INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The University of San Diego welcomes international students who can demonstrate their ability to undertake college work successfully in the United States.

Applicants for admission from other countries must give evidence of eligibility for college entrance by furnishing official records covering all secondary and collegiate work and academic and personal recommendations. All non-English records must be translated into English and certified as accurate by the school, a consulate official or an official translator. Evaluation of international transcripts often requires several weeks. Students presenting such transcripts are therefore urged to have them forwarded as early as possible.

Students from non-English-speaking countries are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) administered by the Educational Testing Service or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). The SAT Reasoning Test or ACT with writing is optional for international freshman applicants. The SAT is administered throughout the year worldwide. To obtain SAT registration materials, go to College Board (http://www.collegeboard.com).

All international students accepted by the university who require an F-1 or J-1 Visa must provide for their financial support from non-university sources. They must submit adequate proof of financial responsibility for all obligations for the full period of time for which they are making application. Accepted resident students should send a tuition deposit/room reservation fee of $500, and commuting students should send a tuition deposit of $300 when accepted. These non-refundable deposits are credited to the student’s account. No evaluation of a student’s academic status or registration information can be sent until receipt of the deposit.

USD is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant alien students. The applicant must be accepted as a full-time student working toward a degree before he or she is eligible for a Certificate of Eligibility Form I-20. The Form I-20 will be sent to the student after submitting a deposit and upon receipt of the Certification of Finances form indicating the amount and source(s) of finances.