International Student Admission Requirements

IMPORTANT: Fill out the International Application ONLY if you have an F1 student visa or need an F1 student visa to attend school in the US.

Do not use this form if you are a US Citizen, Permanent Resident, or have been granted another eligible status. Please also fill out the online Application for Undergraduate Admission located at:


Graduate online admissions application is here: https://savstate.gabest.usg.edu/pls/B480/bwskalog.P_DisLoginNon

- International Student Application (pages 3, 4 & 5)
- One of the following: Official TOEFL, IELTS, SAT or ACT (page 2)
- Graduate Admissions ONLY submit GRE or GMAT score reports, please contact program for score requirements
- Official high school transcripts in English (page 2)
- Official evaluation of ALL university or college transcripts by an approved evaluation agency (page 2)
- Proof of vaccinations/immunizations
- Confidential Declaration of Finances and original supporting financial documents (pages 6 & 7)
- Copy of passport (photograph, name, birthday, citizenship, & expiration date) do not include blank pages
- Copy of current I-20 form
- Completed Transfer Clearance Form for Transfer Applicants

Savannah State University requires all International Students to purchase health insurance at the time of registration. If you are already protected by an insurance policy you must have it approved by Savannah State University.

Application will not be considered complete until the University has ALL required information. Once we have received the completed application packet, your file will be evaluated. If admissible, you will be sent a letter of acceptance and a Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20) so that you may apply for your student visa.

Please contact Joline Keevy, Assistant Director International Education Center, via e-mail at keevyj@savannahstate.edu or on WhatsApp at 9122478887 or WeChat JolineKeevy
# Explanation of International Student Admissions Requirements

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<td>Financial Certification</td>
<td>F1 undergraduate applicants must provide financial proof that a minimum of $27,856 is available for the first academic year</td>
<td>See the Confidential Declaration of Finances form (pages 6 &amp; 7) for more information.</td>
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| TOEFL                            | Minimum scores:  
523 Paper Based Score  
70 Internet Based Test Score | For more information visit www.toefl.org                                                   |
| IELTS                            | Minimum Score: 6.0                                                           | For more information visit www.ielts.org                                                    |
| SAT                              | Minimum Scores:  
Critical Reading 430  
Math 400 | www.collegeboard.com  
Many scholarships will require an SAT score.  
You may find it better to take the SAT rather than the English proficiency exam if you plan to apply for scholarships. |
| ACT                              | Minimum Scores:  
English 17  
Math 17 | For more information visit www.actstudent.org                                               |
| High School/Secondary School Transcript | Official High School transcript translated in English is required.  
Students who attended a US high school must send official transcripts, but no evaluation is needed. | For document-by-document evaluation and translation services, please contact www.wes.org or www.jsilny.com or choose from one of the evaluation agencies listed at www.naces.org/members/htm.  
Please note that the evaluation must come directly from the evaluation agency. Student copies will NOT be accepted. |
| College/University Transcripts   | Official **course-by-course** evaluation by an approved evaluation agency of each foreign transcript is required.  
You must also request a GPA (grade point average) calculation.  
Transfer credit is not guaranteed.  
Students who attend a US college or university must send official transcripts, but no evaluation is needed. | For course-by-course evaluation please contact www.jsilny.com or choose from one of the evaluation agencies listed at www.naces.org/members/htm.  
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| Immunization/Vaccinations        | Required by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia of all students who attend classes on campus | See the Student Immunization Form (page 5)                                                  |
| Health Insurance                 | Proof of health insurance is required of all students while at SSU.  You will be enrolled in a mandatory plan when you arrive on campus. | A mandatory health insurance plan will be added to your bill. The International Education Center will assist you during orientation. |
International Student Application

Family/Surname, First/Given Name

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Fall (Beginning in August)       Spring (Begins in January)       Summer (Begins in May)
Application Deadline: July 1     Application Deadline: December 1     Application Deadline: April 1

Do not use this form if you are a US citizen, Permanent Resident or have been granted another eligible status. Please fill out the Application for Undergraduate Admission located at www.savannahstate.edu.

