

Policy 5070--[Proposed Revisions](#)

5070.1 Application Procedures

Application materials should be requested from the University Center for International Education (UCIE). Applications for admission from applicants outside the United States should be submitted at least one term prior to the term in which the students wish to begin studies at Wright State University. International transfer students from U.S. colleges and universities, or international applicants already in the United States, must apply at least three months prior to the term in which they wish to begin their studies.

5070.2 Additional Admission Requirements

A. Graduate applicants must have earned a baccalaureate degree equivalent to a degree from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university **OR** meet the requirements of WSU Policy 5040.

B. Only an official transcript and the English translation will be accepted as evidence of academic preparation. If the **UCIE** cannot evaluate the credentials, the applicant will be required to submit his or her credentials to an evaluation service. The student must bear the cost of the evaluation.

C. International students must submit official transcripts to be considered for admission to the College of Graduate Programs and Honors Studies. This requirement can be fulfilled by the submission of official transcripts or copies of official transcripts that are attested by the issuing university's Registrar, Principal or Controller of Exams. **To** be considered official, the attested copy must contain the university's stamped or embossed seal. In certain exceptional cases when students who have applied for admission while in the U.S. prove that it is impossible to obtain additional official transcripts or attested copies from their international schools, the **UCIE** may attest copies of official international transcripts. These attested copies can be used for admitting students into the College of Graduate Programs and Honors Studies.

5070.3 English Proficiency

International applicants whose native language is not English and who do not have an undergraduate or graduate degree from a regionally accredited U.S. academic institution must demonstrate proficiency in English. English proficiency **may be demonstrated by meeting required threshold scores on proficiency tests vetted and recommended by TESOL faculty and approved by the International Education Advisory Committee (IEAC).** Applicants for regular degree status may not submit, and graduate programs may not accept, other tests of English ability in place of **IEAC approved** tests, without prior permission from the College of Graduate Programs and Honors Studies. Departments may set higher requirements, particularly for students who have applied for graduate teaching assistant positions. International students who have an undergraduate or graduate degree from a regionally accredited U.S. academic are not normally required to take **an approved English proficiency exam.** Academic programs may, however, require that international students with a U.S. degree take the **English proficiency exam** as an admission requirement. In addition, international students may be

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required by their academic advisors to take a university administered English writing placement test. The results of this test will be used to advise students in regard to supplemental on-campus classes required to strengthen their English skills.

Students who have graduated from a school in a country where English is the official language for higher education will not be required to demonstrate English proficiency. The list of countries can be found on the following website: <https://www.wright.edu/international-education/international-students/english-as-official-language>.

International applicants who are seeking Transient Status ([UP# 5010](#)) and who intend to return to their home institutions to complete their degree are required to take the [English proficiency exam](#) for diagnostic purposes but are exempt from the above requirements, although they still have to meet the admissions requirements set by the academic program to which they are applying.

International applicants who have provided fraudulent English proficiency exam results may be asked to provide an alternative exam or may face academic dismissal from the University.

5070.4 Financial Support

1. Wright State University must be assured that all international applicants have adequate financial resources while attending the University. Generally the award of a graduate assistantship at the time of the admission decision will meet this requirement. However, if the applicant is relying on personal resources or is being sponsored, a financial statement form, affidavit of support, and an official bank statement indicating the amount of money available to the applicant for the purpose of studying at Wright State University must be provided.
2. Those applicants financing their own education from personal or family funds must also submit an official bank statement together with the financial statement. Students must meet the minimum dollar requirement as established by UCIE.

5070.5 Immigration Regulations

When the student has met the above requirements and has been admitted to the University, a Form I-20 will be issued by the Director of International Student and Scholar Services (for students applying for the F-1 visa). Students already in the United States who wish to transfer from another university and are “out of status” should be advised that they would have to apply to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for reinstatement.

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International students on the F-1 student visa program applying for non-degree status must meet either the proficiency requirements specified above or one of the following requirements:¶
a minimum score of Level B2 on the Cambridge English Qualification¶
a minimum score of 750 on the Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC)¶
a minimum score of 1160 on the Global Test of English Communication (GTEC)¶

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