

# INTERNATIONAL ADMISSION

Students from other countries are welcome to apply for admission to the University of Michigan-Dearborn. The following documents must be received before an admissions decision can be made:

- You may submit your application first, and send additional materials afterwards; however a complete packet with all necessary application components will expedite the admissions decision. All correspondence must be in English, and must contain the full name of the applicant with the family surname underlined. Applications will not receive a final evaluation until all required materials have been received. Our website provides additional details on country-by-country requirements. (<https://umdearborn.edu/admissions/undergraduate/international-admissions/international-freshman-admissions/academic-requirements-documents-needed-country/>)
- If you are already in the U.S. studying on an F-1 or J-1 visa, please indicate F-1 or J-1 on the "Type of Visa" section on the Application for Undergraduate Admission.
- Students who plan to obtain an F-1 or J-1 visa from abroad for use in entering the U.S. should write "plan to obtain F-1 or J-1 visa" in the "Type of Visa" section on the Application for Undergraduate Admission.
- If you are currently in the U.S. as a refugee, asylee, or on a temporary visa other than the F-1 student visa (such as F-2, B-2, H-4, etc.), and you wish to change to F-1 status to begin attending UM-Dearborn, please indicate this on your Application for Undergraduate Admission.

## English Language Proficiency Requirements

If you are not a native speaker of English, you must prove an adequate level of English language proficiency to enroll in college credit courses, *even if you are currently a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and regardless of how long you have resided or been educated in the U.S.*

You must fulfill the English language proficiency requirement in one of the ways described below before regular admission will be granted.

**Freshmen** may prove their English Language Proficiency without additional testing by:

- completing two full years of general track English courses in a U.S. high school with grades of "C" or better **and**
- achieving an acceptable score on the verbal section of the SAT or ACT. There is no specific SAT/ACT verbal score required, but this score will be used in conjunction with other factors to evaluate your academic English skills.

**Transfers** may prove their English proficiency without additional testing by:

- presenting acceptable performance as described in the freshmen section above. You must provide records to verify acceptable courses, grades, and SAT/ACT scores, or completing two semesters of regular-track, transferable English composition courses, equivalent to UM-Dearborn's Composition 105 and 106, with grades of "C" or better in both courses ("C-" or below is not acceptable for transfer). If you are enrolled in the second semester of English composition when applying and earn a "C" or better in the first semester of English Composition, conditional admission may be possible.

If you have not demonstrated English language proficiency in one of the ways described above, you must take an English language proficiency test. The Office of Admissions and Orientation will accept the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Examination. You must take one of these tests; it is not necessary to take all of them.

The minimum score required for admission is dependent on the test you take. Achieving the minimum score does not guarantee admission, only consideration.

### Minimum Scores

TOEFL: Paper-based	550
TOEFL: Computer-based	213
3 TOEFL: Internet-based	80
IELTS	6.5

The TOEFL and IELTS are offered throughout the world. You should take a test well in advance of your intended starting term. TOEFL scores arrive at UM-Dearborn 6-8 weeks after the test date. IELTS mails results 13 days after the test date.

You may take the TOEFL, or IELTS test more than once, and all scores will be considered. Test scores more than two years old will not be accepted for consideration. For testing information and registration materials, please contact:

TOEFL  
P.O. Box 6151  
Princeton, NJ 08541, U.S.A.  
Telephone: 609-771-7600  
[toefl.org](http://www.toeflgoanywhere.org/) (<http://www.toeflgoanywhere.org/>)  
[toefl@ets.org](mailto:toefl@ets.org) (<http://www.toeflgoanywhere.org/>)

IELTS  
100 East Corson Street, Suite 200  
Pasadena, CA 91103, U.S.A.  
Telephone: 626-564-2954  
[ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org) (<http://www.ielts.org>)  
[ielts@ieltsintl.org](mailto:ielts@ieltsintl.org) (<http://www.ielts.org>)

*UM-Dearborn offers English as a second language courses. For information, please call the English Language Proficiency Program Office at 313-583-6661.*

### Standardized test requirement

All freshmen are required to take a U.S. standardized college entrance examination, regardless of your citizenship/visa status or whether you have attended secondary school in the U.S. or abroad. Transfer students are not required to take this exam if they have earned at least 24 transferable credits. If for any reason, students are unable to provide a standardized exam result, the student should contact the Office of Admissions and Orientation immediately.

