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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICANTS
2021–2022

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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE at Worcester State University goes far beyond exceptional professors, abundant course offerings, and a history of being recognized as one of the nation's Best Colleges and Universities by U.S. News and World Report, The Princeton Review, and Money Magazine.

Imagine a competitive edge that you cannot automatically get anywhere else. Worcester State University is known as the Home of MajorPlus, which gives every student the opportunity to graduate with two majors or a major and minor within four years. This advantage doubles the value of your education, puts you ahead of your peers by increasing your marketability after graduation, and opens the door to endless opportunities.

With MajorPlus, you can learn, grow, and experience more, all within four years. By concentrating more on what you are interested in and not having to take classes that you don't want, MajorPlus was designed to give you a much stronger and fulfilling academic experience, with flexibility too. With more than 30 majors, 47 minors and a wide variety of concentrations from which to choose, MajorPlus offers boundless opportunities to pair disciplines to achieve your ideal potential.

Our goal is to help you achieve what's most important to you. MajorPlus delivers on that promise by allowing you to forge your own path with only those areas of study that are meaningful to you. Our students emerge from their academic experience ready to lead, to take on new challenges, and achieve their success.

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508-929-8040
ADMISSIONS@WORCESTER.EDU**



Frequently Asked Questions: (FAQ)

What are the application deadlines for international students?

International applicants should complete their applications by the deadlines listed below. We cannot guarantee that students completing applications after the published deadline will receive an admissions decision in time to process visa requests. Accordingly, late applications may be considered for a later semester at the discretion of the Admissions Committee.

If you are not currently in the United States, it may take several weeks to get an appointment at the appropriate US Embassy or Consulate in order to secure a visa. You are advised to start the admissions process well before the application deadline to allow plenty of time for us to receive and review credentials mailed from outside the United States. On average, applicants receive an admissions decision two to four weeks from the date their application file becomes complete.

FALL semester application deadline: **April 1st**

SPRING semester application deadline: **November 1st* (current F-1 visa holders only)**

Are there scholarships and financial aid available for international students?

International students are eligible for a merit scholarship up to \$15,000 USD (\$1,875 per semester for up to eight semesters or upon completion of degree). Students are automatically considered for a merit scholarship as part of the admission process and awarding is based on academic credentials. However, there are no need-based scholarships or financial aid for international students.

How much does it cost to attend Worcester State University?

For the 2021-2022 academic year, the following represents an estimated annual cost of attendance, which includes tuition, fees, living expenses, health insurance, and books:

Full-time **Undergraduate Students** - \$31,500

What happens after the completed application is received?

When your application becomes complete, the Admissions Committee will review your academic credentials and make a final admission decision. If you are admitted, Worcester State University will send an official letter of acceptance. A Certificate of Eligibility for non-immigrant status (form I-20) will be issued once an enrollment deposit is received and is granted for a specific semester only. If you are unable to attend during the designated semester, Worcester State should be notified immediately.

Can international students work on-campus?

Under federal regulations, international students at Worcester State are permitted to work on-campus up to 20 hours per week while school is in session. After one full academic year in F-1 student status, F-1 students may be eligible to apply for practical training authorization (i.e. CPT/OPT). Please contact the International Programs Office for more information.



International Student Admission Application Instructions

Thank you for your interest in Worcester State University! The Admissions Office welcomes students from countries around the world and we are excited that you are interested in joining our community. Below is information you will need to apply to Worcester State University as an international student.

For assistance, additional information, or to contact the local international student advisor in your home country, visit Education USA at www.educationusa.state.gov and Study in the States at <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/>.

Before Applying to WSU

Pertinent academic documents and transcripts from institutions outside of the U.S. supporting an application for admission must be submitted directly to a credential evaluation agency. The following is a list of acceptable agencies:

Center for Educational Documentation	www.cedevaluations.com
Education Evaluators International	www.educei.com
Josef & Silny & Associates, Inc.	www.jsilny.org
Spantran Evaluation Company	www.spantran.com
World Education Services	www.wes.org

All applicants must submit the following to a credential evaluation agency:

– **An official high school record, leaving certificate, and/or graduation examination results (e.g., A levels, GCSE, WASSCE, CBSE, ISCE, CXC, CAPE, etc).**

– **Official post-secondary school/ University studies record and transcripts from all institutions attended (if applicable)**

Students who have attended international post-secondary schools must submit official copies of all transcripts and certified English translations of these transcripts to an evaluation agency. A course-by-course evaluation should be requested and students wishing to transfer credit completed at a non-U.S. institution must be prepared to submit a course description and/or syllabus to the appropriate academic department chair in order to be granted credit.

– **Official certified English translations of all academic records not printed in English (if applicable)**

Photocopies or FAX copies of secondary or post-secondary school records will not be accepted for review under any circumstances.

Any documents mailed to Worcester State University become property of the institution.



