



## **ADMISSIONS INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

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# THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA

*In just over a quarter of a century, the University of South Alabama has become one of the major universities of the American Sunbelt region. The University is a comprehensive public institution offering undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs in nine colleges: Allied Health Professions, Arts and Sciences, Mitchell College of Business, Computer and Information Sciences, Continuing Education, Education, Engineering, Medicine and Nursing.*

*The University's total enrollment of over 13,000 students includes more than 1,000 students from other countries. The campus is a diverse community with students from a wide range of age groups, nationalities and racial and ethnic backgrounds. Small classes taught by full-time faculty members allow each individual the opportunity to grow and excel. A commitment to teaching and outstanding accreditation insures that the University of South Alabama will continue to educate its students to meet the challenges of tomorrow.*

*The University of South Alabama is located in Mobile, Alabama's oldest city. Founded in 1702, Mobile is the state's only port city and is located on the beautiful Gulf Coast. With a metropolitan population of 400,000, Mobile is conveniently located near the cities of New Orleans (225 km), Atlanta, site of the 1996 Summer Olympics (530 km) and Orlando, home of Walt Disney World (1250 km). The weather in Mobile is temperate most of the year. Students should be prepared for hot and humid summers (average temperature 28 degrees C) and mild, occasionally chilly winters (average temperature 12 degrees C). The annual average rainfall is 160 cm. However, an abundance of sunshine provides residents ample opportunities to swim, canoe, play tennis, bicycle or participate in other outdoor activities.*

*Mobile's chief industries include shipbuilding, paper, seafood and lumber. A growing number of international corporations contribute to the city's economic expansion. With all of this to offer, Mobile is a city of cultural leisure, economic opportunities and an ideal location for the University of South Alabama.*

## Admission Requirements and General Instructions

(Permanent Residents of the U.S. should follow the special instructions on the next page.)

### 1. APPLICATION FORM AND FEE

Completed International Application for Admission form and \$35 processing fee, payable through a U.S. bank. Applications received without the \$35 fee will not be processed.

### 2. ACADEMIC RECORDS

- a. Official copies of academic records of course work completed in secondary schools, colleges, universities, or professional institutions are required.
- b. It is your responsibility to request that one academic record, bearing the original stamp or seal and signature of a government or school official (e.g., register or dean), be sent to the Office of International Services from each institution you have attended. Whenever possible, academic records must be sent directly from the issuing institution. If you have a U.S. bachelor's degree or its equivalent, secondary school records are not required. Notarized copies are not accepted.
- c. Your academic records should list the subjects you studied by year; the number of weekly lecture and laboratory hours in each attempt at every subject; grades, marks or percentages earned in year-end examinations; and copies of diplomas, titles, degrees or certificates. Consolidated marksheets are not accepted.
- d. Academic records not in English must be accompanied by a certified translation.

### 3. ENGLISH PROFICIENCY FOR NONNATIVE SPEAKERS

#### a. Undergraduate Requirements

A minimum TOEFL score of 173 (61) is required for admission; or a 19 on the English score of ACT; or 510 on the SAT I Critical Reading Score; or an A, B, or C on Ordinary/Advanced Level

English Examinations from the United Kingdom or a minimum IELFTS score of 5.0.

#### b. Graduate Requirements

- I. A minimum TOEFL score of 197 (71) is required or a minimum IELTS of 5.5. Applications who have received a bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited U.S. institution are not required to submit TOEFL.
- II. Graduate students should refer to the enclosed information regarding standardized test requirements such as GRE, GMAT or MAT.

### 4. GENERAL

- a. Two passport-size photographs.
- b. Prospective student athletes who are admitted as freshman must submit an official ACT or SAT score report.
- c. International students (F-1) applying as transfer students from institutions within the United States must submit a completed Transfer Eligibility form.
- d. A notarized financial affidavit and a certified bank statement for at least \$16,550 U.S. per year.
- e. Please enclose a photocopy of your passport.

5. **Graduate students only:** Two original letters of recommendation written by persons familiar with the applicant's academic qualifications and ability to undertake the proposed course of study.

**All documents must be sent to:**

**Office of International Services  
University of South Alabama  
Meisler Hall, Suite 2200  
Mobile, AL 36688-0002**

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Office of International Services

The Office of International Services at the University of South Alabama is uniquely designed to serve the University's international student and scholar population. Staffed by trained professionals, the office issues appropriate visa forms such as the I-20 and DS 2019, advises students on cultural, personal and immigration matters, and plans orientation and other activities for students. The office works to insure that the special needs of the University's international community are met.

