Admissions

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Introduction
WVU provides excellent educational programs. The goal of the University's admission policy is to select applicants who will succeed academically and socially. If space is limited, the better-prepared students are admitted.

WVU enrolls a diverse student population. While preference is given to West Virginia residents, qualified students from other states and countries are encouraged to apply. The University is committed to the goal of equal educational opportunity for all students: no candidate is denied admission because of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, handicap or disability, veteran status, or national origin.

The primary focus of the admissions review is on academic potential. All of the required materials submitted by the applicant - application, transcripts, and standardized test scores - are reviewed carefully.

Applications for admission can be found online at WVU Undergraduate Admissions How to Apply (https://admissions.wvu.edu/how-to-apply) page.

Some colleges, schools, programs, and majors have admission standards that exceed the minimal requirements for admission to the University. Admission to the University does not ensure admission into a specific college, school, program, or major.

Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center
The undergraduate programs at the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center have specific application periods and requirements. Please refer to the program's website for admission requirements specific to undergraduate health sciences center programs. The undergraduate application is available on the WVU Undergraduate Admissions How to Apply (https://admissions.wvu.edu/how-to-apply) page.

Visiting Students Coming to WVU
Students who want to take a course at WVU and have the credit transferred to another college or university must complete a Visiting Student Form. The application can be found at: WVU Undergraduate Admissions How to Apply (https://admissions.wvu.edu/how-to-apply) page under the Visiting Students tab. A form must be completed for each term students plan to attend.

Veterans
Veterans who do not meet minimum admission requirements may be reviewed for admission by the Admissions Review Committee.

Admission Revocation
An offer of admission can be revoked if an applicant's application materials are found to be falsified or if an admitted student engages in behavior that is not in compliance with the WVU Student Conduct Code (https://studentconduct.wvu.edu/campus-student-code) prior to the first day of classes in the term of admission. If admission is revoked prior to the first day of classes, the admitted student may appeal the action to the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs. An enrolled student may be dismissed from the program or University if the student's application materials are found to be falsified, consistent with applicable policies or procedures in the Academic Standards (http://catalog.wvu.edu/undergraduate/coursecreditstermsclassification) section of the catalog.

Readmission
Students who leave the University for at least one complete fall or spring semester, must submit an application for readmission to the Office of Admissions. Decisions on readmission are based on the student’s academic standing.
If another institution(s) was attended, readmission will be based on the WVU academic standing along with academic credit earned at any other institution attended after leaving WVU. In order to be readmitted, students must obtain an overall grade point average of 2.0 at all institutions attended since leaving WVU or attain a combined overall grade point average of 2.0 from all institutions attended including WVU.

Students who were suspended from the University, must apply for readmission. Additional information may be found on the Academic Strategies, Curriculum and Assessment website on the Probation and Suspension (https://undergraduate.wvu.edu/student-resources/probation-and-suspension) page.

Second Degree Students

College graduates who want to earn a second bachelor's degree are required to submit an undergraduate application and official transcripts from all institutions previously attended. The Office of Admissions can only accept transcripts sent directly from the Registrars' Office of these institutions. Transcripts issued to the student, or received via fax, scan or email are not considered official. In general, admission is granted on the basis of a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 in the first bachelor's degree. Specific majors may have higher requirements. After admission, the individual college and department evaluate the transcript and apply any appropriate credit from the first bachelor's degree toward completion of the second. Students who have earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university will meet all of WVU's General Education Foundations (GEF) requirements. All Credit Residence Requirements (http://catalog.wvu.edu/undergraduate/degree_regulations/#Residency_Requirements) must be met to receive a second bachelor's degree.

Undergraduate Non-Degree Seeking Students

Students with one or more bachelor's degrees from accredited colleges or universities (including WVU) who want to enroll for undergraduate credit may be admitted as non-degree seeking students. Post-baccalaureate students who are not working toward a graduate degree may earn undergraduate credit and will be assessed undergraduate fees. Candidates for admission to this classification who are not graduates of WVU must submit an undergraduate application and an official transcript(s) from the institution(s) granting the undergraduate degree. The Office of Admissions can only accept transcripts sent directly from the Registrar's Office of the institution(s) previously attended. Transcripts issued to the student, or received by fax, scan, or email are not considered official. WVU students need only to apply with an undergraduate application.

WVU will admit students who are not degree candidates but who wish to take courses. If students meet University requirements, they should submit a complete application and official transcripts from all institutions previously attended. If students have completed fewer than twenty-four college-level credits, they should also submit an official high school transcript.

