

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

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Office of International Services

OIS provides comprehensive assistance to international students concerning legal and institutional requirements for studying at UALR, and to domestic students concerning studying abroad. The office advises students about immigration requirements and transfer credit, conducts international student orientation, assists international students regarding living and studying on an American campus, assists with housing, and provides advisory services for matters involving nonacademic concerns. The office also develops and facilitates exchange and study abroad programs, which give students and faculty members the opportunity to go abroad for educational and research purposes. The office works in cooperation with other units on campus that deal with international students, as well as those that facilitate various aspects of the study abroad process.

Programs Abroad and Study Abroad

Heather Binder, Coordinator.

The University provides numerous opportunities for students and faculty members to go abroad for educational and research purposes. Formal agreements with foreign universities facilitate bilateral exchanges, which insure a consistent and lasting relationship that benefits students at both institutions. Study abroad provides students with opportunities to explore other cultures through classroom and field experiences; increase their communication skills, cultural awareness, leadership skills, flexibility, and maturity; develop proficiency in a foreign language in a context of daily use; and draw upon the vast cultural, intellectual, and historical resources of that location. The University coordinates study abroad programs in Austria, France, Hong Kong, Mexico, Norway, Turkey, India, and Spain.

If UALR does not offer a program that fits your needs, the Office of International Services will assist you in finding one that best fits your academic goals, linguistic abilities and interests. For more information, contact the Office of International Services, Stabler Hall 105, (501) 683-7566 or visit <http://ualr.edu/programsabroad>.

All programs abroad must be approved by the UALR Office of International Services prior to departure and course enrollment in a foreign program. UALR credit will not be granted otherwise. UALR has the right to adjust both the level and number of UALR credits given for courses taken in foreign programs, based on placement examinations given by the foreign institution.

Admission of International Students

Allyson Hughes, Coordinator.

International students applying for admission to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock must apply online and submit complete credentials and detailed information before being considered for admission. This includes any student classified by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS, formerly INS) as A-1, A-2, F-1, F-2, H-1, H-2, H-3, H-4, J-1, J-2, K-1, or K-2. UALR is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant alien students.

All required items must be received at UALR by June 1 for the fall semester and October 1 for the spring semester. However, applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis after this date if at least partial documentation has been received. International students transferring from other institutions within the United States must have all credentials on file at least one month before registration.

Requirements

International applicants must:

1. Apply online at <http://boss.ualr.edu/>
2. Submit a nonrefundable \$40 application fee.
3. Official or certified copies of originals of the applicant's entire academic record in secondary school, college, or university must be forwarded to the Office of International Services with an English translation of these documents. Any high school or transfer student must have a C average or greater to be considered for admission. International students are not admitted on academic probation.
4. Demonstrate proof of English proficiency in one of these ways:
 - Present a score of at least 525 (paper-based), 197 (computer-based), or 71 (iBT) earned within the last two years on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and a score of at least 4 points earned within the last two years on the Test of Written English (TWE).
 - Take the institutional English language proficiency test, administered on campus. Please contact the Intensive English Language Program for specific information call (501) 569-3468; the test must be taken before class registration.
 - Complete the UALR Intensive English Language Program through the final level (see IELP section).
5. Submit a financial statement (F and J visas only): students must provide certified proof that they are financially capable of pursuing an education in this country. The estimated cost for books, fees, and living expenses will be approximately \$19,000 in

U.S. currency each year of study at UALR. Tuition and fees are due at the beginning of each semester.

- Obtain an Arkansas Certificate of Immunization for Institutions of Higher Education (required of all applicants born after 1/ 1/1957). The certificate can be obtained at UALR's Health Services on campus.

Additional Admission Requirements for International Transfer Students

- Students transferring from another institution within the United States must submit a Transfer and Visa Form completed by the applicant and by the foreign student advisor of the institution the applicant is currently attending. The form is included in the application packet. The student's SEVIS file must also be transferred electronically by the previous institution to UALR.
- Transfer students must fulfill the English proficiency requirement stated in Requirement 4 of the previous section.
- Students transferring 12 or fewer credit hours will be required upon arrival on campus to take the Compass Test for academic placement purposes.
- Students transferring fewer than 12 hours must provide secondary school academic records in addition to their previous college or university transcript. Those transferring 12 hours or more need only submit a college transcript.
- Transfer students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 from their previous college or university to be considered.