### English Language Center

The English Language Center offers intensive language training for students who wish to improve their English proficiency. Successful completion of the prescribed course of study with the English Language Center offers conditional undergraduate admission to the University when all other requirements have been met and no further English as a Second Language course work will be required of the student.

Interested students should write to:

English Language Center  
University of South Alabama  
Alpha Hall East 221  
Mobile, Alabama 36688-0002  
U.S.A.

In addition, the English Language Center conducts the English Proficiency Examination given to all new international students, regardless of TOEFL score, during the orientation program prior to registration. The English Proficiency Examination determines whether additional ESL courses are needed.

### Medical Insurance

The University requires all international students on non immigrant visas to have a major health insurance policy. A group policy is offered during registration. All students must purchase this policy at registration. The insurance policy covers most costs of accidents and illnesses but does not provide for routine eye or dental care.

Medical care is available on the University campus through the Student Health Center and various clinics and departments of the College of Medicine.

### Living Accommodations

The University offers several types of on-campus housing, including traditional dormitory rooms, two-and four-person suites and efficiency and two-bedroom apartments. The cost of on-campus housing ranges from \$1,120 to \$2,133 per semester. An application for on-campus housing is sent to students who have been accepted by the University. Accommodations are limited, therefore students are advised to apply early. An application fee of \$150 is required when applying. Students are not required to live on campus and acceptance by the University does not guarantee that space will be available.

Many students live in apartment complexes which are located off-campus. There are a number of complexes near the University within a reasonable walking distance. The cost of an off-campus apartment may range from \$410 to \$635 per month and does not include furniture, cooking utensils or the cost of

utilities. The University is unable to locate off-campus accommodations for students.

### Finances

All international students must make arrangements before leaving their own countries to meet the financial needs they will encounter while studying in the U.S. This requirement is intended to help students avoid financial problems after their arrival. The University's sources of financial assistance are very limited. **There is no financial assistance for undergraduate international students.**

Married students will need an additional \$4,500 per year for one dependent and \$2,500 per year for each additional dependent. In addition, students with children requiring fulltime daycare should expect to pay approximately \$75 per week for child.

Graduate research or teaching assistantships are awarded by various academic departments to graduate students on basis of academic merit. Interested students should write to the chair of their major field at the University for further information.

Employment opportunities for international students are severely limited by D.H.S. Students cannot expect to be able to finance their education by working.

United States embassies and bi-national cultural centers can provide information about other sources of financial aid to international students. Detailed estimates of the cost of attending the University of South Alabama are provided on a separate sheet.

### Permanent Residents

The Office of International Services also processes all applications submitted by Permanent Residents of the United States. The chief difference in requirements for admission are as follows:

1. Permanent Residents do not have to complete the financial information section of the application.
2. A TOEFL score is not required but an applicant whose academic records or standardized test scores indicate a potential language difficulty may be required to sit for the English proficiency examination given during orientation and to complete any English as a Second Language course work recommended as a result of the examination.
3. Applicants with less than one year of university-level work or who have been out of high school less than five years, must submit an official ACT or SAT score report.
4. Proof of medical insurance is not required.
5. The applicant's "A" number should be entered on the application; after arrival the card must be shown to the Designated School Official.
6. Permanent Residents will not pay out-of-state fees if they qualify as residents of the University's service area. They will pay the International Student fee.
7. Permanent Residents are eligible to apply for financial aid. The Office of International Services must certify, in writing, the applicant's status as a Permanent Resident before the Financial Aid Office will process the financial aid application.

## Transfer Credit

Course work completed at other post-secondary institutions will be considered for transfer credit on an individual basis. To receive credit, the course work must:

1. have been completed at an institution of higher education recognized by the country in which the institution is located;
2. be academic and theoretical in nature (credit is not awarded for vocational or technical courses);
3. have been completed with a grade equivalent to a U.S. "D: or higher, as determined by the University of South Alabama except for EH 101 (English Composition).

A detailed course syllabus may be necessary before a tentative transfer credit evaluation will be

completed. The student's academic department will determine which courses will be used toward University degree requirements. Not all transfer courses will meet degree requirements.

Some advanced secondary programs (such as the German Abitur, Icelandic Studentsprof or British Advanced Level) are considered for transfer credit. The amount of credit is limited to a maximum of 48 quarter hours (32 semester hours).