Academic Forgiveness Policy

The West Virginia University system may provide academic forgiveness to some undergraduate students who were not successful in an attempt at higher education within the WVU system or who need forgiveness to qualify for admittance.

POLICIES GOVERNING ACADEMIC FORGIVENESS:

- For the purposes of admission, the West Virginia University system may honor academic forgiveness granted at a previously attended regionally accredited institution. Students requesting admittance who wish to have a previous grant of academic forgiveness honored must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher in at least 24 earned credit hours after academic forgiveness was applied.
- A student may receive academic forgiveness only once.
- Students requesting academic forgiveness cannot have been enrolled at any higher education institution for at least four calendar years.
- Students who receive academic forgiveness from the West Virginia University system will receive credit for all courses completed with a grade of D- or higher during the forgiven period of enrollment. While all grades and credit hours remain on the student's transcript, grades earned during the forgiven enrollment period will not be counted in the student's GPA.
- After receiving forgiveness, the student must satisfactorily complete all coursework required by the academic unit for graduation and at least 15 credit hours in the WVU system for an associate degree or 30 credit hours for a bachelor's degree.
- Students who receive academic forgiveness are not eligible to graduate with Latin honors.
- Academic forgiveness does not supersede some calculations used to determine eligibility for Satisfactory Academic Progress (https://financialaid.wvu.edu/home/maintain/academic-progress) regarding financial aid, scholarships, and the veterans' benefits.
- Some professional programs and other regionally accredited institutions may not honor academic forgiveness conferred by the West Virginia University system. Students receiving academic forgiveness should consult with an academic advisor in the field they wish to pursue.

PROCEDURE:

- Students must complete the Academic Forgiveness form located on the Academic Forgiveness (https://admissions.wvu.edu/forms-and-procedures/academic-forgiveness) page, and provide any requested documentation.
- Students applying for financial aid will need to submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at the Federal Student Aid (https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa) webpage and file a Satisfactory Academic Process Appeal (SAP) if necessary.
• The form must be approved by the dean of the intended academic major and the Provost or designee. The Provost or designee makes the final decision regarding admission to WVU under the Academic Forgiveness policy.
• Students applying for Academic Forgiveness must meet with an academic advisor within the academic department they plan to enter.

WVU Students Seeking Transient Credit

In order to take a course or courses at another college or university, students must complete a Transient Equivalency Review Request (https://treqer.wvu.edu/#). To receive such approval, a student must have an overall 2.0 grade-point average. All approved college-level work is accepted for transfer from accredited institutions, provided the above requirements have been met. To view a list of schools and courses already reviewed, visit WVU Undergraduate Admissions (https://admissions.wvu.edu). In addition, an official transcript must be received by the Office of Admissions before any coursework can be counted toward degree requirements. Students cannot choose to transfer courses based on the grades earned. All courses from the institution(s) will be transferred. The academic department will determine what courses satisfy degree requirements.

International students going to their home country for transient study must complete the same Transient Credit Form found at on the Transient Credit Application (https://admissions.wvu.edu/forms-and-procedures/transient-credit-application) page. All students traveling abroad through the Education Abroad Program should complete the Education Abroad Transient Form which can be found on the Education Abroad website (https://educationabroad.wvu.edu/home).

Immunization Requirements

Requirements for Immunizations (https://talentandculture.wvu.edu/student-insurance/immunizations) are posted on the Talent and Culture website under the Student Insurance Office section.

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Freshman Admission Requirements

To be considered for freshman admission, a student must:

• Submit an application for admission at WVU Undergraduate Admissions How to Apply
• Pay required application fee.
• Provide all required documents to be reviewed for admission which includes: an official high school transcript and ACT/SAT test scores.
  • Upon graduation, please ask the high school counselor to send an official final high school transcript verifying graduation to the Office of Admissions.

