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**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICANTS**  
2022–2023

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**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE** at Worcester State University goes beyond exceptional faculty, innovative course offerings, and a history of being recognized as one of the nation's best colleges and universities by *U.S. News & World Report*, *The Princeton Review*, and others.

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## **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 1<sup>st</sup>**

SPRING semester application deadline: **November 1<sup>st</sup>\* (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 admissions 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 2022-2023 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 admissions 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?**

F-1 students are permitted to work on-campus ONLY for up to 20 hours per week while school is in session (fall and spring semesters). International students may work more than the allotted 20 hours per week on-campus when school is not in session or during the annual vacation period. Off-campus employment is not permitted. Not complying with these guidelines for on-campus employment may be a violation of status that could result in the F-1 student having to leave the United States.



## 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](http://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	<a href="http://www.cedevaluations.com">www.cedevaluations.com</a>
Education Evaluators International	<a href="http://www.educei.com">www.educei.com</a>
Josef & Silny & Associates, Inc.	<a href="http://www.jsilny.org">www.jsilny.org</a>
Spantran Evaluation Company	<a href="http://www.spantran.com">www.spantran.com</a>
World Education Services	<a href="http://www.wes.org">www.wes.org</a>

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 Admissions Transfer Center that will work with the 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup>** for September admission and **November 1<sup>st</sup>** 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, 2023.\*

- **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](http://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](http://www.ets.org/toefl) or [www.ielts.org](http://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 U.S. dollars) to attend the first year at the university.** The "Cost of Attendance" section can be found on page 4.
- **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 2022-23\***

Tuition & Fees	\$16,215
Room & Board	\$11,800
Health Insurance**	\$2,485
<u>Books &amp; Supplies</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>

**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**

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## International First-Year Student Checklist

- \_\_\_\_\_ Application for Admission (Paper or Online) [www.worcester.edu/admissions](http://www.worcester.edu/admissions) ~ Click “Apply”
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 (USD) Application Fee—Online payment, 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](http://www.worcester.edu/admissions) ~ Click “Apply”
  - \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 (USD) Application Fee—Online payment, 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 2023

### 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

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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

Accounting  
 Actuarial Mathematics\*  
 Actuarial Studies  
 Addictions Counseling\*  
 Advertising and Public Relations  
 African and African  
 Diaspora Studies\*  
 Arabic  
**Art\***  
 Asian Studies\*  
 Astronomy\*  
 Big Data Analytics  
 Biochemistry  
 Bioinformatics  
**Biology**  
**Biotechnology+**  
**Business Administration\*\***  
 Cellular and Molecular Biology\*  
**Chemistry\*\***  
 Civic Engagement\*  
**Communication\***  
 Communication Education\*  
**Communication Sciences and Disorders\***  
 Composition and Music  
 Technology\*  
**Computer Science\***  
**Criminal Justice\***  
 Data Science\*  
 Developmental Processes  
 Digital Media Production  
 Disabilities Studies\*  
**Early Childhood Education**  
**Early Education and Care**  
 Earth Science Education  
 Earth System Science  
 Ecology\*  
**Economics\***  
**Education Studies\***  
**Elementary Education**

**English\*\***  
 Entrepreneurial Studies and  
 Small Business Management  
 Environmental and Sustainability  
 Studies\*  
**Environmental Science\*\***  
 Environmental Studies  
 Ethnic Studies\*  
 Finance  
 Forensic Science\*  
 French\*  
 Geographic Information Systems  
**Geography\***  
 Geospatial Information Science\*  
 Gerontology  
 Global Studies\*  
 Green Chemistry and  
 Environmental Chemistry  
 Health Education  
**History\*\***  
 Human Development\*  
 Human Rights and Social Justice\*  
 Intergenerational Studies and  
 Community Service\*  
 International Business  
 Journalism\*  
 Latin American and  
 Latinx Studies\*  
**Liberal Studies**  
 Literature\*  
 Management  
 Marketing  
 Material Science and  
 Inorganic Chemistry  
**Mathematics\*\***  
**Mathematics for Elementary Education**  
 Mathematics for K-8 Education\*  
 Mathematics for Secondary  
 Education  
 Mental Health Services

Middle East Studies\*  
 Middle School Education\*  
 Music\*  
 Narrative Studies of Health  
 and Body\*  
 Normal and Disordered Speech,  
 Language, and Hearing\*  
**Nursing+**  
**Occupational Studies**  
 Philosophy\*  
 Physics\*  
**Political Science\*\***  
 Pre-Law\*  
 Pre-Medicine  
 Pre-Nursing  
 Psychobiology\*  
**Psychology\***  
 Public Administration & Planning  
**Public Health\***  
**Public Health (Worcester State)/  
 Nursing (MCPHS University)**  
 Public History\*  
 Secondary Education\*  
 Social Work and Social Policy\*  
**Sociology\*\***  
 Software Development  
**Spanish\***  
 Spanish/Education  
 Spanish for Health Professionals\*  
 Spanish for the Professions  
**Spanish Translation**  
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**Theatre\***  
 Traditional Mathematics\*  
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 Sexuality Studies\*  
 Writing\*

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