



How to Apply as an International Student

- ✓ International students must apply in their respective countries for F1 student visas; in order to apply for this visa, you must have an I-20 from the college you plan to attend.
- ✓ Complete the online application
 - Fall application deadline: April 1st
 - Spring/Summer application deadline: October 1st
- ✓ Requirements for admission and issuance of an I-20:
 - Pay \$40 application fee
 - Official (or attested) copy of your transcript(s) from all high school records in your native language. In addition, if your transcript is not in English, you must submit a certified transcript translated into English by a school official.

- Submit a professional credentials evaluation with a GPA reported on a U.S. grading scale. Freshman (first-year) applicants must submit a document by document or course by course evaluation. If you apply before graduation from high school, you must submit an official (or attested) copy of all FINAL transcript(s) and an updated credentials evaluation after you graduate from high school. Your transcript(s) must include a graduation date.

- This can be completed by contacting one of the two companies that frequently provide us with credentials evaluations:

Josef Silny & Associates
International Education Consultants
7101 SW 102 Avenue
Miami, FL 33173
Web: www.jsilny.com
Phone: 305-273-1616

World Education Services, Inc.
PO Box 5087
Bowling Green Station
New York, NY 10274-5087
Web: www.wes.org
Phone: 212-966-6311

- If you have any previous college work, the same as above applies.
- TOEFL test score required to establish required English proficiency if students are not native English speakers. Our minimum requirement is 77 (internet version, which is the most common). If the score is not significantly lower, the application will be reviewed and considered for admission.
 - The following countries are exempt from the TOEFL requirement: American Samoa, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada (note: Quebec students must take the TOEFL), Dominica, Grenada, Grand Cayman, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Liberia, New Zealand, Sierra Leone, Trinidad/Tobago, and United Kingdom.
- Citizenship documentation from your home country/country of citizenship

- Acceptable documents include, but are not limited to, a copy of your current passport, ID card or visa.
- Certification of financial support form
 - Students must show financial support of at least \$32,000 if you are not receiving any scholarship or \$22,000 if you are receiving a scholarship of \$250 or more a semester (***This may change if tuition goes up in the fall.***) This may be proven with some type of bank statement and must be liquid funds. Regardless if students have no cost for room and board, they still must provide this evidence.
- Application for immigration document
 - This form can be emailed to you at your request by the USC Lancaster Office of Admissions.
- ✓ Requirements for enrollment:
 - International immunization form and acceptable proof of immunization
 - Proof of health insurance (USC does provide an option to purchase health insurance through the campus)
- ✓ Admission
 - Once all required credentials have been submitted and you have received an offer of admission to USC Lancaster, we will contact the USC Columbia International Student Services Office to begin the process of issuing an I-20.
 - Once you receive your I-20 in the mail, you must apply for a student visa in your country of residence.
- ✓ Claiming Your Account
 - Your acceptance packet will include your VIP ID and a temporary password, along with instructions that you will need to follow in order to finish setting up your account.
- ✓ Before departure from your home country/upon arrival in the US you will need to provide:
 - Scan of your port of entry stamp from your visa (provided upon arrival in the US)
 - I-94 (a screen shot is acceptable), which can be obtained here: <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/request.html;jsessionid=XJH6TjnTstdvPC72yxX2LOS7GILkk2hrYLyrpDQTVBQd2wv1fjpp!-887765640>
 - Scan of your SEVIS payment receipt
 - Complete the orientation module
 - The USC Columbia International Student Services Office will provide you with information on completing this module.
 - Please remember to take a screen shot of or print your passing score from the quiz at the end of the module.