And successfully complete the following high school credits:

• Four units of English (including grammar, composition and literature)
• Four units of social studies/fine arts (any combination of social studies, fine arts or humanities will fulfill the requirement; combination must include U.S. studies/history)
• Three units of college preparatory mathematics (units must be Algebra I or higher, Math I or higher and include Algebra II; Transitional Math for High School Seniors will also be accepted)
• Three units of science (recommended units include biology, chemistry, physics, anatomy and environmental science)
• Two units of the same world language (American Sign Language is acceptable)

High school grade point average and comprehensive tests are the major criteria used to determine admission to WVU. WVU accepts either ACT (American College Testing) or SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) scores. The following is a list of the grade point average and test score criteria:

• Residents (high school graduates from West Virginia)
  • 2.0 grade point average
  • Composite ACT score of 19 or a combined Math and Evidence-Based Reading and Writing SAT score of 990
• Non-residents
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2.5 overall grade point average
Composite ACT score of 21 or a combined Math and Evidence-Based Reading and Writing SAT score of 1060

If space is available and the required high school units, GPA, and test scores are met, the student will be admitted. Therefore, we encourage eligible students to apply as soon as possible after August 1 of their senior year. If one of the requirements is not met, students may still apply, and the Admissions Review Committee will review the application. If appropriate, students should submit a written statement explaining any extenuating circumstances that may have affected their academic performance. Each application is reviewed individually and given full consideration.

Students who graduate less than five years before their admission request must present ACT or SAT scores with the admission application. If it has been more than five years since the student’s class graduated from high school or a GED was earned and no other college or university has been attended, WVU may waive some of the admission requirements.

General Equivalency Diploma (GED)/Test of Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC)/High School Equivalency Test (HiSET)

In lieu of a high school diploma, students are eligible for admission consideration having attained any one of the following equivalent credentials.

Students passing the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) will need to submit their State of West Virginia High School Equivalency Diploma. A high school transcript must also be mailed to the WVU Office of Admissions. More information about the TASC exam can be found on the Test Accessing Secondary Completion (https://tasctest.com) webpage.

The GED will be accepted for students who took the GED prior to January 2014, or from a state that does not administer the (TASC) exam. Students who have completed a General Equivalency Diploma (GED) with an average standard score of 2250 (450) or above must request that the State Department of Education mail copies of scores to the WVU Office of Admissions. In addition, a high school transcript must also be mailed to the WVU Office of Admissions.

The West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission also approved the use of High School Equivalency Test (HiSET). More information about the HiSET exam can be found on the HiSET (http://hiset.ets.org/states-policy) webpage.

Active Military Service Credit

Students with at least one year of active military service may receive college-level credit by submitting a copy of his or her DD214 or a Sailor/Marine/ACE Registry Transcript (SMART) or Army/ACE Registry Transcript System (AARTS) transcript.

Advanced (A) and Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Levels

West Virginia University welcomes applications from students with Cambridge International A and AS Level Certificates for advanced placement credit.

A maximum of 8 credits per subject can be awarded for Cambridge International A Level grades of E or above, with the submission of an official Cambridge Examination Certificate. Cambridge International AS Levels with grades of E or above will receive a maximum of 4 credits, with the submission of an official Cambridge Examination Certificate. For more information, please contact the Office of Admissions, International Unit (http://oiss.wvu.edu).

Early Admission Program

WVU will admit a limited number of rising high school seniors who have demonstrated high academic achievement and maturity to enter college before high school graduation. Students who have completed their junior year in high school with 3.5 grade point average or higher and a 26 enhanced ACT Composite or 1240 on the SAT and have completed all requirements for graduation from high school except senior English may apply for early admission. In addition to submitting the freshman admission application and required documents, the principal or guidance counselor must submit a letter supporting the application. The student’s parent(s) or guardian(s) must also submit a letter of support for the application. Once the above requirements are met, an interview with the student will be conducted for the Early Admission Program. Accepted students are admitted as full-time students with all of the rights and privileges offered to other students.

ACCESS (Attaining College Credits and Experiences while in Secondary School)

High school students who have completed their junior year with a 3.0 cumulative grade point average may be admitted to enroll in college courses before high school graduation. An ACCESS application for admission must be submitted along with permission from parent(s) or guardian(s) and high school counselor or principal. Coursework completed at the University must be at a level beyond that available in the high school setting.
Pre-Collegiate Examinations - Advanced Placement Program (AP)/College Level Examination Program (CLEP)/International Baccalaureate (IB)

POLICY

Equivalencies for pre-collegiate examinations such as Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or College Level Examination Program (CLEP), are established by the academic unit which teaches the subject, based on the following university rules.

