

# International Student Admission and Programs

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The Office of International Students and Scholars (ISS) is committed to providing quality services to international students, scholars, and their families, and to helping them to succeed, both academically and personally, in a caring and nurturing environment. ISS provides leadership and support to enhance the academic, social, and personal interactions of students and scholars while at USU, in the Logan community, and beyond. These services include, but are not limited to, international admissions, academic and cultural orientation programs, general and academic advising, transportation, conflict resolutions and mediation, immigration matters including SEVIS, peer mentoring, and cultural events planning. ISS also provides referrals to other campus units, including Student Health and Wellness Center, Counseling Center, Academic Resource Center, University Advising and Transfer Services, Housing and Food Services, Intensive English Language Institute, Registrar's Office, Cashiers Office, Student Employment, and Career Services, to ensure academic success through graduation.

## Undergraduate Admission Requirements

**International Undergraduate Student Admission.** The following fees, documents, and information should be submitted to ISS four months (January 15, summer semester; April 15, fall semester; September 15, spring semester) prior to the beginning of the semester for which an international student wishes to be considered for admission:

1. Utah State University international application for admission and a \$50 nonrefundable application fee. Applications submitted after the recommending filing date will be charged an additional \$15 nonrefundable late fee.
2. Official transcripts and certificates or certified true copies for each secondary school, college, and university attended with official English translation of all documents.
3. Evidence of financial capability must be provided with the application, as specified on the application form.
4. International students must be proficient in the use of English. Proficiency is determined for undergraduates by a minimum TOEFL score of 500 on the manual (paper/pencil) test or 173 on the computerized test, a minimum IELTS score of 5.0, a Michigan test score of 80, or by passing level 4 (advanced level) of the Intensive English program at Utah State University.

Qualified students in level 4 (advanced level) of Intensive English may take one or more academic courses if approved by the Intensive English faculty and their academic advisor. Students at any level may audit academic courses with instructor's approval. Audited courses are not recognized by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) toward the requirement of carrying a full course of study.

Failure to carry a full course of study (at least 12 credits per semester for undergraduates), failure to make satisfactory progress toward the receipt of an undergraduate or advanced degree, or failure to comply with any other immigration requirements for students attending USU will be grounds for suspension or dismissal in accordance with existing University policy.

**SEVIS.** SEVIS is an internet-based system that allows schools and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to exchange data on the visa status of international students. Accurate and current information is transmitted electronically throughout an F-1 or J-1 student's academic career and throughout a J-1 scholar's stay in the United States. U.S. embassies and consulates will also have access to SEVIS.

The University is committed to assisting students in the following ways, to prevent status violations from occurring:

1. ISS will require mandatory orientation programs for all newly enrolled international students. The new rules and regulations will be thoroughly discussed and explained.
2. ISS will offer orientation for all newly arrived international scholars.
3. Informational sessions will be offered throughout the semester for students and scholars who are already on campus.

**International Scholarships.** Utah State University offers a limited amount of scholarships to international students. For more information, visit the ISS website: <http://www.usu.edu/iss>.

**Transfer Student Admission.** Applicants with at least 24 semester credits earned at another recognized institution will be admitted if they have a transfer GPA of 2.50 or higher. Those transfer students having a GPA between 2.20 and 2.49 will be considered on an individual basis. Many USU undergraduate majors require a higher GPA for admission. For specific GPA requirements, refer to this catalog or consult the departments. In cases where the student is admissible to the University but does not meet the minimum GPA requirement for admission to the desired major, admission will be offered as an "undeclared" major. Applicants having fewer than 24 semester transfer credits must submit an official high school transcript (including a translated version). Official transcripts of credit must accompany applications for admission when submitted by students who have attended other collegiate institutions. Transcripts submitted for admission become the property of the University and are not returned. *Transcripts from all institutions previously attended are*

*required (including a translated version).* At its discretion, the University may accept transfer credit from accredited and nonaccredited institutions and miscellaneous sources. **Acceptance of credit should not be confused with its application. Transfer credit may or may not apply to the graduation requirements of an institution, regardless of the number of credits transferred.** Students who would like their college or university work considered for transfer credit must include a course syllabus or description (translated into English) of this work.

**Readmission.** Students who have not been in attendance for a semester or more are required to reapply for admission for the next semester. They must also reapply for the next semester if they have withdrawn from the University or if suspension or graduation occurred at the conclusion of their previous semester. See page 18 for readmission deadlines for students who are subject to academic action (probation or suspension).

**International Baccalaureate.** USU recognizes the International Baccalaureate diploma and awards credits for General Education requirements, excluding the Breadth American Institutions, Communications Literacy, and mathematics Quantitative Literacy requirements necessary for graduation. Students who have not completed the International Baccalaureate diploma receive 8 credits for scores of 5, 6, or 7 achieved on the higher-level exams.

Credit achieved through the International Baccalaureate examinations may not be duplicated with Advanced Placement (AP) credit.

**Graduate Admission.** Any student who has graduated from USU or any other university must apply to the School of Graduate Studies for admission and present two copies of official transcripts. Refer to pages 90-91 for further information.

### ***Required New International Student Orientation***

Newly admitted or readmitted students must participate in New International Student Orientation. This orientation is designed to assist students in making a successful transition to USU. In addition to registering for classes, students have the opportunity to receive individual advice about degree requirements, as well as vital information about immigration, health insurance, housing, student services, campus life, and athletics. This orientation also gives students a chance to make new friends. New and returning international students should be aware that a *registration hold* will be placed on their file until some form of orientation is completed. After admission to USU, students will receive information about New International Student Orientation.

New students who are required to take the IELI Placement Examination will be able to schedule an appointment at the orientation.

For further information, contact the ISS office by phone at (435) 797-1124 or by e-mail at [iss@cc.usu.edu](mailto:iss@cc.usu.edu).

### ***Undergraduate Graduation Requirements***

For further information, refer to pages 50-52 in this catalog.

**Intensive English Language Institute.** The Intensive English Language Institute (IELI) is an academic program in the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences. IELI teaches international students, residents, and refugees the English skills and cultural knowledge they need to be successful university students. IELI also trains international teaching assistants (ITAs) for USU. Information about the ITA training is available through the School of Graduate Studies. The IELI program accepts students seeking a degree at Utah State University, as well as students who want to study English for personal or professional reasons. Students may enroll to study *only* English.

Undergraduate students who apply to USU without a TOEFL score of at least 173 computerized or 500 manual (paper/pencil), or a minimum IELTS score of 5.0; and graduate students applying without a minimum TOEFL score of 213 computerized or 550 manual (paper/pencil), or a minimum IELTS score of 6.0, must take the IELI Placement Examination, given the first day of each semester, including the first day of the IELI summer session. Based on the examination results, students will be required to study in the IELI or exempted from further study and permitted to take classes in their major fields. For additional information, contact the Intensive English Language Institute (IELI) office by phone at (435) 797-2081 or by e-mail at [ieli@cc.usu.edu](mailto:ieli@cc.usu.edu).

### ***Special Programs***

**Community and University Friends of International Students and Scholars (CUFISS).** CUFISS is a collaboration between the University and community which helps facilitate with activities, as well as with cultural and educational opportunities. For additional information, contact the ISS office by phone at (435) 797-1124 or by e-mail at [iss@cc.usu.edu](mailto:iss@cc.usu.edu).

**Study Abroad Programs.** The USU Study Abroad Office provides information on a range of programs offering opportunities for study all over the world. USU offers many study abroad exchanges for a semester, academic year, or summer term in conjunction with other universities. Students can complete major or minor requirements while on study abroad. For further information, refer to page 69 in this catalog.