

Additional Information for International Applicants:

Required Documentation:

Copies of the official transcripts, degrees/diplomas, and certified translations may be accepted for the application process only. These copies will be considered unofficial until original copies are presented. **Upon an offer of admission the official documents must be presented at or before the orientation session for the program to which you have been admitted.**

Transcripts/Degrees

All applicants must submit official copies (in the native language) of each transcript, mark sheet and diploma/degree certificate from each university or college from which a degree was earned. In addition, *certified* English translations of all documents must be presented. A notarized translation is not considered official nor is a translation by the applicant. A certified private translator or official translation agency (such as, <http://www.jsilny.com/html/translations.htm>) may be used by the applicant if your institution does not provide certified translations of your transcripts and degree statements.

International candidates must have a college-level education that is equivalent to a four-year U.S. bachelor's degree. Transcripts are reviewed by the University of Florida Office of Graduate Admissions once an application for admission has been submitted. If there is doubt regarding degree equivalency, transcripts may also be evaluated by an outside agency such as www.wes.org. Credential evaluation reports prepared by private agencies cannot be submitted in place of transcripts, but may be submitted as supporting documentation.

English Language Proficiency Exams

Applicants must submit official results from **one** of the following English language proficiency exams, or have documented successful completion of the University of Florida English Language Institute Program.

TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)

Minimum scores:

- Internet-based - 80
- Computer-based - 213
- Paper-based - 550

IELTS (International English Language Testing System)

Minimum score: 6

MELAB (Michigan English Language Assessment Battery)

Minimum score: 77

Exceptions include:

- Applicant is a citizen of a country where English is an official language
- Applicant has spent at least one academic year as a full-time student at a college or university in a country where English is an official language
- Applicant has earned a prior bachelor's degree, master's degree or doctoral degree at an accredited university in the United States.
- Applicant is a citizen of an exempt country listed on the following website:
<http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/intl/admissioninfo.html#testscorereqs>

Immigration Documentation:

Please submit copies of your current immigration documentation along with your application materials. Example: Resident Alien Card

Certificate of Financial Responsibility (CFR):

Once an applicant is admitted, they will be contacted by a representative from the UF International Center with further instructions on how to submit the CFR, and initiate the I-20 process.

Questions or concerns please contact:

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