- The Office of Admissions and Orientation will accept either the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) or the ACT (American College Test). The student should make certain that the test results are forwarded to the UM-Dearborn Office of Undergraduate Admissions (SAT code #1861; ACT code #2074). You must take one of these tests (it is not necessary to take both). These tests are available throughout the world, and should be taken well in advance of the intended starting term. SAT and ACT scores take 6-8 weeks after the test date to arrive

at UM-Dearborn. You may take the test(s) more than once, and UM-Dearborn will consider your highest composite score.

- Your score will be used as one factor in the admissions process. If your secondary education has been completed partially or entirely abroad, and if English is not your native language, your individual circumstances will be considered when evaluating your test scores.
- For students with international backgrounds, the score required for admission in each case will depend on various other factors, such as high school courses and grades, and English proficiency test scores (if required).
- For information and registration materials for the SAT or ACT, please contact your high school counselor if you are in the U.S., or contact the testing agencies directly if you are currently living abroad:

SAT  
College Board  
P.O. Box 6200  
Princeton, NJ 08451, U.S.A  
Phone: 866-756-7346  
sat.org (<http://www.sat.org>)

ACT  
P.O. Box 414  
Iowa City, IA 52443, U.S.A.  
Phone: 319-337-1270  
act.org (<http://www.act.org>)

## Academic Requirements for International Admission

This section discusses grade-point average (GPA) and course/curriculum requirements. Please review our international records portion of the website for additional details - <https://umdearborn.edu/admissions/undergraduate/international-admissions/academic-records> (<https://umdearborn.edu/admissions/undergraduate/international-admissions/academic-records/>).

### Freshmen

Freshmen who have attended secondary school abroad are expected to meet the same general admissions requirements as U.S. students.

1. You must have earned a U.S. high school diploma or the equivalent secondary school completion credential in your country, by the time you would enroll at UM-Dearborn. Freshmen usually apply during their last year of secondary school. Any offer of admission is conditional upon successful completion of the secondary school program before enrollment at UM-Dearborn.
2. You must have pursued a general academic (non-vocational) program of study. Solid preparation in the traditional academic college-preparatory subjects is required (English, mathematics, science, social studies).
3. You must have maintained above-average grades throughout your secondary school studies. Admission is competitive, and to be a strong candidate for admission, grades received should be equivalent to an overall GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 U.S. scale. If you complete your secondary schooling abroad, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions for information on the credential and level of performance which would be acceptable for admission.

## Transfer Students

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions will evaluate transcripts from all institutions attended as well as ECE or WES evaluations for foreign schools.

General academic requirements for each unit are listed below. You should contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions as early as possible in your academic career to be certain that you are completing courses that will not only transfer, but also count toward specific admission and/or graduation requirements at UM-Dearborn. All GPA requirements are given using the 4.0 U.S. scale.

All transfer applications are reviewed on an individual basis, and if you do not meet the stated requirements for your desired unit, it is suggested that you discuss your situation with an admissions counselor. Call 313-593-5100 to schedule an appointment.

- **College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters**  
Required GPA: 2.50
- **College of Business**  
Required GPA: 2.70
- **College of Engineering and Computer Science**  
Required GPA: 2.75
  - Direct Engineering: Overall GPA 2.75 or higher and completed Calculus II (Math 116 or equivalent) elsewhere with a C grade
  - Pre-Engineering: Overall GPA 2.75 or higher and haven't completed Calculus II (Math 116 or equivalent)
- **College of Education, Health, and Human Services**  
Required GPA:
  - Teacher Certification Programs: 2.75
  - Non-Teacher Certification Programs: 2.50

## How to obtain I-20 or DS-2019

Please reference the Office of International Affairs website at <https://umdearborn.edu/offices/office-international-affairs/incoming-international-students-prepare-arrive> (<https://umdearborn.edu/offices/office-international-affairs/incoming-international-students-prepare-arrive/>). All documents received by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions will be shared with the Office of International Affairs for the purpose of creating the I-20 or DS-2019.