- Initially, a maximum of 4 credits is awarded for each single qualifying exam score. In consultation with their Academic Adviser, students may petition for additional credit based on their score and academic circumstances.
- Once an equivalency has been established and a student has requested that a course be recorded on the transcript, it cannot be removed from the student’s record.
- Credit is normally awarded at the 100 level. In some circumstances, departments may request the college or school to award credit for a 200-level course. Credit at or above the 300 level is not granted.
- In certain subjects, direct equivalency to a WVU course is awarded. Many course equivalencies will satisfy General Education requirements.
- Individual programs may decide that non-direct equivalencies fulfill major or minor requirements; equivalencies are reflected in the student’s Degree Works audit.
- Examination credit equivalencies posted to the student’s transcript count as both attempted and earned credits. Although credit is awarded, no grades are recorded.
- Examination credits are awarded at the point of admission for both freshmen and transfer students. For transfer students, WVU articulates credit based on its established equivalencies. WVU does not honor the articulation made by previous institutions.
- Current students may not earn college credit via CLEP, unless a department does not offer credit-by-examination and the student has secured prior approval.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM (AP)

- Score of 3: equivalent to 3-4 credits of a 100-level course, usually a General Education requirement.
- A score of 4 or better: a direct equivalency may be awarded, at the discretion of the appropriate department. Students may request additional credit when applicable.
- The Advanced Placement chart can be found on the AP, CLEP, IB, Cambridge International and Military Service Credit page on the WVU Office of Admissions website.

COLLEGE LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM (CLEP)

- Incoming freshmen may request credit equivalencies for CLEP exams they passed at the time of admission to WVU.
- A minimum score of 55 is required to earn credit equivalencies, although some programs may require a higher score.
- The CLEP chart can be found on the AP, CLEP, IB, Cambridge International and Military Service Credit page on the WVU Office of Admissions website.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB)

- Standard Level (SL): no equivalencies
- Higher Level (HL)
  - Score of 4 or 5: equivalent to 3-4 credits of a 100-level course, usually a General Education requirement.
  - Score of 6 or better: a direct equivalency may be awarded, at the discretion of the appropriate department. Students to request additional credit when applicable.
- Diploma (DP): students who earn the diploma with a minimum score of 32/45 (71%) will have fulfilled all general education requirements. Coursework will be posted on the transcript according to the established equivalencies.
- The IB chart can be found on the AP, CLEP, IB, Cambridge International and Military Service Credit page on the WVU Office of Admissions website.

PROCESS

- AP and IB credits: upon registration for their first semester at WVU, freshman students will work with their advisers to have the appropriate credits posted to their transcripts. In consultation with their adviser, students may petition to have additional credits recorded by filling out a petition, based on the equivalencies established by the academic units found on the AP, CLEP, IB, Cambridge International and Military Service Credit (https://admissions.wvu.edu/how-to-apply/first-time-freshmen/frequently-asked-questions/ap-clep-and-ib-equivalency) page.
- CLEP exams results must be submitted at the time of admission. If current students wish to earn credits through CLEP because no credit by examination is offered in that subject at WVU, they must secure permission from the chair or director of their academic unit, as well as that of the chair or director of the unit that offers the course, before filling out a petition. Permission is documented by recording a note in Degree Works.
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Transfer Students from Divisional Campuses

Students enrolled at Potomac State College of WVU or WVU Institute of Technology must complete the Change of Campus form to transfer to the Morgantown campus. The form can be found on the WVU Undergraduate Admissions Forms and Procedures (http://admissions.wvu.edu/r/download/134772) page. WVU admission requirements must be met as well as requirements to specific programs.

Students who want to transfer to the Morgantown campus before completing two semesters (24 transferable credits) at our divisional campuses need to meet freshman admission standards.

Transfers from Other Accredited Institutions

WVU welcomes transfer students who have completed post-secondary coursework from regionally accredited colleges or universities. To be admitted as a transfer student at WVU, students must have at least a cumulative 2.0 grade point average in all college work attempted. Transfer students who have fewer than 24 transferable credit hours must also meet freshman admission standards. Some individual programs and majors have different course requirements and higher grade point average requirements.

Application Materials

To be considered for transfer admissions, the following materials are needed:

1. A completed application for undergraduate admission.
2. Official transcripts of all college work attempted must be sent to the Office of Admissions. Admissions can only accept transcripts sent directly from Registrars’ offices. Transcripts issued directly to the student, facsimile (fax), scanned or emailed transcripts are not considered official. Before final admission is granted, an official transcript must be submitted covering all courses taken after application to WVU.
3. Applicants having fewer than 24 transferable credit hours must submit ACT or SAT scores and a final high school transcript.

All application materials must be received in the Office of Admissions by August 1 for Fall admission and December 1 for Spring admission.

Evaluation of Transfer Credit

Evaluation of transferable credit will be made after receipt of all final official transcripts and admission to WVU. All college level credits and grades accepted as transfer credit will be used in the calculation of the cumulative grade point average and total attempted and earned credits.

