

# International Graduate

International graduate students at Columbus State must have obtained a Bachelor's degree from either a foreign or U.S. institution. Foreign degrees must be professionally evaluated to confirm U.S. equivalency.

## Graduate School Requirements

Please review the [specific graduate degree page](#) for **additional** requirements.

## Application

Complete [the online Graduate International application](#) and submit the non-refundable \$50 application fee.

## Application Fee

The non-refundable \$50 application fee (not required for former CSU students) [can be paid](#) separately if needed.

## Application Deadlines

**Fall Semester (begins in August)** - 1 May

**Spring Semester (begins in January)** - 1 October

**Summer Term (begins in June)** - 1 March

## Transcript Evaluation

- Applicants who have graduated from a non-U.S. accredited college/ university or who have attended a non-U.S. accredited college/ university must provide a course-by-course professional evaluation with GPA calculation of all foreign college credits.
- Please contact the evaluation company directly to see what they require to perform your evaluation.
- CSU must receive the original evaluation directly from the evaluation company.
- Transcripts from any U.S. colleges attended are also required.
- Professional transcript evaluations must be completed by one of the following:
  - [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

## English Language Proficiency Requirement

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

**Exceptions to the English proficiency requirement:**

- Applicants who have attended a U.S. College and have taken ENG 1101 and 1102 with a passing grade of C or better.
- Applicants holding a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university.

**Conditional Admission:**

Columbus State University offers conditional admission to qualified applicants if the academic requirements for admission have been met, but there is insufficient English proficiency. To be eligible for Conditional admission, applicants must meet one of the following:

- [IELTS](#) score of 4.5
- [TOEFL](#) score of either 480 or better (paper test), 54 (Internet-based test)

Conditionally admitted students will be required to take certain courses in the [English Language Institute \(ELI\)](#) and successfully meet minimum TOEFL or IELTS requirements before taking other courses at Columbus State University. A student may remain on conditional admission status for no more than three semesters.

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## Receiving an I-20

A completed [Financial Guarantee Form](#) must be completed and supplemented with an original bank statement or letter stating the required amount is available. If the student has a sponsor the sponsor must provide a letter stating what expenses they are covering and must provide the required guarantee form and bank document. Bank documents must be original and be mailed to the university.

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](#), a bank statement, and a copy of your passport must be submitted to the Admissions Office.

## Immunizations

All students must turn in a completed [Immunization Form](#) before registering for classes.

## Contact

If you have any questions or concerns please contact:

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