Before an Application is Reviewed

All of the following documents must be submitted to:

**Worcester State University
Undergraduate Admissions Office
486 Chandler Street
Worcester, MA 01602
USA**

- Current application form and \$50 non-refundable application fee
www.worcester.edu/admissions

A current application for full time Undergraduate Day Admission should be submitted directly to the Undergraduate Admissions Office at WSU. Payment may be made by check or money order issued in U.S. dollars (USD) and made payable to Worcester State University. The application-completion deadline is **April 1st** for September admission and **November 1st** for January admission. Please note that the applicant's permanent international address must be included on the application form.

*Nursing and Occupational Therapy applicants **must** submit all materials by the priority deadline of January 15, 2022.*

- **Standardized Testing (SAT)**
First-year international applicants have the opportunity to apply as test-optional and must opt-in on the application to waive the SAT score. If you plan to submit SAT results you can self-report scores on your application or submit via the College Board website (www.collegeboard.org). Transfer students with 12 or more transferable credits and a minimum GPA of a 2.5 would not be required to submit an SAT score report.
- **English Language Proficiency Exam**
All applicants whose native language is not English must submit exam. This can be accomplished by submitting results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (minimum required score 71 internet based test), International English Language Testing System (IELTS) (minimum required score: 6.0), or Duolingo (DET) (minimum score: 100). Please refer to the TOEFL and IELTS websites for available test dates and to register (www.ets.org/toefl or www.ielts.org). Additional English proficiency exams that are accepted along with minimum results requirements are **Pearson PTE 50; DAAD B2; EIKEN Pre-1, and ITEP 3.5**. Applicants who have received an Associate's degree from a regionally accredited United States college or university are not required to submit an English proficiency exam.
- **Affidavit of Financial Support**
All applicants must submit personal, family or sponsor information and bank documentation evidencing sufficient funds to cover the cost of attending the university. **The Affidavit of Financial Support must be completed and show access to sufficient funds (in US dollars) to attend the first year at the university.** The "Cost of Attendance" section can be found on page 7.
- **Photocopy of the applicant's current passport (First-year and transfer applicants)**
- **Transfer applicants must submit the following: F-1 Transfer Verification Form, copy of your current I-20, and copy of U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services-issued Visa.**

Evaluation of International Academic Documents

After all required official academic transcripts, translations, and international test scores, wherever applicable, are received by the credential evaluation agency, an evaluation of academic credentials will be completed and mailed to both the applicant and the Undergraduate Admissions Office. If, in the process of completing an evaluation, the agency determines that additional documents are required, applicants will be notified by the agency staff directly. The Admissions decision is made by the University Admissions staff after reviewing the evaluation submitted by the agency, together with all other required application documents. Applicants will be notified of an admissions decision as soon as one is made to the email address listed on the application and by postal mail.

Cost of Attendance

As an international student, you and your family or sponsors must assume all responsibility for your student expenses while attending Worcester State University. You must submit evidence of financial support as part of your application for admission. This information is required to complete Form I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility for Non-immigrant Student Status) which is necessary to obtain F-1 student status. Your I-20 can only be issued if you have been offered admission and have submitted the required financial documentation.

Annual Cost for Academic Year 2021-22*

Tuition & Fees	\$16,215
Room & Board	\$11,800
Health Insurance**	\$2,485
Books & Supplies	\$1,000

TOTAL \$31,500

Please Note: An additional \$6,000 per dependent (spouse/child) is required.

*Costs are subject to change without notice

**Massachusetts State Law requires that all full-time students participate in a health insurance plan

Affidavit of Financial Support

All international students must submit the following evidence of financial support:

1. The WSU **Affidavit of Financial Support** (page 7).
2. Supporting documentation for each of the sponsors and each of the accounts listed in the form of a letter from a bank official verifying the sponsor's financial account information OR a recent bank statement from each account that will be used to sponsor your education*.

* All letters and bank statements must be reflected in U.S. dollars and be written in English. These documents **will not** be returned.

Important Notice

The Office of International Programs will issue a Form I-20 only to those international students who complete the application process by the appropriate deadline, are academically acceptable to the University, satisfactorily submit financial documentation and the Affidavit of Financial Support, and subsequently are issued an official letter of acceptance to Worcester State University signed by the Director of Admissions. Once your enrollment deposit is received, the International Programs Office (IPO) will email you at your Worcester State Gmail account with the next steps regarding the Form I-20 issuance process. Please activate your Worcester State Gmail account as early as possible and check your email regularly.