In all cases, the application of transfer credit toward completion of a bachelor’s degree is determined by the school or college upon enrollment. The student’s academic department will determine which credits will be used to meet degree requirements. If more than 58 semester hours are being transferred, entrance requirements for the specific program must be met. Individual consideration is given to a limited number of students with more than 58 transferable hours who do not meet specific program requirements.

Transfer Credit Appeal Process

Students who transfer credits to WVU, may appeal decisions on how credits were evaluated. Students opting to appeal a transfer evaluation must appeal to the Office of the University Registrar within one semester of the transfer. Appeals should be made in writing and include syllabi or other supporting documents. The Office of the University Registrar’s transfer unit will review the appeal and make any technical corrections to work evaluated as needed. If the Office of the University Registrar’s transfer unit finds no technical error in how the credit was evaluated, the student’s appeal and syllabi will be forwarded to the respective college through which the course or similar course is offered and reviewed by the Dean's designee for a determination. If it is determined the course in question is not equivalent to an existing course, the appeal will be denied. If the appeal is denied, the student may appeal to the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs. The Associate Provost will convene a panel of faculty members to review the appeal. This panel will decide to either uphold the transfer evaluation as it stands or direct that the evaluation be changed. The Associate Provost will notify all parties to the outcome of the process within 60 days of receipt of the appeal by the Office of University Registrar.

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International Student Admission

West Virginia University is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant foreign nationals as international students. International students who wish to enroll as undergraduate students at WVU must comply with the stated academic requirements for admission and with certain additional academic and non-academic requirements.

Application deadlines are as follows:

- **Fall Semester** – Apply by June 1, all academic documents must be submitted by July 1
- **Spring Semester** – Apply by October 1, all academic documents must be submitted by November 1
- **Summer** – Apply by February 15, all academic documents must be submitted by April 1.

Applications submitted after the deadline and incomplete applications will be considered for the next term.

International students applying for admission to WVU must submit the following:

- Completed undergraduate admission application
- Application fee
- Results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS). TOEFL results should be sent to WVU directly from the Educational Testing Service (ETS) and the IELTS results should be sent directly from the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate.
- Original or certified copies of an official academic record in original language of issue
- Original or certified copies of all certificates or diplomas in original language of issue
- Official English translations of academic record and certificates/diplomas
- Copy of current passport or visa for visa status

NOTE: Copies of academic records/transcripts, certificates or diplomas from international institutions may be sent by email for review purposes after application. However, original or certified copies of all official records/transcripts, certificates and diplomas must be submitted by mail or special delivery after admission or as soon as possible prior to registration.

Transcripts from US institutions must be sent directly from the US institution to West Virginia University.

Applicants for undergraduate programs must submit all secondary school records as well as all university-level records. Undergraduate transfer applicants should submit course descriptions or syllabi for all courses completed at the university level.

International applicants who have completed high school in the United States will also be required to submit ACT or SAT results.

The above items should be sent to the following address by the application deadline: Office of Admissions, West Virginia University, P.O. Box 6009, 2nd Floor, One Waterfront Place, Morgantown, WV 26505-6009.

If possible, all application material should be submitted at one time (TOEFL/IELTS scores and official transcripts from United States institutions should be requested so that all material arrives at WVU close to the same date). Incomplete applications cannot be guaranteed consideration for the desired semester.

Please note: Documents received by WVU, including original documents, become the property of WVU and cannot be returned to or copied for the applicant. Students who have only one original copy of their credentials should submit certified copies.

**CHINA HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT INFORMATION AND CAREER CENTER (CHESICC)**

Applicants from Chinese institutions should request and submit official transcripts directly through CHESICC. Requests are processed by CHESICC and will be sent electronically to WVU's Admissions Office. Applicants do not need to submit a paper copy of their transcript. Visit CHESICC at http://www.chsi.com.cn/ to get started.

**WORLD EDUCATION SERVICES (WES)**

To expedite the application process, it is recommended, but not required, that all undergraduate students (both freshmen and transfer) who have attended high school, post-secondary educational institutions and colleges or universities outside the United States use World Education Services (https://www.wes.org) to complete professional credential evaluation of all academic work completed. Transfer applicants should request a "course-by-course" International Credential Advantage Package (ICAP). Freshman applicants should request a "document-by-document" International Credential Advantage Package (ICAP). ICAP evaluations include WES certified copies of official documents.
IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT NAMES ON SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS

Materials from applicants are retained alphabetically, under the family name, as indicated by the applicant on the International Student Admission Application. It is important that all forms, records and correspondence use the same name and spelling. Your name must be as it appears or will appear in your passport. Materials often cannot be matched to files when papers arrive with different names.

