may write: TOEFL, Box 899, Princeton, New Jersey, 08540, USA. Information about the test may also be accessed on the web at www.toefl.org. The minimum TOEFL score required is 500 (paper-based), 173 (computer-based), or 61 (internet-based).

Immunization and Insurance—Students are required to provide proof of health insurance and immunization.

After all credentials are received, an admission decision will be forwarded within 30 days. If you are admitted to USC Upstate, a letter of admission and a Certificate of Eligibility will be mailed to you. This certificate is known as a Form I-20 and is a requirement of Immigration and Naturalization Service of the United States Department of Justice. All documents must be received by the Admissions Office before July 15 for fall semester enrollment, December 1 for spring semester enrollment, and March 15 for summer session enrollment. Please direct all correspondence to the Office of Admissions, USC Upstate, 800 University Way, Spartanburg, SC, 29303, USA.