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## Viewing: **INTL UGRD Admission Policy : International Students Undergraduate Admissions Policy**

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Program Status Active

Academic Level Undergraduate

Type of proposal Policy

Select a reason for this modification

Making Minor Changes to an Existing Certificate, Degree or Program (including 15 or fewer hours, admission/graduation requirements, Focused Studies or Tracks)

Effective Catalog Year Fall 2023

College/School Code Graduate School and International Education (GRAD)

Department Code Department of Graduate Dean (GRSD)

Program Code INTL UGRD  
Admission Policy

Program Title  
International Students Undergraduate Admissions Policy

Program Delivery

Method

On Campus

Is this program interdisciplinary?

No

Does this proposal impact any courses from another College/School?

No

### In Workflow

1. GRAD Dean Initial
2. Director of Curriculum Review and Program Assessment
3. Registrar Initial
4. Institutional Research
5. GRSD Chair
6. GRAD Dean
7. Global Campus
8. Provost Review
9. Undergraduate Council
10. Faculty Senate
11. Provost Final
12. Registrar Final
13. Catalog Editor Final

### Approval Path

1. 02/11/23 12:06 pm  
Christa Hestekin (chesteki):  
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Alice Griffin (agriffin): Approved for Director of Curriculum Review and Program Assessment
3. 02/13/23 2:02 pm  
Gina Daugherty (gdaugher): Approved for Registrar Initial
4. 02/13/23 3:15 pm  
Doug Miles (dmiles): Approved for Institutional Research
5. 02/13/23 3:43 pm  
Christa Hestekin (chesteki): Approved for GRSD Chair

## **Program Requirements and Description**

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6. 02/13/23 3:43 pm  
Christa Hestekin  
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7. 02/14/23 8:55 am  
Suzanne Kenner  
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for Global Campus
8. 02/14/23 9:05 am  
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### History

1. Feb 10, 2023 by  
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## International Students

All degree-seeking international undergraduate students must present officially certified academic credentials, evidence of adequate financial support, and, for those applicants whose first language is not English, evidence non-native English speakers only, a minimum TOEFL score of meeting 550 (paper based), 79 (Internet based), or a minimum score of 6.5 on the University's English Language Proficiency requirement. This requirement may be satisfied by: IELTS, taken within the preceding two years.

Presenting institution (or institution in a valid minimum score of county where English is the native language) with at least 24 transferable credit hours and completion of 550 on the Institutional Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), a 79 on the Internet based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), a minimum score of 6.5 on the International English Language Testing System Academic (IELTS), a 58 on the Pearson Test of English (PTE-Academic), a 3.9 on the International Test of English Proficiency-Academic (iTEP), Composition I and II with a grade of "C" or a 176 on the Cambridge Assessment English C1 Advanced (C1 Advanced), an ACT English subscore of 19, above will not be required to submit the TOEFL or an SAT Evidence Based Reading and Writing Subscore of 500 at the time of application. IELTS for admission consideration: Demonstrating completion of Students who have completed grades 10-12 at a U.S. accredited high school . accredited high school and have a satisfactory ACT English subscore may request a review for waiver of this requirement. Presenting with at least 24 transferable credit hours Students transferring from an accredited U.S. institution (or institution in a county where English is the native language) with at least 24 transferable credit hours and completion of English Composition I and II with a grade of "C" or above will not be required to submit the TOEFL or IELTS for admission consideration. Applicants who meet the academic and financial requirements but who do not meet the English proficiency requirement of the University of Arkansas will be offered conditional admission to attend an intensive English program through the Spring International Language Center. institution (or institution Students will be eligible to enroll in a country where English is the native language) and University of Arkansas academic courses upon successful completion of English Composition I and II the highest level of the intensive English program with a 3.00 grade of "C" or above . average and recommendation of the director of Spring International: Receiving a wavier on a case by case basis from the Director of International Admissions by providing evidence of alternate English language competency including but not limited to Duolingo (DET) exam scores, prior successful coursework at a high school, college, or university in an English speaking country, or successful participation in West African Senior Examination Certificate (WASSCE) programs, International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGSCE) programs, or International Baccalaureate (IB).

