

WHO NEEDS TO TAKE THE TOEFL TEST? HOW MUCH DOES IT COST? WHERE CAN I TAKE IT? WHAT SCORE IS REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION?

International students must complete a TOEFL exam with a score of 500 or higher on the paper-based test, or 173 or higher on the computer-based exam, or at least a 61 on the new iBT TOEFL exam. International students who have completed three years of high school in the United States and have received a score of 18 on the English portion of the ACT test are not required to complete the TOEFL exam for admission.

- The TOEFL test can be taken through the University of Utah Testing Center located on the third floor of the Student Services Building.
- The cost of the paper-based test is \$60, but scores can only be used at the University of Utah. The computer-based test scores can be transferred to other institutions, but the cost is higher: \$130. The new iBTTOEFL test costs \$140.

DO ANY OF THE ESL COURSES WAIVE THE TOEFL TEST?

No, there are no ESL courses that waive the exam.

I AM AN UNDOCUMENTED GRADUATE OF A PRIVATE INSTITUTION IN UTAH AND WANT TO ATTEND GRADUATE SCHOOL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH. HOW DO I APPLY?

The current law allowing a waiver of non-resident tuition for qualifying undocumented students only applies to undergraduate students.

- Undocumented graduate applicants must complete the graduate application for admission as a regular international student. The Admissions Office will contact you if additional information is required.

I HAVE A DEGREE OR SOME SCHOOLING FROM MY HOME COUNTRY, HOW CAN I CONTINUE MY EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES?

Ask the school you attended in your home country to send an official transcript to the Admissions Office (University of Utah, Admissions Office, 201 South 1460 East, Room 250, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84112). The transcript will be evaluated to determine its applicability at the University of Utah.

I HAVE A PROFESSIONAL LICENSE IN MY HOME COUNTRY, WHERE DO I GO TO GET INFORMATION ABOUT OBTAINING A PROFESSIONAL LICENSE IN UTAH?

Contact the State of Utah Department of Commerce, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114. Telephone: (801) 530-6628.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH AND SALT LAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE?

The University of Utah offers four-year undergraduate and graduate degrees. Salt Lake Community College offers associate degrees in science, arts, applied science as well as various certificates of completion.

- Credits earned at Salt Lake Community College may transfer to the University of Utah and count toward degree completion.

I NEED TO LEARN HOW TO READ AND SPEAK ENGLISH SO I CAN ATTEND COLLEGE. WHERE CAN I TAKE ESL CLASSES?

There are a variety of schools that offer ESL educational opportunities. Some examples include community adult education programs offered through public high schools. Please inquire at your local high school for more information about these programs. These tend to be the least expensive alternatives. There are also programs offered through community colleges. Salt Lake Community College offers ESL opportunities, and you may contact them for more information at the Skills Center, (801) 957-3354.

HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

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University Neighborhood Partners,
1060 South 900 West, SLC, UT.
(801) 972-3596.

Student Recruitment and High School Services, 200 S. Central Campus Dr. Room 80,
(801) 581-8761.

Q&A

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**ADMISSIONS:****I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT ADMISSIONS AND NEED TO TALK WITH SOMEONE IN SPANISH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH, WHOM SHOULD I CALL?**

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WHERE CAN I GET AN APPLICATION FOR ADMISSIONS?

Applications are available online at www.sa.utah.edu/admiss/ or from your high school counselor. You can also call the Admissions Office, (801) 581-7281, or the Office of Student Recruitment and High School Services at (801) 581-8761 and the application will be mailed to you.

WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY FOR ADMISSIONS?

A completed application, current application fee, official transcripts, completed college prep courses and ACT or SAT scores. If you are transferring from another institution, ACT scores are not required once you have taken 30 or more credit hours.

WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES FOR ADMISSIONS APPLICATIONS?

- Summer Semester – March 15
- Fall Semester – April 1
- Spring Semester – November 1

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION?

The current application fee is \$35. If your application is received after the posted deadline for the term you wish to be admitted, there is an additional late fee of \$25. Fees are not refundable.

IS THE APPLICATION FEE REFUNDABLE IF I AM NOT ADMITTED?

No. The application fee pays for the processing of the application and is not refundable.

WHAT ARE THE COLLEGE PREP COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH?

- Graduation from an accredited high school, a basic high school diploma is required
- Minimum high school grade point average of 2.6
- Minimum ACT score of 18, or a minimum SAT score of 860
- Admissions Index of 95 or higher (see <http://www.acs.utah.edu/prod/bin/student/admission-index>)

- Completion of the following high school courses:
 - English: 4 years (composition and literature emphasis)
 - Mathematics: 2 years beyond elementary algebra, chosen from geometry, intermediate algebra, trigonometry, advanced algebra, and calculus.
 - Biological or physical science: 3 years, two of which are required to be taken from chemistry, physics, and biology or human biology. One of the sciences must include a laboratory experience.
 - Foreign language: first and second year (level) of the same foreign language taken during grades 7 through 12.*
 - History: 1 year of American history and government.
 - Additional courses: 4 years chosen from at least two of the following: history, English, mathematics beyond intermediate algebra, laboratory science, foreign language, social science, and fine arts.

