

International Undergraduate Admissions

Office Undergraduate Admissions

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International students are required to meet academic performance standards which are equivalent to those established for all domestic applicants; however, freshman students educated outside the United States are not required to participate in the ACT or SAT. Participation in such tests for students educated outside the U.S. is only necessary for students wishing to qualify for scholarship opportunities. (See "Undergraduate Admissions" for the academic performance standards).

Application Procedure

For purposes of admission, an international student is defined as "a student who is, or will be, in the United States on a non-immigrant student visa." This specifically refers to the Student (F) and Exchange Visitor (J) visas. To apply for admission all international students must submit:

1. An application for Admission and a fee of U.S. \$90.00 made payable to OSU.
2. An official or certified true copy of each academic record with a certified English translation. Students enrolled at U.S. institutions may have certified true copies of their foreign records sent by their current institution.
 - a. Secondary school records (yearly mark sheets or transcripts).
 - b. Records from each college of university attended (yearly mark sheets or transcripts).
 - c. National examination results.
3. Applications for international students are processed on a "rolling basis" just as domestic applicants; however, students are encouraged to submit materials by the following dates to ensure adequate time for their VISA interview process:
 - a. March 1 for Summer term
 - b. May 15 for Fall term
 - c. October 1 for Spring term
4. All new applicants for undergraduate study for whom English is a second language are required to present either a minimum paper-based score of 500, or a minimum Internet-based score of 61 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or a minimum score of 5.5 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), taken within the last two years.
5. Completed OSU financial guarantee form.
6. Freshman applicants educated within the United States must provide their official ACT or SAT score reports to OSU.

In extraordinary and deserving cases, the President or the President's designee may admit a student who fails to meet the above requirements. In these situations, the applicant must have demonstrated proficiency in the English language prior to admission. For further details, contact the Office of International Students and Scholars.

Transfer Admission

For the purpose of determining admission, a transfer student is one who has earned seven or more semester hours of college-level credit.

In evaluating college-level credit for course work completed outside of the U.S., OSU requires that the institution where the credit was earned and the program of study be recognized as tertiary level through the standards set by the country where the institution is located. OSU evaluates semester credit hours and grades earned based on U.S. equivalency standards.

Immigration Issues. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) require that international students file a statement with the University showing adequate financial support for their education. OSU has its own financial guarantee form that international students need to complete as a requirement to receive the I-20 or DS-2019. Oklahoma State University has limited financial assistance for international students.

Students should not plan to finance their education with employment at Oklahoma State University. Students who are accepted to OSU and maintain their immigration status while making appropriate progress toward their degrees may be eligible to apply for on-campus University employment for 20 hours

per week. However, students should take into consideration that campus employment opportunities are limited. Students holding F-1 or J-1 visas are rarely permitted by USCIS to work outside the University, and can be deported from the United States if they are found to be in violation of this regulation.

Electronic registration of immigration records into the USCIS Student Exchange and Visitor Information System (SEVIS) is mandatory for all international students pursuing education within the United States. International students must update their records in SEVIS prior to any change in their immigration information. This includes dropping below full-time status, changing local address, transferring to another institution, changing majors, withdrawing from classes, etc.

The OSU Office of International Students and Scholars (ISS) is responsible for entering those records into SEVIS. However, it is the student's responsibility to obtain and maintain the correct immigration status while in the U.S. Conditions that apply to F-1 and J-1 status are summarized on the I-20 or DS-2019 forms and explained in detail at the mandatory ISS International Student Orientation program. This orientation program occurs the week before classes begin each fall and spring semester. Students should make their travel plans accordingly. The Office of International Students and Scholars, located in 001 Classroom Building, should be contacted with questions related to SEVIS or individual immigration status issues at su-iss@okstate.edu.

Mandatory Health Insurance for Non-immigrant Students

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The Oklahoma State University Board of Regents requires that nonimmigrant students be covered by health insurance.

The OSU Student Insurance Policy is the recommended health insurance and will be billed to your student account automatically.

In the following cases a waiver from this policy may be granted:

1. The insurance premium will be waived for nonimmigrant students sponsored by the United States Government, a foreign government recognized by the United States of America, or certain international, government sponsored or non-governmental organizations. Such waivers will be based on the government or organization guaranteeing payment of all health care expenses including evacuation and repatriation.
2. The insurance premium will also be waived for students who provide documented evidence of health insurance coverage by an employer. Nonimmigrant students employed by OSU and eligible for both employer-provided insurance and international student health insurance may select between the two, as long as the insurance selected includes evacuation and repatriation coverage.
3. Students covered by a recognized private medical insurance plan with benefits equal to or better than those outlined below, may request a waiver from OSU's international student health insurance requirement. Coverage must be in effect from the first day of fall classes for a 12 month period. An alternate medical insurance plan must meet or exceed the following minimum requirements:
 - Medical benefits of at least \$50,000 per accident or illness
 - Evacuation benefits of at least \$7,500
 - Deductible does not exceed \$500 per accident or illness
 - Repatriation of remains benefit in the amount of \$10,000

To use alternate insurance, students must complete and submit a waiver request no later than the tenth day of classes. Once the waiver has been approved, a refund credit will be posted to the student's account. Please check your student account to confirm your waiver processing status. If your waiver has been denied, you will receive an e-mail with an explanation for the denial.

If you have an appointment as an OSU Graduate, Teaching or Research Assistant or Associate, OSU provides the student health insurance policy for you. You will not be required to submit a request for waiver.

Waivers are required to be submitted by the end of the tenth day of classes. Waiver forms can be found at: union.okstate.edu/iss/ProspectiveStudents/General.htm.