Requirements upon Arrival at UALR for International Students

- Assessment of new freshmen for academic placement: All first-time entering freshman students who have not taken the ACT or SAT¹ will be required (upon arrival on campus) to be further assessed for academic placement purposes by taking the Compass Test.
- Health and accident insurance: All international students are required to purchase health and accident insurance provided through UALR and maintain coverage year-round.
- Complete the TB screening, unless exempt.
- Provide a copy of the visa and passport to the UALR's Office of International Services.
- Attend the mandatory International Student Orientation.

On-line and Distance Learning Programs

Students in F-1 visa status are not permitted to enroll in on-line or distance learning programs per Immigration and Customs regulations. F-1 students must be enrolled and complete a full-time program on campus each fall and spring semester. For immigration purposes at UALR, an undergraduate full-time program is considered to be 12 or more credit hours and 9 or more credit hours for graduate students. Only one course or three credits taken on-line or by distance learning can be counted toward fulfillment of this full-time requirement. Students enrolled in English language programs (ESL) may NOT take any of their full-time load via online or distance-learning courses.

Students in H1-B and H-4 visa status are exempt from the one course or three credit on-line or distance education restriction but may experience difficulties if they convert to a F-1 visa during the duration of an on-line or distance education program.

Enrolling in an on-line or distance education program, even with a residency requirement, does NOT authorize entry into the U.S. It is the student's responsibility to obtain all documents required for entry into the U.S. prior to travel or, when required by the program, prior to admission to UALR.

Employment Information

U.S. immigration laws permit international students to work a maximum of 20 hours, on campus. Prior permission must be obtained from the Office of International Services.

Students Whose First Language is Not English

Any applicant for whom English is not the first language must furnish proof of English language proficiency and academic skill

proficiency before starting classes at UALR. This includes refugees, immigrants, permanent residents, and citizens.

English proficiency may be demonstrated in one of four ways by all students whose first language is not English, regardless of entry status:

- A score of at least 525 (paper-based), 197 (computer-based), or 71 (iBT) earned within the last two years on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and a score of at least 4 points earned within the last two years on the Test of Written English (TWE).
- A score of 85 percent or above on the institutional English language proficiency test administered by the UALR Intensive English Language Program.
- Complete the Intensive English Language Program (see section on next page).
- An ACT score of at least 21 on both the English and Reading sections of the test.

International Student Tuition and Fees

Nonresident ² Tuition

College of Business Courses	\$462.00 per hour
Donaghey College of Engineering and Information Technology (DCEIT)	\$462.00 per hour
Courses in Other Colleges	\$450.00 per hour

Required Fees

General Fee	\$16.00 per hour
Athletic Fee	\$14.00 per hour
International Student Application Fee	\$40.00
International Student Service Fee (per term)	\$125.00
Health Insurance (per year) ³	\$1241.00

College Technology Fees:

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Courses	\$7.30 per hour
Business Courses	\$7.30 per hour
Education Courses	\$7.30 per hour
DCEIT Courses	\$11.30 per hour
Professional Studies Courses	\$7.30 per hour
Science and Mathematics Courses	\$11.30 per hour
Off-Campus Courses (includes web-based courses)	\$10.00 – \$25.00 per hour

IELP Facilities Fee

Student (per IELP term)	\$20.00
Family (per IELP term)	\$40.00

Residence Hall

Housing Application Fee	\$35.00
Housing Security Deposit	\$100.00

Fall and Spring Semesters (per term)

Double Bedroom	\$1,550.00
Single Bedroom	\$2,170.00
Laundry Fee	\$33.00

Summer (per five-week term)

Double Bedroom	\$410.00
Single Bedroom	\$599.00
Laundry Fee	\$11.00

Residence Life Programming Fee

Fall and Spring (per term)	\$16.00
Summer (per term)	\$6.00

2. See "Nonresidents" on page 12.

3. Rate subject to change. See "Health and Accident Insurance" on page 22.

Note: Tuition and Fees are subject to change.

1. ACT and SAT are standardized tests for college admission in the U.S.