

REPORT OF
ADMISSIONS COMMITTEEChange in Admission Policy for Foreign Students, University Bulletin,
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Present Wording

Admission of Foreign Students

Foreign applicants must send a complete application including all test scores, school records and financial statements to the Admissions Office at least 90 days before the beginning of the semester they wish to enter. Applications arriving after the deadline will be considered for the next available term.

All applicants for admission from foreign countries are required to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test of the College Entrance Examination Board and have an official copy of the results sent to the Admissions Office. Information about the test is available from United States embassies, consulates or offices of the United States Information Agency. If necessary, students may write to Scholastic Aptitude Test, Foreign Edition, Box 592, Princeton, New Jersey 08540, USA. Applicants from foreign institutions must meet freshman admission requirements while those entering from another college in the United States must meet transfer requirements. Limits on the number of foreign students and the entrance requirements vary from one program to another.

Foreign applicants will not be admitted until they can establish their ability to pay for education expenses (approximately \$10,500 or more for each year of study at the University). The policies of certain countries have created financial difficulties for their nationals studying at USC. Applicants from these countries will be so notified and required to make an advance deposit of expenses. Applicants from other nations must submit bank statements and certified statements of financial support to satisfy this requirement. Foreign applicants should not expect to obtain any financial assistance from the University.

All foreign applicants must submit evidence of proficiency in English adequate for doing college work. Satisfactory scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) are required. In addition, students whose native language is not English are required to take a diagnostic test in English after they arrive at the University. Students with deficiencies are provided an opportunity for further study in reading, writing, and speaking English.

Proposed Wording

Admission of International Students*

The University of South Carolina welcomes the application of qualified international students. At least 90 days before the beginning of the semester they wish to enter, students must send a complete application, including standardized test scores, school records and financial statements to the Office of Admissions. Applications arriving after the deadline will be considered for the next term.

International applicants must be proficient in the English language. A score of 550 or above on the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) is required. TOEFL scores are not required for international students from countries where the primary language of instruction is English nor from graduates of high schools in the United States.

International students must demonstrate sufficient proficiency in written and oral English to progress at the University level. An English proficiency test will be administered to all international students upon arrival at the University. Students who are not proficient in English will be required to take non-credit, concentrated English language training until proficiency is demonstrated.

In many of our University programs, minimum Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores are required for admission. It is therefore recommended that international students take the SAT before applying to the University.

In addition, freshman applicants must have completed a level of education equivalent to that of students entering from accredited secondary schools in the United States and have superior grades on their school work. Applicants who seek to enter from another college or university in the United States must meet transfer admission requirements.

International applicants will not be admitted until they establish their ability to pay education expenses (approximately \$11,300 for each year of study). The policies of certain countries have created financial difficulties for their citizens studying at the University. Applicants from these countries

Foreign students participate in a special orientation program when they enter the University. A Foreign Student Adviser is available to help international students adjust to campus life. The University provides a non-credit program for intensive English language training which may be required for applicants before admission to credit courses. Admission to the English Program for Internationals does NOT guarantee admission to other university courses unless the student applies to the Undergraduate Admissions Office and is accepted for both programs.

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*Applicants who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States.