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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICANTS
2024-2025



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 U.S. 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 \$18,000 USD (\$2,250 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 2024-2025 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** - \$34,900

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 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:

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

All supporting documents can be sent electronically to the following email address: admissions@worcester.edu

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 Studies applicants **must** submit all materials by the priority deadline of January 15, 2025. *

- **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 an 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 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 a 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 2024-25*

Tuition & Fees	\$18,000
Room & Board	\$14,600
Other	\$ 2,300 (books/health insurance**)

TOTAL **\$34,900**

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

Contact: **Delaney Parke**

Student Center Room 317

Ph. (508) 929-8305

Fx. (508) 929-8102

Email: dparkel@worchester.edu



International First-Year Student Checklist

- _____ Application for Admission (Paper or Online) 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 **Transcripts can be sent electronically to the following email address: admissions@worcester.edu**
- _____ 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 a 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”
- _____ \$50.00 (USD) Application Fee—Online payment, check, or money order made payable to Worcester State University
- _____ Official High School Transcript, National Exam Scores, and College/University transcript with official English translation if applicable **Transcripts can be sent electronically to the following email address: admissions@worcester.edu**
- _____ 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 and Current I-20

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.**



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
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Please print your name as it appears on your application.

Applicant's Signature	Date
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Parent's Signature (If applicant is under 18 years of age)	Date
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Be prepared for your future.

Majors and Concentrations

Art

Biology+

Pre-Med

Biotechnology+

Pre-Med

Business Administration+

Accounting
Entrepreneurial Studies
and Small Business Management
Finance
International Business
Management
Marketing

Chemistry+

Medicinal Chemistry
Pre-Med

Communication

Advertising and Public Relations
Digital Media Production

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Computer Science

Big Data Analytics
Bioinformatics
Software Development

Criminal Justice

Early Childhood Education

Early Education and Care

Economics

Education Studies+

Elementary Education

English+

Journalism
Writing

Environmental Science+

Geography and Earth Sciences

Earth System Science
Environmental Studies
General Geography
Geographic Information Systems

History+

Liberal Studies

Mathematics+

Actuarial Studies
Secondary Education
Statistics and Modeling
Traditional Mathematics

Mathematics for Elementary Education

Middle School Education+

Nursing

Occupational Studies

Political Science+

Psychology

Developmental Processes
Mental Health Services
Women's Studies

Public Health

Health Education
Pre-Nursing

Secondary School Education+

Sociology+

Social Inequalities

Spanish

Spanish/Education
Spanish for the Professions

Spanish Translation

Theatre

Urban Studies+

Public Policy and Urban Planning
Social Work and Social Policy

Visual and Performing Arts

Interdisciplinary Concentrations

Ethnic Studies
Global Studies

Minors

Actuarial Mathematics
Addictions Counseling
African and African Diaspora Studies
Applied Math
Art
Asian Studies
Astronomy
Bioinformatics
Business Administration
Cellular and Molecular Biology
Chemistry
Chemistry for the Medical Professions
Civic Engagement
Communication
Communication Education
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Composition and Music Technology
Computer Science
Criminal Justice
Data Science
Disabilities Studies
Ecology
Economics
Education Studies
English
Environmental and Sustainability Studies
Environmental Science

Ethnic Studies
Forensic Science
Geography
Geoscience
Geospatial Information Science
Gerontology
Global Studies
History
Homeland Security
Human Development
Human Rights and Social Justice
Latin American and Latinx Studies
Literature
Mathematics
Mental Health Services
Middle School Education
Middle School Mathematics
Multimedia Journalism
Music
Narrative Studies of Health and Body
Normal and Disordered Speech,
Language, and Hearing
Pharmaceutical Science
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Pre-Law
Psychobiology
Psychology
Public Health
Public History
Public Policy and Urban Planning
Secondary School Education
Social Inequalities
Social Work and Social Policy
Sociology
Spanish
Spanish for Health Professionals
Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences
STEM
Theatre
Urban Studies
Women's, Gender, and Sexuality
Studies
Writing

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+: 4-Plus Program offered

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ADMISSIONS OFFICE

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508-929-8040

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Undergraduate Admissions Office
Phone: 1-508-929-8040
Email: admissions@worchester.edu

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

Office of International Programs
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