

International Student

The College is authorized under federal law to enroll nonimmigrant alien students. Nonimmigrant alien students (hereinafter referred to as international students) are not citizens of the United States or aliens permanently residing in the United States. International students must meet the same admission requirements as all other declared students. In addition, international students must also meet additional admission requirements.

1. Certified evaluation of foreign transcripts (if applicable):

If transcripts are not from a college or university accredited by a US regional or national accrediting agency (WASC, SACS, etc.) or not in English, students must submit, with their Application for Admission, a certified evaluation of foreign transcript in U.S. equivalencies provided by a National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) approved member (<https://www.naces.org/members> [1]) or Association of International Credentials Evaluators (AICE) member (<https://aice-eval.org/endorsed-members/> [2]). A course-by-course evaluation is recommended for post-secondary transcripts if the student would like a transfer credit evaluation.

2. English Language Requirement:

Students must meet the English Language requirement by either submitting one of the following test scores or by providing documentation that meets any of the exemptions.

- Test of English as a Foreign Language ([TOEFL](#) [3]) Applicants are required to score a minimum of 61 (internet based), 173 (computer-based) or 500 (paper-based) on the [TOEFL](#) [3].
- International English Language Testing System ([IELTS](#) [4]) Students choosing to take the [IELTS](#) [4] test for admission must take the Academic [IELTS](#) [4]. For undergraduate students, the Academic Modules of the International English Language Testing System ([IELTS](#) [4])—a score of 5.5 overall or above for all applicants is needed to meet this requirement.
- Provide proof of exemption.

Have scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language ([TOEFL](#) [3]) or International English Language Testing System ([IELTS](#) [4]) submitted directly to the College. Scores must be from a test taken within the previous two years.

3. Test Exemptions

International student applicants are exempt from the [TOEFL](#) [3] or [IELTS](#) [4] examination if they meet at least one of the following:

- Those whose native language is English;
- Those who score 510 or better on the verbal and 510 or better on the writing sections of the SAT;
- Those who score 22 in English and 22 in reading sections of the ACT;
- Those who have completed six years of continuous schooling through the high school or college level in American Samoa, Northern Marianas and/or Guam or in one of the countries listed below (see last bullet);
- Those who have completed English composition at a regionally accredited U.S. institution with a C or better grade;
- Those who completed at least three years of high school in Guam with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 and SAT critical reading of 460 and SAT writing of 460. Admission to summer ELI classes does not imply a waiver of the [TOEFL](#) [3] exam for fall or spring semester admission;
- Those who place into EN110 (Freshman Composition) or higher at Guam Community College or the University of Guam, and have a letter of support from the relevant office of the institution (either GCC or UOG) administering the placement test.
- Those who hold a bachelor's or master's degree from a regionally accredited university or college in the U.S. or a recognized university in Australia, Britain, Canada (excluding Quebec), Ireland, or New Zealand;

Applications and/or requests for scores to be sent to the College should be made by contacting one of the above mentioned entities (e.g. [TOEFL](#) [3], [IELTS](#) [4]).

International students will not be notified of their admission to the College until all admission requirements have been fulfilled.

International students must have an official Notice of Admission and Form I-20A-B in their possession before coming to Guam.

4. International students must also meet the following requirements:

- Fall within the limit for international student enrollment as mandated by the College.

- Submit a Supplementary Information Form for International Students (including evidence of ability to pay all expenses themselves, or through the support of their families in their native country, or through a sponsor who is either a citizen or permanent resident of the United States).
- Submit any other forms, documents or information as may be required by the College.
- International students will be admitted only to a specific certificate or degree program. International students, except in extraordinary circumstances, will not be permitted to change their program of study and must enroll for a minimum of 12 credit
- hours per semester in courses that are required for their specific program of study.
- International students are required to register for English their first semester at the College and each subsequent semester until all English requirements of their program of study are met.

Guam Community College has no dormitory facilities for students. The majority of international students rent rooms or apartments near the College. International students are encouraged to seek housing with English-speaking families on Guam in order to facilitate speaking English on all possible occasions.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement regulations do not permit international students to accept employment while attending college. An international student should not count on being able to accept employment on Guam to work one's way through college

Here's what you need to know to apply:

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