

[8] Admission of International Students

All inquiries regarding undergraduate international admission should be addressed to and are processed by the ~~Office of UCA~~ International Engagement. Undergraduate international readmission applications are processed by the ~~Office of UCA~~ International Engagement and forwarded to the Registrar for readmission consideration.

International applicants to UCA, whose first language is not English, must demonstrate a satisfactory level of English proficiency. Students need a strong command of the English language to succeed academically.

To apply for admission as an undergraduate, international applicants must submit the following:

1. Application for Undergraduate Admission.
2. Non-refundable application fee of US \$50.00 drawn from a US bank, or an international money order.
3. Original or certified copies of all secondary school, college, and university transcripts, with a certified English translation of each. **Freshman Applicants:** Applicants who have completed secondary school and are applying for freshman (first year) admission must meet one of the following criteria:
 1. Secondary school cumulative grade point average of 2.50 or above on a 4.0 scale; or
 2. Rank in upper 40% of secondary school graduating class; or
 3. Composite ACT score of 19 or above or equivalent score on the SAT; or
 4. Five passes with credit on O-Level results.

~~Conditional Freshman Admission: An entering freshman may be conditionally admitted to UCA if the applicant has graduated from high school and meets the following criterion: cumulative high school grade point average (GPA) of 2.25 or above on a 4.0 grading scale on a minimum of six (6) semesters of high school work.~~

~~Conditionally admitted students must be admitted and enrolled in classes no later than noon of the day before the first day of class of their entering semester and must meet all terms of conditional admission as outlined by the University in order to continue enrollment.~~

Transfer Applicants:

Applicants who have previously attended a college and/or university and are applying for admission as transfer students must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above. For evaluation of university transfer credit, foreign transcripts must be accompanied by a UCA-recognized third-party credential evaluation. The ~~Office of UCA~~ International Engagement maintains a list of UCA-recognized third-party credential evaluators. Transfer applicants should also submit copies of their current I-20, passport, and I-94 card.

4. Applicants whose first language is not English must demonstrate proficiency by submitting one of the following:
 1. TOEFL PBT score of 500 or higher. ~~525 or higher~~
 2. ~~TOEFL CBT score of 173 or higher~~ (No longer given)
 3. TOEFL iBT score of 61 or higher ~~70 or higher~~
 4. IELTS **Academic** score of 5.5 or higher ~~6.0 or higher~~
 5. **ACT score of 19 or above on the English portion of the exam. UCA's ACT code is 0118.**
SAT score of 470 or above on the Writing portion of the SAT exam if. SAT score of UCA's SAT code is 6016.
(These in #5 are already listed on IE's admissions steps.)
 6. **Certified International Baccalaureate schools – IB World Schools**
 7. **International bilingual schools accredited by AdvancED. (FYI - AdvancED was created through a 2006 merger of the Pre-K – 12 divisions of the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI) and the Southern Association of Colleges and**

Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI) – and expanded through the addition of the Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC) in 2012.)

5. Scores must be less than two years old and be received directly from the Educational Testing Service (ETS); UCA's school code is 6012. A TOEFL score is not required of applicants who will complete the UCA's Intensive English Program before pursuing an undergraduate degree. Applicants can contact TOEFL, Educational Testing Service, P.O. Box 6151, USA, requesting a bulletin of information. The ~~Office of~~ UCA International Engagement maintains a list of English proficiency requirements exempt countries. Applicants from those countries who speak English as their first language, will be considered proficient in English. Applicants must also submit documentation of financial support, accompanied by a Confirmation of Financial Resources Form. Students must demonstrate the financial capacity as required by immigration regulations and by any Exchange Agreement or other agreements which may exist and apply to the student's situation. Such applicants must also submit a copy of the biographical page of their passport. Upon acceptance to the university, students will receive a letter of admission to UCA and a form I-20, as well as pre-arrival and orientation information.

6. **For Transfer students:** Grade of "C" or above in English Composition I or II from an accredited U.S. university or college.

[9] Admission of Students Whose First Language Is Not English

All applicants to UCA whose first language is not English must provide evidence of English language proficiency before beginning regular academic courses at the university. This includes immigrants, permanent residents, citizens, refugees, and international students. English language proficiency may be demonstrated by (1) submitting a minimum TOEFL score of ~~500~~ 525 on the paper-based test, or 173 on the computer-based test, or iBT score of 70 or higher that is less than two years old or (2) completing the advanced level of UCA's Intensive English Program with no individual course grade below a B. Students who do not submit a TOEFL score before the last day of the published extended late registration period at the beginning of each semester or summer session will be required to ~~participate enroll~~ in ~~UCA's the~~ UCA Intensive English Program.