International Freshmen

Freshman applicants are those who are either currently enrolled in high school, have graduated from high school and have not attended college/university, or have attended college/university and earned less than 30 transferable hours.

Application Deadlines

Fall Semester (begins in August) - 1 June

Spring Semester (begins in January) - 1 November

Summer Term (begins in June) - 1 March

How to Apply

1. Submit the Undergraduate Admission Application along with the $40 non-refundable application fee.
2. Academic Transcripts
   - Applicants who have graduated from a non-U.S. accredited high school or attended a non U.S. accredited college/ university must provide a professional transcript evaluation
   - That professional transcript evaluation must be completed by one of the following:
     - A NACES or AICE evaluator, or
     - World Education Services, or
     - IEE - International Education Evaluation, or
     - TEC (formerly SpanTran),
       Go to their Document Requirements page to see the specific items needed to submit
   - Official transcripts from any U.S. college/university attended must be submitted.
     A minimum 2.5 GPA is required.
   - Professional transcript evaluations of high school transcripts must include a **document-by-document evaluation with GPA calculation**
   - Professional transcript evaluations of college/university transcripts must include a **course-by-course evaluation with GPA calculation**
3. Official SAT and/or ACT scores
   - Applicants whose native language is English do not need to submit proof of English language proficiency but must submit official SAT or ACT test scores meeting traditional freshman requirements SAT/ACT is only required for students who have graduated high school within the last 5 years and have less than 30 transferable college credit hours..
   - **SAT:** 480 Evidence-Based Reading/Writing and 440 Math
   - **ACT:** 17 English or 17 Reading and 17 Math

   SAT/ACT test score requirements are waived for freshmen with a 3.0 or higher in their Required High School Curriculum through Summer 2024.
4. Proof of English language proficiency

PLEASE NOTE: We no longer accept Duolingo test scores.

Applicants whose native language is not English must provide evidence of English language proficiency. The English proficiency requirement may be fulfilled by meeting one of the following:

Test	Minimum Score Requirement
TOEFL - Test of English as a Foreign Language	69

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(Includes Computer Based (IBT), Home Edition, My Best, and Paper Edition) **Note that TOEFL Essentials will not be accepted** Institution code: 5123 ETS TOEFL Website	
IELTS - International English Language Testing System (Includes Indicator version; Indicator scores accepted through December 2023)	6.0 (Overall Band Score)
SAT Evidence-Based Reading/Writing	480
ACT English or ACT Reading	17
EIKEN	Pre-1
MET - Michigan English Test	59
Cambridge FCE, CAE, or CPE	177
Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) - IGCSE and "O" Level English Exams	D or better
UK GCSE English Exam	C or better
UK GCE A-Level English Exam	C or better
Edexcel International A-Levels and IGCSE English Exams	D or better
Pearson (PTE) Academic (conventional and online)	58

Receiving an I-20

Applicants applying for an F-1 student visa will need to be issued an I-20 from Columbus State University. An I-20 will only be issued to students who have been fully admitted to CSU and have provided the required financial documentation. Once accepted, a completed Financial Guarantee form, bank statement, and copy of passport must be submitted to the Admissions Office.

Immunizations

All students must submit a completed Immunization Record before registering for any classes.

Conditional Admission

Columbus State University offers conditional admission to qualified applicants providing all academic requirements for admission have been met, but there is insufficient English language proficiency. Conditionally admitted students will be required to enroll in the English Language Institute (ELI) and successfully meet minimum TOEFL requirements before enrolling in degree-seeking courses at Columbus State University. A student may remain on conditional admission status for no more than three semesters.