If you have any additional questions that these instructions have not answered,
Please feel free to contact us:

Undergraduate Admissions Office

Contact: **Kirsh Donis**

Administration Building Room 248

Ph. (508) 929-8040

Fx. (508) 929-8183

Email: kdonis@worchester.edu

International Programs Office

Contact: **Katey Palumbo**

Student Center Room 317

Ph. (508) 929-8835

Fx. (508) 929-8102

Email: kpalumbo2@worchester.edu

Victoria Porteiro-Cejas

Student Center Room 317

Ph. (508) 929-8305

Fx. (508) 929-8102

Email: vporteirocejas@worchester.edu



International First-Year Student Checklist

- _____ Application for Admission (Paper or Online) www.worcester.edu/admissions ~ Click "Apply to WSU"
- _____ \$50.00 (USD) Application Fee—Check or Money Order made payable to Worcester State University
- _____ Official High School Transcript, Leaving Certificate, and/or Graduation Examination Results, with official English language translation (if applicable)
- _____ Official Evaluation of High School Transcript (Refer to Page 2)
- _____ Official English Proficiency score result if education was in a language other than English (TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo)
- _____ SAT Score Report for applicants who graduated from a secondary school within the past three years (WSU Institutional Code: 3524) Report not needed as test-optional candidate
- _____ Waiver of Confidential Information (optional)
- _____ Worcester State University Affidavit of Financial Support Form (Refer to Page 7)
- _____ Copy of Passport ID page

International Transfer Checklist

(Applicant has attended college/university)

- _____ Application for Admission (Paper or Online) www.worcester.edu/admissions ~ Click "Apply to WSU"
 - _____ \$50.00 (USD) Application Fee—Check or Money Order made payable to Worcester State University
 - _____ Official High School Transcript or National Exam Scores, with official English translation if applicable
 - _____ Evaluation of Official High School and College Transcript, with official English translation if applicable
 - _____ Official **course-by-course** Evaluation of all non-U.S. transcripts (Refer to Page 2)
 - _____ Official English Proficiency score result if education was in a language other than English ***Applicants with a Regionally Accredited Associates Degree are NOT required to submit English proficiency result***
 - _____ Waiver of Confidential Information (optional)
 - _____ Worcester State University Affidavit of Financial Support Form (Refer to Page 7)
 - _____ Copy of Passport ID page
 - _____ Copy of Current I-20
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WSU Transfer Notification form must be completed prior to the new I-20 issued. **Transfer students will need to inform the International Student Advisor at your most recent institution regarding your intention to transfer to WSU in order to facilitate the transfer of your SEVIS record.**



Affidavit of Financial Support for spring and fall entry 2022

Applicant Information

Applicant's Name: _____
Family (Last) Name Given Names Middle Name

Applicant's Date of Birth: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Applicant's Permanent Address: _____

Applicant's Mailing Address: _____

Applicant's Email Address: _____

Sponsor Information

Sponsor's Name: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Sponsor's Permanent Address: _____

Sponsor's Telephone Number: _____

This document verifies that I, _____, will guarantee the required financial support for the
Name of Sponsor
yearly educational and living expenses of _____. While a student at Worcester State
Name of Applicant
University, I further guarantee that funds will be available for this student's subsequent years of study at WSU. The

yearly amount of support in U.S. dollars is **at least \$31,500 and is reflected on the attached bank statement or letter from the bank official. If multiple sponsors* are used, the combination of funds must meet this minimum requirement.**

By signing this document, I certify that all of the information is true to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that I am legally obligated with my guarantee of financial support for the student.

Signature of Sponsor

Date

*** Each sponsor must complete a separate form and submit the required bank documentation.**

An original bank letter and/or statement verifying each sponsor's financial information must be attached and be reflected in U.S. dollars. These documents **will not** be returned. We suggest you request additional copies for your visa interview.



WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

I, the applicant, authorize Worcester State University to communicate with the following individuals regarding the status of my application for admission and any other related information.

Please print all names clearly:

Name

Relationship

Phone Number

Name

Relationship

Phone Number

Please print your name as it appears on your application.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature (If applicant is under 18 years of age)

Date

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MAJORS, MINORS, AND CONCENTRATIONS

Addictions Counseling

Art*

Asian Studies

Biology+

Biotechnology+

Business Administration**

Chemistry**

Civic Engagement

Communication

Communication Education

**Communication Sciences
and Disorders***

Composition and Music
Technology

Computer Science*

Criminal Justice*

Data Science

Disabilities Studies

Early Childhood Education

Early Education and Care

Economics*

Education Studies

Elementary Education

English**

Environmental Science+

Ethnic Studies

Financial Mathematics

Forensic Science

French

Geography*

Geospatial Information
Science

History**

Intergenerational and
Community Service

Journalism

Latin American and Latinx
Studies

Liberal Studies

**Mathematics for
Elementary Education**

Mathematics**

Middle East Studies

Middle School Education+

Middle School Mathematics

Music

Normal and Disordered
Speech, Language and
Hearing

Nursing+

Occupational Studies

Philosophy

Physics

Political Science**

Pre-Law

Psychobiology

Psychology

Public Health*

Public History

Secondary Education+

Sociology**

Spanish

Spanish Education

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Professionals

Spanish for the Professions

Spanish Translation

Theatre*

Urban Studies**

Visual and Performing Arts

Women's, Gender and
Sexuality Studies

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Email: admissions@worcester.edu

For questions about the F-1 student visa process contact:

Office of International Programs

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