INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

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Requests for information or admission materials should be made far enough in advance to allow processing before deadline dates set by Towson University.

International applicants who are accepted for admission usually begin studies in the fall term (late August) or the spring term (late January). The deadline for submitting an application and all documentation is May 15 for the fall term and December 1 for the spring term. Early application is strongly encouraged.

Applicants who are accepted for admission will receive the Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20). This document is used to apply for a student (F-1) visa at a U.S. Embassy or consulate overseas. It is also used for transferring from one institution in the United States to another. F-1 students are required to enroll each term as full-time degree candidates and take a minimum of 12 U.S. semester-hour units.

The following procedure should be completed by students applying for their American bachelor’s degree:

1. Obtain an international student admissions application.
   Contact:
   Office of International Admissions
   Towson University
   8000 York Road
   Towson, MD 21252-0001, U.S.A.
   Telephone: 410-704-6069
   Email: intladm@towson.edu

2. To be considered for admission, applicants are required to complete the official international undergraduate application. A nonrefundable, $45 USD application fee (personal credit card, check drawn at a U.S. bank or money order drafted in U.S. dollars) is required.

3. All international applicants must complete an admissions file, including:
   a. official or notarized secondary school academic records, showing grades received, annual mark sheets, examination certificates and leaving certificates, as they apply to the educational system in the student’s home country. Records must be received for the last three years of secondary school;
   b. official or notarized records (transcripts) of all colleges, universities, post-secondary, or professional schools attended;
   c. a notarized English translation of all documents. Translations must be as literal as possible with no attempt to translate information into the United States system of education. To evaluate post-secondary course work, it is sometimes necessary for the university to use a professional evaluation service at the applicant’s expense. The university will notify an applicant if this service is required;
   d. proof of English language proficiency for non-native English speakers by submitting either:
      i. an official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) results. All international students who do not speak English as their native language are required to take the TOEFL. A minimum score of 500 (paper-based), 173 (computer-based) or 61 (Internet-based) is required. The TOEFL website is www.toefl.org (http://www.toefl.org). The results will be reported to Towson if the university is indicated on the TOEFL application. The TU code number is 5404.
      ii. an SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score of at least 530; or
      iii. an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) minimum score of 5.5. The IELTS website is www.ielts.org (http://www.ielts.org).
   e. financial certification. Applicants are required to provide official financial statements that show funds are available annually to cover their tuition, fees and living expenses. Acceptable methods of financial verification are described in the international student application.

4. International students are required to pay out-of-state tuition.

5. Non-native speakers of English admitted to the university are required to take Towson’s English placement test to determine if preparatory college writing courses are needed.

6. Applicants holding other types of visas may also apply to Towson and should contact University Admissions for more information.