

INTERNATIONAL FRESHMAN

You are considered a new international FRESHMAN applicant if you are a citizen of any country other than the U.S., are not in the U.S. as an immigrant and you have earned no more than the equivalent of 6 semester hours of college-level credit* after graduation from high school (Higher Secondary).

GOOD STANDING: To be admitted as a freshman in good standing you must satisfy **all** of the following requirements:

- Graduate from either an **accredited** U.S. high school, a **recognized** higher secondary institution outside of the U.S. or have earned the U.S. GED.

Accredited refers to schools fully accredited by one of the six regional associations of U.S. schools and colleges or by your individual U.S. state department of education.

Recognized refers to educational programs that are recognized by the Ministry of Education or government entity responsible for monitoring educational programs in the country where your higher secondary level education was completed.

- Achieve the equivalent of an **unweighted GPA of 3.0** (on a 4.0 scale).

OSU understands that the grading systems abroad are different from the U.S. patterned grading system. The Office of Admissions reserves the right to assign letter grade equivalents based on nationally recognized standards when calculating equivalent GPA from academic records issued abroad.

- Participate in the ACT or SAT examinations if testing is available in your home country or you have been educated in a U.S. secondary school institution.

***SAT or ACT participation is mandatory for all students who have received secondary education in the United States.**

Students who have not taken the SAT or ACT prior to their arrival on campus will be required to take the COMPASS placement test for math and English prior to registration for any course work at OSU. In certain instances, additional testing and/or a writing sample may be required in order to insure appropriate placement in English courses. Students scoring below a 19 on the ACT or a 470 on the SAT on their placement tests will be required to take remedial courses resulting in no credit toward their degree.

- Evidence of English proficiency is required for all applicants for whom English is a second language. An official **TOEFL** examination with a minimum score of **500 for a paper-based test, 61 for internet based TOEFL, 173 for a computer based test or an official IELTS with a minimum total score of 6.0** is required to satisfy the English proficiency requirements for admission to undergraduate studies. Either examination must have been taken within the last two years.

*** TOEFL is required of all students whose native language is not English.**

- The U.S. Bureau of Citizenship and Naturalization Services requires that evidence of adequate financial support for educational expenses be submitted to Oklahoma State University before the University can issue a Certificate of Eligibility (I-20 or DS 2019). The **Financial Guarantee** is provided in the International Application materials.

*In addition to the stated freshman admission requirements, you must obtain an equivalent, minimum GPA of 1.70 in all college-level coursework attempted. Remedial or 0-level courses are not considered college-level credit and are not included in the GPA.

APPLICATION TIPS

- **Apply early:** Applying early gives you more time to secure a student visa and to make arrangements to arrive on campus before classes begin.
- **Complete Application:** It is important that you complete all questions on the Application for Admission. Failure to do so delays processing your application.
- **Send everything together:** For the quickest response from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, please submit all required materials together (application, academic records, official SAT/ACT score report¹, copy of TOEFL Examinee Score Record² when available, financial guarantee and application fees).

¹Official SAT/ACT score report should be sent directly to our office from CollegeBoard.

²Official TOEFL score records should be sent directly to our office from ETS.