International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) and General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE)

WVU welcomes applications from students with IGCSE and GCSE Level Certificates from Cambridge International for admissions consideration. We require a minimum of 5 subject passes of which two must be English and Mathematics. The average of the grades must be at least a 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale). A passing grade in the subject of English will be accepted as evidence of sufficient English ability.

Admission Requirements

The following are the minimum admissions requirements for international students applying as freshman or undergraduate transfer students.

FRESHMAN

- Must have at least a 2.5 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale for general admission.
- Must meet English proficiency or request conditional admission.
- Please be advised that some majors such as Engineering may reach capacity and therefore will be restricted from entry.
- For direct admission to some colleges and majors, SAT or ACT scores are required and must be sent to WVU directly from the respective testing services. International students are encouraged, but not required, to submit SAT or ACT scores. SAT or ACT scores are useful for determining scholarship eligibility.

TRANSFER

- Must have at least a 2.0 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale for general admission.
- Must meet English Proficiency or request conditional admission.
- In addition, transfer students who have fewer than 24 transferable credit hours, must also meet freshman admission standards and submit secondary school/high school transcripts. Some individual programs and majors have different course requirements and higher grade point average requirements; please review the various program requirements.
- Grades and credits are transferable for college-level courses from regionally accredited U.S. institutions.

Applicants must submit academic records from all secondary and post-secondary institutions attended regardless of whether grades were issued or credit was received. WVU requires that original or certified copies of the original academic documents from non-U.S. institutions be submitted. The required documents include the official academic record (showing course titles, dates taken, and grades received) and diploma(s) or certificate(s) showing degree awarded. These documents must be in the original language of issue; official English translations must be included. Translations must be literal, word-for-word translations and must indicate actual grades received, not an interpretation of the grades. Applicants who have studied in the United States are required to have the institution(s) in the U.S. send the official transcript directly to the WVU Office of Admissions.

English Language Proficiency

All applicants whose native language is not English must provide proof of English language proficiency. WVU uses the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) as the measure of English language proficiency. A score of 500 on the paper-based TOEFL, or 61 on the internet-based TOEFL, or 6.0 on the IELTS is the minimum required of all such undergraduate applicants. Applicants must make arrangements to take the TOEFL/IELTS well in advance of the desired date of enrollment at WVU. Information about registration for the TOEFL can be obtained by writing to: Educational Testing Service, P.O. Box 6151, Princeton, NJ 08541-6151, USA, or by contacting the local office of the United States Information Service (USIS). Information about registration for IELTS can be obtained by accessing the IELTS website at http://www.ielts.org. WVU’s institution code for ETS is 5904.

TOEFL/IELTS results are not required for applicants who have received a high school diploma and have obtained the required ACT/SAT test scores or a bachelor’s degree from a school in the United States.

In some cases, SAT Reading or ACT English test scores may be used to meet English proficiency. A passing grade in the subject of English on the IGCSE or GCSE certificates from Cambridge International will be accepted for English proficiency.

Transfer applicants who have completed English composition courses that WVU determines are equivalent to WVU’s ENGL 101 and ENGL 102 with a “B” average at a U.S. institution are not required to submit TOEFL/IELTS scores. Many online English composition courses are not considered equivalent and will require review and approval from the English department.

In some cases, it may be possible to consider applications from students who lack adequate TOEFL/IELTS scores and who will enroll in WVU’s Intensive English Program. Admission to the Intensive English Program does not guarantee admission to the University or to a specific program of study.
The IEP application should be submitted online at http://iep.wvu.edu or can be sent to WVU Intensive English Program, Eisland Hall, P.O. Box 6297, Morgantown, WV 26506-6297.

Financial Documents and Student Visa
Before WVU can issue the document necessary to apply for a student visa (Form I-20 or Form DS-2019), students must provide proof that they have the adequate financial resources to provide for their expenses incurred while studying at WVU. All financial documents and a copy of the visa or passport must be submitted to the International Students and Scholars Services Office. For more on the student visa process, visit the International Students and Scholars Services (https://isss.wvu.edu) webpage.

Student Health Insurance
International students will be automatically enrolled in our student health plan unless an appropriate waiver has been submitted and approved. Information regarding the plan, enrollment information, waiver forms, etc., can be found at the Student Health Insurance Plan (http://studentinsurance.wvu.edu).