



INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICANTS

Before your application can be considered you must submit the following:

APPLICATION FORM

An application for admission should be submitted directly to Framingham State University Office of Undergraduate Admissions. The application fee is **\$60.00**. Payment may be made in cash, if paying in person, or by check drawn on a U.S. bank, payable to Framingham State University. The applicant's name should be clearly marked on the check. **Do not send foreign currency.** You may also visit our Web site www.framingham.edu/admissions for an electronic application.

ESSAY

An essay, in English, of 300-400 words is required of all international applicants. Essays should be autobiographical including a description of family, places lived, personal interests, and reasons for wanting to study in the U.S.

All applicants must submit a copy of their passport and a permanent address. If studying in the United States at the time of application, applicants should submit a copy of their visa, and current I-20.

Applicants looking to change from B-1 or B-2 status to F-1 status may not attend school until the change of status application is approved by USCIS.

ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

Official/attested copies of marks sheets, transcripts, and/or leaving certificates, with exam results from the secondary school and all universities the student has attended, should be sent directly from the institution(s) to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. **All** applicants must submit proof of graduation from their secondary school.

Certified translations must be provided for documents supplied in a language other than English. Please note that all transcripts and other credentials submitted become the property of Framingham State University and will not be returned to the applicant.

A certified, course-by-course evaluation of foreign credentials must be provided by all transfer applicants and any freshman applicants who have taken college-level work outside of the U.S. at a university or at the secondary school level (i.e. "A" level courses in some countries may be eligible for college credit). The evaluation must include grade and credit hour equivalents for each course. An application for a transcript/certificate evaluation may be downloaded at www.cedevaluations.com. Please follow the instructions carefully to ensure timely delivery of the evaluation report to the Framingham State University Office of Undergraduate Admissions. If you have attended more than one university or college, official transcripts (and course-by-course evaluations, if appropriate) from each institution must be forwarded to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions by the appropriate deadline. Please be advised that evaluations may take 4 to 6 weeks to prepare.

OFFICIAL SAT REASONING TEST (with writing)

Applicants are required to submit results of the SAT Reasoning Test (with writing). Official test results must be sent directly to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions from the College Entrance Examination Board. The College Board code for Framingham State University is **3519**. International applicants who, at the time of application, have successfully completed at least 30 semester hours of university-level courses with a college-level mathematics course may be exempted from the SAT Reasoning Test (with writing) requirement. Applicants over the age of 25 will not be required to take the SAT Test (with writing). Please see the College Board Web site at www.collegeboard.com for registration information.

TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TOEFL)

A minimum score of 550 on the paper-based TOEFL or a 79 on the internet-based TOEFL is required by the Committee for consideration for admission into a degree program. Please refer to the TOEFL Web site at www.ets.org for information about registering for the TOEFL. Students whose native language or academic language (K-12) is English or students who have completed an associate's degree in the U.S. at the time of application will be exempt. All other applicants must take the TOEFL and have the official test results sent directly to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

RÉSUMÉ OR DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

If the applicant has been out of school for any period of time, a résumé or description of activities must be submitted. All time periods when the applicant has not been enrolled in school must be covered. Work experience, travel, family commitments, and other relevant information may be included.

All international students (i.e. non-permanent residents or citizens of the U.S.) are classified as “out-of-state” students for tuition purposes whether or not they require an F-1 visa.

The items below are to be completed only by applicants seeking an F-1 student visa.

CERTIFICATION OF FINANCES

Applicants must complete the Certification of Finances form to verify that the applicant has access to sufficient financial resources required to attend the University (this is a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement). **All F-1 visa applicants must complete all portions of the Framingham State University Certification of Finances form. This form will not be valid unless it is signed by the applicant.** No other form may be submitted. Since the University is unable to provide financial aid to international students, the applicants must demonstrate adequate resources to meet the yearly estimated expenses.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

F-1 visa applicants must demonstrate that the entire first year’s expenses are either currently on deposit or are being provided by their home government or agency. All sources of savings (personal, parental, or those of an individual sponsor) must be verified in a letter by a bank official on official bank stationery. **Faxes documenting financial support will not be accepted.** Each financial institution must verify the legal name of the bank, the mailing address of the bank, the name and title of the signing bank official, the length of the banking relationship with the client, a telephone number where that official may be reached, and verification that the amount of \$24,000 or more is currently on deposit. If the savings are held in more than one financial institution, verification from each bank must be provided.

PARENTS/SPONSORS OF APPLICANT

If parents or sponsors are the source of financial support, including room and board, they must complete the “Parental/Sponsor Affidavit of Support” form. This form **must be notarized**. If an individual local sponsor is providing the applicant with rent free room and board for at least the first year of attending FSU, a separate notarized Parental/Sponsor Affidavit must be submitted.

WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

If the applicant wishes to authorize the University to communicate with other individuals (such as sponsor, friend, sibling, etc.) about the status of the application, this form must be completed and submitted with the application.

FINANCIAL AID

Framingham State University is unable, under any circumstances, to provide financial aid to international students. In addition, the application fee will not be waived.

IMPORTANT

A decision on an international application for admission cannot be made until all required credentials, financial and academic, have been submitted. All international applicants should apply as early as possible to ensure timely processing of their application. **An I-20 form is issued only AFTER the applicant has been accepted and has submitted the appropriate deposit.** All applicants should retain copies of the financial documents submitted to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. United States embassies, consulates, or the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services require this information before an F-1 visa can be issued.

ALL CREDENTIALS SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BECOME THE PROPERTY OF FRAMINGHAM STATE UNIVERSITY, AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT.

Transcripts, test results, and inquiries should be directed to:

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