

Subject: International Student Admission
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All international students applying for admission to an undergraduate degree program must complete an international student application, and submit it to the Admissions Office at USCB. All international students must submit bank statements or certified statements for financial ability to provide approximately \$15,000 or more for twelve (12) months' total expenses. This is required before the I-20 certificate of eligibility can be signed. International applicants are also required to pay a \$500.00 processing fee before attending their first semester

Due to the difficulties associated with international postage and traveling, international students are encouraged to submit an application at least 5 months prior to the semester the student wishes to enter. Deadline for applications is July 1st for the fall semester and November 1st for the spring semester. International students who do not meet regular admission requirements and decide to petition for admission may not have adequate time to complete the admissions process. In such cases, their application will be considered for the following semester.

International Freshman Applicants

Freshmen applicants from other countries are required to submit:

- official copies of secondary school (high school) transcripts;
- TOEFL scores (550 on the standard or 213 on the computer-based version);

International Transfer Applicants

International students who are applying for admission and have completed courses at post-secondary institutions are considered to be transfer students, and must meet the transfer student requirements outlined in this bulletin under Transfer Admission. If the applicant has completed fewer than 30 semester hours of college-level work, he/she must meet both transfer and freshman entrance requirements. In addition to the application and fee, the international transfer student must submit:

- complete official transcripts of college-level courses through the time of application; these are to be supplemented by final transcripts to reflect complete academic work prior to beginning classes at the University. Transfer students who have earned a degree or taken any courses in countries outside the US must have an official transcript evaluated by a professional evaluation service. This evaluation must be forwarded directly to the USCB Admissions Office from the evaluation service. Students will not be considered for admissions until this evaluation is received;
- TOEFL scores (550 on the standard or 213 on the computer-based version).

- If the applicant has attempted less than 30 semester hours of college level work, complete official high school records must also be submitted.

The TOEFL requirement will be waived for a transfer student if the student has completed the equivalent of USCB's English 101 and 102 courses with a C or better at an accredited post-secondary institution in the US.

Transfer students who have earned a degree or taken any courses in countries outside the US must have an official transcript evaluated by a professional evaluation service. This evaluation must be forwarded directly to the USCB Admissions Office from the evaluation service. (A list of two professional Evaluation Services can be obtained from the USCB Admissions Office or found on the USCB web site at: www.USCB.edu/admissions). Students will not be considered for admission until this evaluation is received.

Waiver of Foreign Language Requirement for Bilingual Speakers Students whose native language is other than English, and who have scored either 500 on the paper-based or 173 on the computer-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), are exempt, without credit, from USC Beaufort's language requirement.

English-speaking students who document or certify native or near-native proficiency in a language other than English are also exempt, without credit, from this requirement.

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