Frequently Asked Questions: (FAQ)

What are the application deadlines for international students?

International applicants should complete their applications by the deadlines listed below. We cannot guarantee that students completing applications after the published deadline will receive an admission decision in time to process visa requests. Accordingly, late applications may be considered for a later semester at the discretion of the Admissions Committee.

If you are not currently in the United States, it may take several weeks to get an appointment at the appropriate US Embassy or Consulate in order to secure a visa. You are advised to start the admission process well before the application deadline to allow plenty of time for us to receive and review credentials mailed from outside the United States. On average, applicants receive an admission decision two to four weeks from the date their application file becomes complete.

- FALL semester application deadline: April 1st
- SPRING semester application deadline: November 1st* (current F-1 visa holders only)

Are there scholarships and financial aid available for international students?

International students are eligible for a merit scholarship up to $15,000 USD ($1,875 per semester for up to eight semesters or upon completion of degree). Students are automatically considered for a merit scholarship as part of the admission process and awarding is based on academic credentials. However, there are no need-based scholarships or financial aid for international students.

How much does it cost to attend Worcester State University?

For the 2020-2021 academic year, the following represents an estimated annual cost of attendance, which includes tuition, fees, living expenses, health insurance, and books:

- Full-time Undergraduate Students - $31,500

What happens after the completed application is received?

When your application becomes complete, the Admissions Committee will review your academic credentials and make a final admission decision. If you are admitted, Worcester State University will send an official letter of acceptance. A Certificate of Eligibility for non-immigrant status (form I-20) will be issued once an enrollment deposit is received and is granted for a specific semester only. If you are unable to attend during the designated semester, Worcester State should be notified immediately.

Who should I contact if I have a question?

Questions about the admission process should be directed to the Undergraduate Admissions Office at (508) 929-8040 or admissions@worcester.edu. Questions about the F-1 student visa process should be directed to the Office of International Programs at (508) 929-8305 or vporteirocejas@worcester.edu.
International Student Admission Application Instructions

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For assistance, additional information, or to contact the local international student advisor in your home country, visit Education USA at [www.educationusa.state.gov](http://www.educationusa.state.gov) and Study in the States at [https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov](https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/).

Before Applying to WSU

Pertinent academic documents and transcripts from institutions outside of the U.S. supporting an application for admission must be submitted directly to a credential evaluation agency. The following is a list of acceptable agencies:

- Center for Educational Documentation  [www.cedevaluations.com](http://www.cedevaluations.com)
- Education Evaluators International  [www.educei.com](http://www.educei.com)
- Josef & Silny & Associates, Inc.  [www.jsilny.org](http://www.jsilny.org)
- Spantran Evaluation Company  [www.spantran.com](http://www.spantran.com)
- World Education Services  [www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org)

All applicants must submit the following to a credential evaluation agency:

- An official high school record, leaving certificate, and/or graduation examination results (e.g., A levels, GCSE, WASSCE, CBSE, ISCE, CXC, CAPE, etc).

- Official post-secondary school/ University studies record and transcripts from all institutions attended (if applicable)

Students who have attended international post-secondary schools must submit official copies of all transcripts and certified English translations of these transcripts to an evaluation agency. A course-by-course evaluation should be requested and students wishing to transfer credit completed at a non-U.S. institution must be prepared to submit a course description and/or syllabus to the appropriate academic department chair in order to be granted credit.

- Official certified English translations of all academic records not printed in English (if applicable)

Photocopies or FAX copies of secondary or post-secondary school records will not be accepted for review under any circumstances.

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All of the following documents must be submitted to:

Worcester State University
Undergraduate Admissions Office
486 Chandler Street
Worcester, MA 01602
USA

- Current application form and $50 non-refundable application fee
  www.worcester.edu/admissions

A current application for full time Undergraduate Day Admission should be submitted directly to the Undergraduate Admissions Office at WSU. Payment may be made by check or money order issued in U.S. dollars (USD) and made payable to Worcester State University. The application-completion deadline is April 1st for September admission and November 1st for January admission. Please note that the applicant’s permanent international address must be included on the application form.

*Nursing and Occupational Therapy applicants must submit all materials by the priority deadline of January 15, 2021.*

- **Standardized Testing (SAT)**
  Official results of the SAT are required for all first year applicants who have graduated from a secondary school within the past three years. Please refer to the College Board website for registration and test dates (www.collegeboard.org). Transfer students with 12 or more transferable credits and a minimum GPA of a 2.5 would not be required to submit an SAT score report.

- **English Language Proficiency Exam**
  All applicants whose native language is not English must submit exam. This can be accomplished by submitting results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (minimum required score 71 internet based test), International English Language Testing System (IELTS) (minimum required score: 6.0), or Duolingo (DET) (minimum score: 100). Please refer to the TOEFL and IELTS websites for available test dates and to register (www.ets.org/toefl or www.ielts.org). Additional English proficiency exams that are accepted along with minimum results requirements are Pearson PTE 50; DAAD B2; Eiken Pre-1, and ITEP 3.5. Applicants who have received an Associate’s degree from a regionally accredited United States college or university are not required to submit an English proficiency exam.

- **Affidavit of Financial Support**
  All applicants must submit personal, family or sponsor information and bank documentation evidencing sufficient funds to cover the cost of attending the university. **The Affidavit of Financial Support must be completed and show access to sufficient funds (in US dollars) to attend the first year at the university.** The “Cost of Attendance” section can be found on page 7.