The College of Education requires a professional evaluation of course work completed outside of the U.S. for students in programs which lead to a teacher's certificate.

The College of Allied Health Professions requires a professional evaluation of course work completed outside of the U.S. for students admitted to the professional component of the program.

## Degree Offerings at the University of South Alabama

<b>Undergraduate</b>	Electrical Engineering	Middle School	<b>Graduate</b>	History
Accounting	Elementary Education	Education	Accounting	Instructional Design
Anthropology	English	Music	Basic Medical	and Development
Art	Finance	Music Education	Science (Ph.D)	(M.S. and Ph.D)
Art Education	French	Nursing	Biology	Information Systems
Art History	General Business	Pre-Occupational	Business	Mathematics
Biology	Geology	Therapy	Administration	Marine Sciences
Biomedical Sciences	Geography	Philosophy	Chemical Engineering	(M.S. and Ph.D)
Business	German	Physics	Communications	Mechanical
Administration	Health and Physical	Political Science	Communications	Engineering
Cardiorespiratory	Education	Pre-Dentistry	Sciences and	Nursing
Care	High School	Pre-Medicine	Disorders (Ph.D)	Occupational Therapy
Chemical Engineering	Education	Pre-Optometry	Computer Science	Physical Therapy
Chemistry	History	Pre-Pharmacy	Counselor Education	(Doctorate)
Civil Engineering	International Studies	Pre-Physical Therapy	Doctor of Audiology	Physician Assistant
Clinical Laboratory	Information Systems	Pre-Veterinary	Doctor of Medicine	Psychology
Science	Information	Medicine	Early childhood	Public Administration
Commercial Banking	Technology	Psychology	Education	Sociology
Communication Arts	International Business	Radiologic Sciences	Educational Media	Special Education
Computer	and Marketing	Recreation and	Electrical Engineering	Speech Pathology-
Engineering	Management	Leisure Services	Elementary Education	Audiology
Computer Science	Marketing and	Social Work	English	
Criminal Justice	Transportation	Sociology	Environmental	
Dramatic Arts	Mathematics	Spanish	Toxicology	
E-Commerce	Mechanical	Special Education	Health and Physical	
Early Childhood	Engineering	Speech Pathology	Education	
Education	Meteorology	and Audiology	High School	
Economics		Statistics	Education	

### Accreditation

The University of South Alabama is accredited by the Commission on College and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; Telephone 404-679-4501) to award baccalaureate, master's, doctor of philosophy and doctor or medicine degrees. Also by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business, American Medical Association Committee on Allied Health education and Accreditation, American Medical Association Council on Medical Education, American Physical Therapy Association, American Speech Language and Hearing Association, Association of American Medical College, Computer Sciences Accreditation Board, National Association for Schools of Music, and the National League for Nursing. The College of Education at the University of South Alabama is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), 2010 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036; Phone (202) 466-7496. This accreditation covers initial teacher preparation programs and advanced educator preparation programs.

## Application Deadlines for International Students

		<u>In the United States</u>	<u>Out of the United States</u>
Fall Semester	(August)	July 15	June 15
Spring Semester	(January)	December 1	November 1
Summer Semester	(June)	May 1	April 1

The International Application for Admission and all required documents must be received no later than these established deadlines. Applications completed after the deadline will be considered for the next available session. Some graduate programs which admit only for the Fall Semester have different deadlines:

Communication Sciences and Disorders	Ph.D.	February 15
Speech-Language Pathology	Master's Degree	February 15
Psychology	Master's Degree	March 1
Marine Science	Ph.D.	March 1
Basic Medical Sciences	Ph.D.	March 31
Instructional Design and Development (Fall)	Ph.D.	June 15
Biology	Master's Degree	July 15
Business Administration	Master's Degree	July 15
Instructional Design and Development (Spring)	Ph.D.	November 1

### Estimated Expenses (Includes a reduced Summer Term)

Tuition and Fees	\$8,910
Books/Medical Insurance	\$1,840
Living Expenses	\$5,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,550</b>

These amounts are subject to change without notice.

Students who will be accompanied by a dependent will need, in addition to the above, \$4,500 in funds for the first dependent and \$2,500 for each additional dependent.

