



International Student Admissions Checklist

Before you begin your application for admission, please review the following information.

Application

Apply online using either the [Common Application](#) or the [Framingham State University Application](#).

Application Fee

There is a \$50.00 fee to apply (U.S. dollars). Payment may be submitted online using a credit/debit card at the time of application; or a check drawn on a U.S. bank made payable to: Framingham State University with the applicant's name clearly marked on the check; or cash if paying in person. Do not send foreign currency.

Passport, Current Visa, and Overseas Address

Copy of passport, copy of current visa (if already in the United States), and permanent overseas address are required.

Academic Credentials

Official 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. We will not accept academic credentials by email.

Certified, Course-by-Course Evaluation of Foreign Credentials

The evaluation must include grade and credit hour equivalents for each course completed including secondary school, college, or university. We accept foreign credential evaluations from the following evaluation services: [Center for Educational Documentation \(CED\)](#) or [World Education Services \(WES\)](#).

Official SAT or ACT Score Report

Official test results must be sent directly to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions from the College Entrance Examination Board. International applicants who, at the time of application, have successfully completed at least 30 semester hours of university-level courses may be exempt from the SAT/ACT requirement. Applicants over the age of 25 will not be required to take the SAT or ACT exam.

[SAT Test](#) – FSU's SAT School Code: 3519

[ACT Test](#) – FSU's ACT School Code: 1904

Test of English as a Foreign Language

If a student's native language or academic language (K-12) is English, or if a student has completed an associate degree in the U.S. at the time of application, they will be exempt from submitting TOEFL or IELTS scores.

Minimum Score Requirement:

[TOEFL Test](#) – Paper-based = 550; Internet-based = 79 (School Code: 3519)

[IELTS Test](#) – IELTS = 6.0 (School Code: 1904)



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Resume or Description of Activities

Required if the applicant has been out of school for any period of time. Work experience, travel, family commitments, and other relevant information should be included.

Applicants Seeking an F-1 Student Visa

The following documents must be submitted by applicants seeking an F-1 student visa.

Copy of Current I-20

Copy of current I-20 for F-1 Visa holders already studying in the United States.

Certification of Finances

This form verifies that the applicant has access to sufficient financial resources required to attend the University (this is a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement). 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.

Bank Letter/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. 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 \$28,000 (U.S. Dollars) or more is currently on deposit.

Waiver of Confidential Information (optional)

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.

Frequently Asked Questions

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.

I-20

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.



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Change of Status

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 U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

Tuition and Fees

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

Contact Admissions

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

Office of Undergraduate Admissions
Framingham State University
100 State Street, PO Box 9101
Framingham, MA 01701-9101
Phone: 508-626-4500
Email: admissions@framingham.edu

Please note: ALL CREDENTIALS SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BECOME THE PROPERTY OF FRAMINGHAM STATE UNIVERSITY, AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT. Faxed documents will not be accepted.