Semester and year you plan to enroll:      ___ Fall 20__      ___Spring 20__      ___Summer 20__

Application type:  (select one)    ___Freshman      ___Transfer     ___Post-Baccalaureate      ___Returning ___Graduate

Check one of the following that best describes your situation:

☐ Requesting initial entry into the United States.
☐ Transferring from another school in the United States.
☐ Requesting a change of status to F1 (also check if you will be filing for re-instatement).

Current Visa: ____________________________  Expiration Date: ____________________________

RESIDENCY
Are you a legal, permanent resident of Georgia? Yes ___ No _____ If yes, of what county? ____________________________
If yes, how long have you lived continuously in Georgia immediately prior to this application? ____________________________
If no, of which state are you a resident? ____________________________
Are you applying for in-state tuition? Yes___ No ____

In accordance with Board of Regents Policy 4.3.4, all applicants who are accepted for admission or readmission to Savannah State University and seek to be classified as in-state for tuition purposes, will be required to provide validation of residency and lawful presence in both the State of Georgia and the United States.

For the validation purposes above, one of the following documents must be submitted with your international application or readmission application (check submitted or enclosed document below):

☐ Certified U.S. Birth Certificate (no photocopies) ☐ U.S. Certificate of Naturalization (USCIS form N-550 or N-570)
☐ GA Driver’s License (issued after 1/1/2008)  ☐ U.S. Certificate of Citizenship (USCIS form N-560 or N-561)
☐ GA ID Card (issued after 1/1/2008)  ☐ U.S. Certificate of Birth Abroad issue by Dept. of State (DS-1350)
☐ Current U.S. Passport ☐ Consular Report of Birth Abroad (FS-240)
A. Personal Information

US Social Security Number (if available) _____-____-_____

*All information should be spelled and included exactly as it is listed in your passport.

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Family/Surname  Given/First  Middle  Former/Maiden

Date of Birth:  Month____________________  Day____________________  Year__________

Gender: _____Female  ______Male  Are you Hispanic or Latino?  ____yes  ____No

Race/Ethnicity: (Check ALL that apply)

___American Indian/Alaskan Native  ___Asian  ___Black  ___Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander  ___White

Country of Birth: _______________________  _____  Country of Citizenship:___________________________

Country of Legal Residence:___________________________  Native Language(s)____________________

B. Contact Information

Email Address: (required) __________________________________________

Home Country Information

Telephone: __________________________

Country code + citycode + number

Mailing Address:

___________________________________________

___________________________________________

___________________________________________

United States Information (if available)

Telephone: __________________________

Area code + phone number

Mailing Address:

___________________________________________

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___________________________________________

United States

Physical Address: _____Check if same as mailing address

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Emergency Contact:

Name:_________________________________

Phone:_________________________________

Address:_________________________________
Family/Surname, First/Given Name

C. Academic Information

Select Your Program of Study

Graduate

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<th>Business Administration</th>
<th>Public Administration</th>
<th>Marine Science</th>
<th>Social Work</th>
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Undergraduate

Check the program of study for which you are interested?

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<th>BSW Social Work</th>
<th>BBA Marketing</th>
<th>BS Environmental Science</th>
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<td>BA Africana Studies</td>
<td>BFA Visual and Performing Arts</td>
<td>BS Marine Sciences</td>
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<td>BA English and Literature</td>
<td>BIS Interdisciplinary Studies</td>
<td>BS Mathematics</td>
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<td>BA General Studies</td>
<td>BS Biology</td>
<td>BS Mathematics (secondary teacher certification)</td>
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<td>BA History</td>
<td>BS Biology (secondary teacher certification)</td>
<td>BS Political Science</td>
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<td>BA Homeland Security and Emergency Management</td>
<td>BS Chemistry</td>
<td>BS Sociology</td>
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<td>BA Mass Communication</td>
<td>BS Civil Engineer Technology</td>
<td>BSBA Behavior Analysis</td>
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<td>BBA Accounting</td>
<td>BS Civil Engineer Technology (track technology education)</td>
<td>BSFS Forensic Science</td>
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<td>BBA Global Logistics and International Business</td>
<td>BS Computer Science Technology</td>
<td>Associate of Science</td>
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<td>BBA Information Systems</td>
<td>BS Criminal Justice</td>
<td>Associate of Science Core</td>
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<td>BBA Management</td>
<td>BS Electronics Engineer technology</td>
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<td>BBA Management (fully online)</td>
<td>BS Electronics Engineer technology (track technology education)</td>
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**D. Educational Experience**

Applicants are required to list all high school/secondary and all college and universities attended. Failure to do so will disqualify applicant. *Please do not translate or interpret any terms in to US terminology or equivalents. Please use the terminology of the location of the school.* Attach additional Sheets if necessary.