**Countries Represented at the University of South Alabama**  
(presently or in the recent past)

Antigua & Barbuda	Guatemala	Peru
Argentina	Haiti	Philippines
Armenia	Honduras	Poland
Bahamas	Hong Kong	Romania
Bahrain	Hungary	Russia
Bangladesh	India	Saudi Arabia
Barbados	Indonesia	Senegal
Belarus	Iran	Singapore
Belgium	Iraq	Slovakia
Belize	Ireland	South Africa
Bolivia	Israel	Spain
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Italy	Sri Lanka
Brazil	Jamaica	Suriname
Bulgaria	Japan	Sweden
Burkina Faso	Jordan	Syria
Cambodia	Kazakhstan	Taiwan
Cameroon	Kenya	Thailand
Canada	Korea	Togo
Chile	Kuwait	Trinidad & Tobago
China	Kyrgystan	Tunisia
Colombia	Laos	Turkey
Cost Rica	Lebanon	Turkmenistan
Cost D'Ivoire	Lithuania	Uganda
Croatia	Malaysia	Ukraine
Cyprus	Malawi	United Arab Emirates
Demark	Mauritius	United Kingdom
Dominican Republic	Mexico	Uruguay
Egypt	Morocco	Uzbekistan
El Salvador	Nepal	Venezuela
Estonia	Netherlands	Vietnam
Ethiopia	Nicaragua	Zambia
France	Niger	Zimbabwe
Germany	Nigeria	
Ghana	Norway	
Greece	Pakistan	
	Panama	



## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA FINANCIAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

**Purpose:** Colleges and Universities in the United States are required by the Department of Justice to have documentary proof of adequate financial support before they may admit an international student. Failure to fully and properly follow the instructions on this information sheet may result in non-issuance of the U.S. government form which is required (1) to obtain a visa and enter this country or (2) to legally transfer from another U.S. school to the University of South Alabama.

### Supporting Bank Letter

1. An original letter in English on official bank stationery must be submitted from a bank or other financial institution in which the sponsor has saving deposits, certificates of deposit, money market certificates or other types of accounts containing readily available funds. If funds are in more than one financial institution, a separate letter must be submitted for each.
2. The letter must provide a specific amount of funds. A statement certifying that the sponsor possesses "sufficient financial resources" to support you **is not acceptable** without the dollar figure.
3. The dollar figure must be in U.S. dollars. If not in U.S. dollars, the financial institution must show the conversion rate and U.S. dollar equivalent.
4. The specific amount of funds verified must total at least \$16,550 (add \$4,500 for the first dependent and \$2,500 for each additional dependent).
5. Letters must be signed and dated within one year of the time the student plans to enroll.

NOTE: Income tax documents or proof of property ownership are **not** acceptable as evidence of availability of funds

### Affidavit

1. The affidavit must be fully and properly completed. (Print in ink or type, in English).
2. The form must be signed and dated within one year of the time the student plans to enroll.
3. The financial sponsor must sign the affidavit in the presence of a U.S. embassy or consular officer, a U.S. Immigration officer, a notary public, an attorney or another official in the sponsor's country who is authorized to administer oaths or verify identity and signature.

### Deposit

In some cases, students may be required to submit a deposit to the University before they can be accepted for admission. Students required to submit a deposit will receive notification from the University.







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AFFIDAVIT OF
FINANCIAL SUPPORT

This form must be submitted as part of the application. Please print or type and fill out this document completely. If more than one sponsor will support the student, a separate form must be completed by each. The supporting bank letter must accompany this affidavit.

TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSOR

The University of South Alabama estimates the expenses to be not less than \$16,550 U.S. per year (excluding travel). This amount is subject to change without notice.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student \_\_\_\_\_

This is to certify that I am willing and able to maintain and support the above-named student during his stay at the University of South Alabama for the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. per year as shown by the schedule below. I certify that all information on this and the attached documents is true. I understand that this affidavit is a binding document.

(Amounts in U.S. Dollars)

Table with 5 columns: YEAR 1, YEAR 2, YEAR 3, YEAR4, YEARS BEYOND

(\$16,550 minimum annual expense)

Signature of Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

EXECUTION OF AFFIDAVIT. The Sponsor must sign the affidavit in his or her full, true and correct name and affirm or attest it under oath. The affidavit may be attested to or affirmed before a notary public or other official authorized to administer oaths for general purposes, in which case the official seal or certificate of authority to administer oaths must be affixed.

This document is signed and attested in my presence.

Signature of Witnessing Official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Official Seal
(not valid without stamp or seal)