*Starting with Graduating Class of 2007, the foreign language requirement will be 2 years of the same foreign language with completion of a level two proficiency or higher taken during grades 7 through 12.

I MEET THE INDEX REQUIREMENT FOR ADMISSION, BUT I HAVE NOT COMPLETED ALL THE COLLEGE PREP COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION. CAN I STILL BE ADMITTED?

If your admission index is 98 or higher you may be admitted on the condition that you complete the missing courses sometime during your first 30 hours of work at the University of Utah.

IF MY ACT SCORE OR GPA IS BELOW THE MINIMUM ADMISSION STANDARD, CAN I STILL BE CONSIDERED FOR ADMISSIONS?

Please see question 34 on the University of Utah's admissions application which reads: A student may seek special consideration for admission if he/she believes that the traditional academic measures and not indicative of the student's potential for academic success. Students not admitted under the regular admission criteria may be considered for admission on an exception basis if they have characteristics and/or talents which will enhance the life and character of the institution. For example, students who have special talents or are from ethnic minority backgrounds may be considered for admission under this policy. If you believe such provisions apply to you please note the extraordinary characteristics and provide a brief description on the application.

WHAT IF I APPLY AND I AM NOT ACCEPTED?

Attend another accredited institution, usually a community college, and complete 30 semester hours with a GPA of 2.6 or higher and apply to the University of Utah as a transfer student.

IF I HAVE A GED, AM I ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH?

Your GED may fulfill the requirement for high school graduation if you have achieved a sub-score of 500 in each area, with an average score of 550. A composite score of 23 on the ACT is also required.

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS:

HOW CAN I APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID?

To apply for low interest Federal Students Loans, Pell Grants and Federal Work-Study Grants, please visit www.fafsa.ed.gov or call 1-800-433-3243. There are Spanish speakers available if needed. This is a free application.

WHAT IS THE PRIORITY DEADLINE FOR FILING MY FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH?

March 15th

ARE THERE SPANISH SPEAKERS IN THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS?

Yes, but the number is limited at the present time and one may not be available at the time you call.

WHAT SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE PERMANENT RESIDENTS OR U.S. CITIZENS WHO ARE ENTERING COLLEGE DIRECTLY FROM HIGH SCHOOL?

Scholarships are divided into several categories; Merit Based, Leadership and Diversity. The University offers scholarships through the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. For more information about scholarship opportunities and to apply, please visit the University of Utah's scholarship web page at: www.sa.utah.edu/finance/scholarship/ResFreshman.html

- Within these categories, scholarships consist of four-year tuition waivers, one-year tuition waivers, and/or one-time cash stipends of \$1,000 or more.
- Some of the scholarships also cover the cost of housing and other college expenses.
- These scholarships are based on need as determined by the Federal Processor after the student submits the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) disclosing income and asset information of him/herself and parents.
- Other such scholarships are based on merit, diversity and/or leadership activities.
- Application dates typically range from February 1 to April 1.
- For information on community based diversity scholarships visit www.diversity.utah.edu

UNDOCUMENTED AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INFORMATION:

CAN AN UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT BE ADMITTED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH?

Yes, by meeting the regular admission requirements.

IS AN UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT CONSIDERED A NON-RESIDENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF TUITION?

Currently undocumented students who have not enrolled in a Utah college or university prior to Fall Semester 2002 may qualify for a waiver of the non-resident tuition under the following conditions:

- Graduate from a Utah high school after attending for three or more years.
- File (or declare intent to file) an application to legalize your immigration status as soon as you are eligible to do so.

*** This is subject to change by the Utah State Legislature at any time.**

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN UNDOCUMENTED UTAH RESIDENT AND AN INTERNATIONAL UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT?

Students who are non-US citizens or permanent residents are ordinarily considered international applicants if they have entered the U.S. on any type of a visa-visitor, student or otherwise.

- Undocumented students are students who have not previously entered and remained within the United States on a temporary visa which has expired.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT TUITION?

The difference in tuition varies by the number of units taken and it also varies if you are taking upper or lower division credit hours. For the 2005-2006 academic year tuition and fees for a resident student enrolled in 15 lower-division semester hours is \$2,521 and \$8,042 for a nonresident. **Tuition for the 2006-2007 academic year will increase by ten percent.**

HOW DO I ANSWER QUESTIONS 4, 5, 20, 23 AND 31 ON THE ADMISSIONS APPLICATION IF I AM UNDOCUMENTED OR OUT-OF-STATE-STATUS?

The answers to these questions depend on your specific situation. We cannot tell you how to answer them. Answer to the best of your ability, providing the information you have available.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS AND REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY AS AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT WHO IS UNDOCUMENTED?

International students who are documented and international students who are out-of-status with INS must submit a completed application, transcripts from previous high schools, and applicable institutions of higher education, TOEFL scores, and a financial statement showing a means of support (a financial statement showing means of support is only required for those students who are requesting an I-20). The application fee for international students is \$55 for undergraduates and \$65 for graduates.