

Proposal:

Amend UofSC Columbia Undergraduate Bulletin “International Admissions” section to simplify reference to international admissions requirements. The proposed change directs reader to UG Admissions website access full policy detail for Columbia Undergraduate admissions.

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Background:

International admission detail in bulletin is only section pertaining to UG admissions that does not redirect reader to UG Admissions website. This change remedies the disparity and simplifies bulletin changes and policy updates moving forward.

Proposed changes on next page.

Current Policy (items subject to change in red)	Proposed Policy (changes highlighted in yellow)
<p data-bbox="203 304 516 327">Admission of International Students</p> <p data-bbox="203 357 797 588">The University of South Carolina welcomes the applications of qualified international students.¹ At least six months before the beginning of the semester they wish to enter, and in the case of freshman applicants, at least nine months beforehand, students must send a complete application, including standardized test scores, school records, and financial statements, to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Students who have attended colleges or universities outside of the United States are required to submit a professional credential evaluation of all work completed.</p> <p data-bbox="203 617 792 1094">International applicants must be proficient in the English language. A score of 550 or above on the paper version of the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) is required. (A score of 210 or higher on the computerized version is required, and a minimum score of 77 on the Internet version is required.) The Office of Undergraduate Admissions also accepts the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or the PTE Academic Test (PTE). Students must score at least a 6.5 on the IELTS, or at least a 53 on the PTE. English proficiency scores are not required for international students from countries where the primary language of instruction is English nor from graduates of high schools in the United States.</p> <p data-bbox="203 1129 797 1310">An English proficiency test will be administered to international students, except those from English-speaking countries, upon arrival at the University. All international students must demonstrate sufficient proficiency in written and oral English to progress at the University level. Students who are not proficient in English will be required to take noncredit, concentrated English language training until proficiency is demonstrated.</p> <p data-bbox="203 1346 792 1497">In addition, freshman applicants must have completed a level of education equivalent to that of students entering from accredited secondary schools in the United States and have superior grades on their school work. Applicants who seek to enter from another college or university in the United States must meet transfer admission requirements.</p> <p data-bbox="203 1533 797 1761">International applicants will not be allowed to enroll in classes until they establish their ability to pay education expenses. The policies of certain countries have created financial difficulties for their citizens studying at the University. Applicants from these countries will be so notified and required to make an advance deposit of expenses. Applicants from other nations must submit certification of financial support to satisfy this requirement. Some financial assistance from the University is available to qualified international students.</p> <p data-bbox="203 1797 769 1845">¹ Applicants who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States.</p>	<p data-bbox="820 304 1133 327">Admission of International Students</p> <p data-bbox="820 357 1414 588">The University of South Carolina welcomes the applications of qualified international students.¹ At least six months before the beginning of the semester they wish to enter, and in the case of freshman applicants, at least nine months beforehand, students must send a complete application, including standardized test scores, school records, and financial statements, to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Students who have attended colleges or universities outside of the United States are required to submit a professional credential evaluation of all work completed.</p> <p data-bbox="820 617 1409 869">International applicants must be proficient in the English language. Minimum English proficiency requirements are listed on the Undergraduate Admissions website. English proficiency scores are not required for international students from countries where the primary language of instruction is English nor from graduates of high schools in the United States.</p> <p data-bbox="820 905 1414 1085">An English proficiency test will be administered to international students, except those from English-speaking countries, upon arrival at the University. All international students must demonstrate sufficient proficiency in written and oral English to progress at the University level. Students who are not proficient in English will be required to take noncredit, concentrated English language training until proficiency is demonstrated.</p> <p data-bbox="820 1121 1409 1272">In addition, freshman applicants must have completed a level of education equivalent to that of students entering from accredited secondary schools in the United States and have superior grades on their school work. Applicants who seek to enter from another college or university in the United States must meet transfer admission requirements.</p> <p data-bbox="820 1308 1409 1459">International applicants will not be allowed to enroll in classes until they establish their ability to pay education expenses. The policies of certain countries have created financial difficulties for their citizens studying at the University. Applicants from these countries will be so notified and required to make an advance deposit of expenses.</p> <p data-bbox="820 1495 1409 1568">Applicants from other nations must submit certification of financial support to satisfy this requirement. Some financial assistance from the University is available to qualified international students.</p> <p data-bbox="820 1604 1390 1652">¹ Applicants who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States.</p>