Degree-seeking applicants Applicants who meet the academic and financial requirements but who do not meet the English proficiency requirement of the University of Arkansas may will be offered conditional admission to their intended degree programs and admission as a non-degree undergraduate student to complete attend an Intensive intensive English course sequence at program through the University of Arkansas. Students may fulfill the English proficiency requirement and be granted full admission to the University of Arkansas upon successful completion of ELAC 0603 with a grade average of "B" or better. Spring International Language Center.

An entering degree-seeking freshman who has completed secondary school at either U.S. or foreign institutions must have a) the equivalent of a final cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (or its equivalent) and b) competency equivalent to that developed by taking four years of English and three years each of mathematics, natural sciences, and social studies, and an additional three units of electives chosen from English, speech, foreign languages, mathematics, natural sciences, or social studies in U.S. high schools.

A student transferring with fewer than 24 semester hours of post-secondary coursework at either U.S. or foreign institutions must a) have a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.00 ~~2.50~~ (or its equivalent) on all post-secondary coursework attempted, and b) meet the requirements specified for entering freshmen. A student transferring from either a U.S. or foreign post-secondary institution with at least 24 semester hours must have the equivalent of a cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 ~~2.50~~ on all post-secondary course work attempted.

Non-degree seeking applicants, regardless of citizenship, whose first language is not English must present evidence of meeting the English Language Proficiency Requirement by one of these three methods:

Presenting a valid minimum score of 527 on the Institutional Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), a 71 on the Internet based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), a minimum score of 6.0 on the International English Language Testing System Academic (IELTS), an ACT English subscore of 19, or an SAT Evidence Based Reading and Writing Subscore of 500 or an equivalent test as approved by the Office of International Admissions at the time of application.

Be currently enrolled in “good standing” as a degree-seeking student at another college or university in a country where the native language is English or have had enrollment in such a college or university within the last 12 calendar months from the time of application and their status at the end of the previous enrollment was “good standing.”

Be approved by the Director of the Office of International Admissions for a waiver of the English Language Requirement based on the applicant’s academic or professional background.

A non-refundable international application fee ~~of \$50~~ is required for all international ~~international~~ applicants. All applications and supporting documents must be submitted by May 31 for the fall semester; October 31 for the spring semester; and March 1 for the summer sessions. Any international student returning to the university after an absence of a full semester (fall or spring) or more must submit an application for readmission. ~~admission~~. For these students, the application deadlines are August 15 for the fall term and January 1 for the spring term. It should be noted that a student previously enrolled at the University of Arkansas who takes a full term of courses elsewhere and then seeks readmission to the university returns as a transfer student and must meet university admission requirements for international transfer students, submit a photocopy of the I-20 issued by the transferring institution, and submit a new financial statement. An application fee is not required for returning students.

For specific admission requirements and application materials pertaining to students on F-1, J-1, or any non-immigrant visas, applicants should write directly to: to the International Admission Office, 340 N.

International Admission Office

340 N. Campus Drive

213 Gearhart Hall

1 University of Arkansas

Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701

1-479-575-6246

iao@uark.edu.

Campus Drive, 213 Gearhart Hall, 1 University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701, or call 1-479-575-6246 or e-mail iao@uark.edu. Please see the section ~~section~~ Placement and Proficiency Tests for ~~for~~ university policy regarding English language use by non-native speakers.

Description and justification of the request

Description of specific change	Justification for this change
Updated and clarified English proficiency test scores to include specific references to scores for DET and WASSCE.	The language referring to WASSCE and DET have been moved here to increase clarity of when and how they can be used.
Added language about the intensive English language course sequence for conditionally admitted students.	A new intensive English language course sequence have been developed for conditionally admitted students and language has been added to the admissions policy to include that.
A word document that shows the exact changes is also attached.	

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Reviewer Comments

**Alice Griffin (agriffin) (02/13/23 9:35 am):** Corrected a typo with item 3 and submitter's permission. Uploaded revised attachment as well.

**Gina Daugherty (gdaugher) (02/13/23 2:01 pm):** Removed Undergraduate Council from workflow.