

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students who plan to enter UC Merced as freshmen must have completed a rigorous program of studies and activities comparable to that required of domestic freshman applicants selected for admission and must demonstrate proficiency in the English language by one of the methods described later in this section. International applicants are also required to take the ACT Assessment Plus Writing test or the SAT Reasoning test and two SAT Subject Tests selected from two of the following subject areas: history, literature, mathematics (Math Level II only), science or a language other than English.

International students enrolled in California Community Colleges and other post-secondary institutions in the United States will be considered for admission according to the same guidelines and requirements as those required of domestic transfer students, except that they must present a grade point average of at least 2.8 for admission consideration.

Courses comparable to those offered for undergraduate degree credit in the University of California and completed in post-secondary institutions outside the United States will transfer to UC Merced if taken at institutions recognized by the Ministry of Education in the institution's home country. International students with previous college attendance cannot disregard their academic records and apply as freshmen.

International students whose native language is not English must demonstrate language proficiency by one of the following methods:

- Take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and earn a minimum score of 220 (computer-based TOEFL) or 550 (paper-based TOEFL). Information about the TOEFL is available at www.toefl.org.
- Take the International English Language Testing System exam (IELTS) and earn a minimum score of 7. Information about IELTS is available at www.ielts.org
- Earn a score of 3, 4 or 5 on the Advanced Placement International English Language (APIEL). Information about the APIEL is available at: www.collegeboard.com/ap/students/apiel.