

ADMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The University of Mississippi welcomes the enrollment of qualified international students. Any applicant who does not hold U.S. citizenship, regardless of where he or she resides, is considered “international” and must check “international student” on his or her online application.

International students fall into the following categories:

Degree-seeking students: Applicants intending to enroll in an academic degree program, applying for “conditional admission,” or intending to take courses in preparation for a graduate degree program or for personal enrichment.

Exchange students, incoming study abroad students, visiting students, etc.: See <http://studyabroad.olemiss.edu/?go=incoming> for information on requirements for admission as a non-degree-seeking student.

Intensive English Language (IEP) students: For information on requirements for admission as an English language learner visit this link: <https://iep.olemiss.edu/how-to-apply/>

Summer College for High School Students Eligibility and Enrollment through the Office of Outreach:

http://www.outreach.olemiss.edu/schs/international_students.html

Accelerator Program students: Applicants who do not initially meet the English language proficiency minimum score and/or the minimum grade-point-average may enroll in an undergraduate accelerator program. See <insert OMI link> for more information.

Application Forms, Fees, and Deadlines

International students interested in undergraduate admission must apply online at <http://www.international.olemiss.edu/apply.html>. A nonrefundable application fee of \$60 (subject to change) must accompany the online application. Applications submitted without this fee will not be processed. International applicants are strongly encouraged to apply for admission no later than six months prior to their desired enrollment term. Priority application deadlines are April 1 for fall term admission and October 1 for spring term admission, but admissions are on a rolling basis. (Fall term begins in mid-August; spring term begins in mid-January.)

Requirements and Criteria for International Admission

The documents required to accompany the online form and application fee, and the criteria for admission to a degree program, depend on the applicant’s classification and on where he/she has received his/her previous education.

Classification

International Freshman: An international applicant who has completed the equivalent of 12 years or more of elementary and secondary schooling based on his/her country's educational system and who has never attended a college or university.

International Transfer: An international applicant who has already completed course work at the higher education level (college or university), including a person who holds a bachelor's degree or its equivalent from an accredited college or university and who is interested in taking additional undergraduate course work.

Location of Prior Education:

Abroad: The secondary school from which the freshman applicant graduated, or the college or university from which the transfer applicant is transferring, is outside the U.S.

U.S.-outside Mississippi: The high school from which the freshman applicant has graduated, or the college or university from which the transfer applicant is transferring, is located within the U.S. but outside the state of Mississippi.

Mississippi: The high school from which the freshman applicant has graduated, or the college or university from which the transfer applicant is transferring, is located within the state of Mississippi.

International Freshman/Transfer applicants graduating from a secondary school or transferring from a college or university abroad must provide the following items and meet the following criteria. Submit in hard-copy format to the Office of International Programs or to Ole Miss International electronically the following items:

1. Official or officially certified transcripts and degree certificates.
 - Freshman:
 - Official English language transcripts from secondary school(s) attended; degree certificate if already graduated
 - Evidence of college preparatory curriculum, achieving a minimum 3.00 cumulative high school grade-point-average on a 4.00 scale (or its equivalent)
 - Transfer:
 - Official English language transcripts from all colleges and universities attended; degree certificate if already graduated
 - Minimum 2.50 cumulative college or university grade-point-average on a 4.00 scale (or its equivalent)
 - Students who have completed less than 30 credits (or the equivalent of one year of full-time enrollment) at a college or university: Official English language transcripts and degree certificates from secondary school(s)
2. Copy of passport identification pages, if available, to help ensure accuracy of name and birth date
3. [Affidavit of Financial Support](#) if intending to hold F-1 or J-1 visa status. Although not required for admission, submitting the affidavit with other application materials expedites the admissions/enrollment process.

4. English proficiency test score. Please see the English Proficiency requirements here: <link to EPR_Table.docx>

Students applying to the Accelerator Program must apply here: <OMI application link>.

International Freshman/Transfer applicants graduating from a secondary school or transferring from a college or university in the U.S., whether in Mississippi or elsewhere, must meet the admissions requirements as listed in the section titled Admission of Freshman and Transfer Students in this catalog. Additionally, they must provide:

1. Copy of passport identification pages, if available, to help ensure accuracy of name and birth date
2. [Affidavit of Financial Support](#) if intending to hold F-1 or J-1 visa status. Although not required for admission, submitting the affidavit with other application materials expedites the admissions/enrollment process.
3. English proficiency test score. Please see the English Proficiency requirements here: <link to EPR_Table.docx>
4. Copy of their U.S. visa or I-94 form (H4, L2, etc.), permanent resident card, or other documentation related to one's status in the U.S.

Pre-Professional Programs

Undergraduate international applicants may be admitted to pre-professional programs. But admission to a pre-professional program does not guarantee admission to the corresponding professional program. Admission to professional programs, to which Mississippi residents have priority consideration, is generally determined after students have completed a set of core courses as determined by the program. Undergraduate international students are not eligible for admission to the schools of Medicine, Nursing, and Dentistry.

English Language Proficiency Requirements for Admission to the University

Please see the undergraduate English Language Proficiency table at this page <link to EPR_Table.docx>.

Estimated Costs

The estimated minimum cost of attending the University of Mississippi for each 12-month period may be found at <https://international.olemiss.edu/cost-of-study/>. Costs include tuition (including base tuition and nonresident fees), the international student service fee, anticipated health insurance costs, and the estimated costs for housing, meals, and books.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services requires international applicants who intend to hold F-1 or J-1 status to provide evidence of solvency to meet the estimated costs (as set by the university) of at least the first year of study prior to the issuance of Form I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility for Non-Immigrant [F-1] Student Status for Academic and Language Study) or Form DS-2019 (Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor [J-1] Status). Evidence of solvency must be provided as part of the [Affidavit of Financial Support](#).

International Student Scholarships

Please contact the Office of International Programs for information on scholarships for international undergraduate students, or see

<http://www.international.olemiss.edu/finaidcurrent.html>.

Health Insurance for International Students

The University of Mississippi requires all international students who hold a temporary nonimmigrant status and who enroll in academic courses to have adequate health insurance coverage. Therefore, all international students, with the exception of those with H-1 status, will be automatically enrolled in the university-contracted student health insurance policy upon their registration for university courses for fall and spring semesters, with the cost of such policy subsequently added to each student's bursar bill. The policy includes health/medical insurance coverage as well as medical evacuation and repatriation of remains in the event of a medical emergency or death. Exemptions to the health insurance policy will be considered on the basis of pre-stated conditions on a case-by-case basis. For further information, please contact the Office of International Programs, or see <https://international.olemiss.edu/health-care-and-insurance/>.

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