- **Photocopy of the applicant’s current passport (First-year and transfer applicants)**

- **Transfer applicants must submit the following:** F-1 Transfer Verification Form, copy of your current I-20, and copy of U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services-issued Visa.
After all required official academic transcripts, translations, and international test scores, wherever applicable, are received by the credential evaluation agency, an evaluation of academic credentials will be completed and mailed to both the applicant and the Undergraduate Admissions Office. If, in the process of completing an evaluation, the agency determines that additional documents are required, applicants will be notified by the agency staff directly. The Admissions decision is made by the University Admissions staff after reviewing the evaluation submitted by the agency, together with all other required application documents. Applicants will be notified of an admissions decision as soon as one is made to the email address listed on the application and by postal mail.

### Cost of Attendance

As an international student, you and your family or sponsors must assume all responsibility for your student expenses while attending Worcester State University. You must submit evidence of financial support as part of your application for admission. This information is required to complete Form I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility for Non-immigrant Student Status) which is necessary to obtain F-1 student status. Your I-20 can only be issued if you have been offered admission and have submitted the required financial documentation.

**Annual Cost for Academic Year 2020-21***

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Cost of Attendance

Affidavit of Financial Support

All international students must submit the following evidence of financial support:

1. The WSU Affidavit of Financial Support (page 7).

2. Supporting documentation for each of the sponsors and each of the accounts listed in the form of a letter from a bank official verifying the sponsor’s financial account information OR a recent bank statement from each account that will be used to sponsor your education*.

* All letters and bank statements must be reflected in U.S. dollars and be written in English. These documents will not be returned.

Important Notice

The Office of International Programs will issue a Form I-20 only to those international students who complete the application process by the appropriate deadline, are academically acceptable to the University, satisfactorily submit financial documentation and the Affidavit of Financial Support, and subsequently are issued an official letter of acceptance to Worcester State University signed by the Director of Admissions. The enrollment deposit and required supporting documents found in the acceptance packet are required prior to an I-20 being issued.

If you have any additional questions that these instructions have not answered, please feel free to contact us:

Undergraduate Admissions Office
Contact: Kirsh Donis
Administration Building Room 248
Ph. (508) 929-8040
Fx. (508) 929-8183
Email. kdonis@worcester.edu

International Programs Office
Contact: Katey Palumbo
Student Center Room 317
Ph. (508) 929-8835
Fx. (508) 929-8102
Email. kpalumbo2@worcester.edu

Victoria Porteiro-Cejas
Student Center Room 317
Ph. (508) 929-8305
Fx. (508) 929-8102
Email: vporteirocejas@worcester.edu
International First-Year Student Checklist

____ Application for Admission (Paper or Online) www.worcester.edu/admissions ~ Click “Apply to WSU”
____ $50.00 (USD) Application Fee—Check or Money Order made payable to Worcester State University
____ Official High School Transcript, Leaving Certificate, and/or Graduation Examination Results, with official English language translation (if applicable)
____ Official Evaluation of High School Transcript (Refer to Page 2)
____ Official English Proficiency score result if education was in a language other than English (TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo)
____ SAT Score Report for applicants who graduated from a secondary school within the past three years (WSU Institutional Code: 3524)
____ Waiver of Confidential Information (optional)
____ Worcester State University Affidavit of Financial Support Form (Refer to Page 7)
____ Copy of Passport ID page

International Transfer Checklist
(Applicant has attended college/university)

____ Application for Admission (Paper or Online) www.worcester.edu/admissions ~ Click “Apply to WSU”
____ $50.00 (USD) Application Fee—Check or Money Order made payable to Worcester State University
____ Official High School Transcript or National Exam Scores, with official English translation if applicable
____ Evaluation of Official High School and College Transcript, with official English translation if applicable
____ Official course-by-course Evaluation of all non-U.S. transcripts (Refer to Page 2)
____ Official English Proficiency score result if education was in a language other than English ***Applicants with a Regionally Accredited Associates Degree are NOT required to submit English proficiency result***
____ Waiver of Confidential Information (optional)
____ Worcester State University Affidavit of Financial Support Form (Refer to Page 7)
____ Copy of Passport ID page
____ Copy of Current I-20

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____ WSU Transfer Notification form must be completed prior to the new I-20 issued. Transfer students will need to inform the International Student Advisor at your most recent institution regarding your intention to transfer to WSU in order to facilitate the transfer of your SEVIS record.
Affidavit of Financial Support Academic Year 2021-2022

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Applicant’s Date of Birth: ________________  Telephone Number: ________________

Applicant’s Permanent Address: ______________________________________________________

Applicant’s Mailing Address: ______________________________________________________

Applicant’s Email Address: ________________________________

Sponsor Information

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Sponsor’s Permanent Address: ______________________________________________________

Sponsor’s Telephone Number: ________________________________

This document verifies that I, ________________________________, will guarantee the required financial support for the yearly educational and living expenses of ________________________________. While a student at Worcester State University, I further guarantee that funds will be available for this student’s subsequent years of study at WSU. The yearly amount of support in U.S. dollars is **at least $31,500 and is reflected on the attached bank statement or letter from the bank official. If multiple sponsors* are used, the combination of funds must meet this minimum requirement.**

By signing this document, I certify that all of the information is true to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that I am legally obligated with my guarantee of financial support for the student.

_________________________  ___________________________
Signature of Sponsor       Date

* Each sponsor must complete a separate form and submit the required bank documentation.

An original bank letter and/or statement verifying each sponsor’s financial information must be attached and be reflected in U.S. dollars. These documents will not be returned. We suggest you request additional copies for your visa interview.
WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

I, the applicant, authorize Worcester State University to communicate with the following individuals regarding the status of my application for admission and any other related information.

Please print all names clearly:

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Please print your name as it appears on your application.

_______________________________________________
Applicant’s Signature

______________________________________________
Date

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Parent’s Signature (If applicant is under 18 years of age)

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