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<th>Name of School, City &amp; Country</th>
<th>Years of Attendance</th>
<th>Type of School</th>
<th>Language of Instruction</th>
<th>Examination/Degree/Certificate &amp; Date Received/Completed</th>
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<td><strong>EXAMPLE</strong></td>
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**Transfer Students (from a US high school, college or university only):**

Current/most recent school attended:

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<th>International Advisor’s Name</th>
<th>Phone</th>
<th>Fax</th>
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Currently Enrolled? _____Yes _____No Last Date of Attendance?

Currently In Status? _____Yes _____No If no, have you applied for reinstatement? _____Yes _____No
Application Continued

Family/Surname, First/Given Name

Will you be leaving the United States before enrolling at Savannah State University?  _____Yes  _____No

If yes:  Date of Departure:___________________  Date of Return:_______________________________
         Will you be renewing an expired visa while out of the country?  _____Yes  _____No

I certify that all statements made in this application are complete and true.  I also understand that falsification of or failure to provide information requested may result in my immediate dismissal and/or loss of all credits from the university.  If my application is accepted and I become a student, I agree to abide by the published regulations of the university and the policies of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, as well as those of the United States Department of Homeland Security.

Signature:_________________________________________________  Date___________________________
         Month /  Day /   Year
Any student wishing to attend Savannah State University in an F1 visa status must complete the Confidential Declaration of Finances and provide original financial documentation. This form is considered complete ONLY when original financial documentation is provided (e.g. letters from banks certifying availability of funds, letters of sponsorships from private sponsors, governments or employers, etc.). The documents must be submitted either in person or by mail. **Emails, copies, scans, and faxes will not be accepted.** The Confidential Declaration of Finances is used to determine the applicant’s ability to cover the cost of attending Savannah State University. All supporting documents must be original and in English, and amounts must be in **US dollars and issued with 6 months of application.** According to the United States Department of Homeland Security, SSU may only issue a Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20) if the applicant has been accepted to the school AND has submitted appropriate financial documentation. Your acceptance letter will be sent to you with your I-20. You must show both forms to the US embassy/consulate to request your visa.

**Dependent Information**

If you are planning on bringing a spouse or child, additional financial proof is required. Your dependents will be issued an I-20 and must apply for an F2 visa. Please provide the following information:

**Spouse:**

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<th>Family/Surname</th>
<th>First/given name</th>
<th>Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)</th>
<th>Country of birth</th>
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**Child:**

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<th>Family/Surname</th>
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<th>Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)</th>
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# A. Estimated Annual Expenses 2015-2016

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<td><strong>Tuition and Fees (Fall &amp; Spring Semesters only)</strong></td>
<td>$19,436.00</td>
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<td><strong>Books &amp; Supplies</strong></td>
<td>$1,000.00</td>
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<td><strong>Room &amp; Board</strong></td>
<td>$7,432.00</td>
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<td><strong>Medical Insurance</strong></td>
<td>$1,000.00</td>
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<td><strong>Personal Expenses</strong></td>
<td>$2,500.00</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Dependents ($6,300 for spouse &amp; $3,600 per child)</strong></td>
<td>$________ (total for all dependants)</td>
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**SSU Total Estimated Expenses** $________

The figures above represent the estimated minimal cost of living in Savannah. Your personal spending may differ significantly. Please note the expenses listed above are for 2 semesters only (a 9 month academic year). Student’s planning to attend classes during the summer semester should estimate an additional $8,000.00 per year. **ALL FIGURES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.**
Savannah State University International Admissions
PO Box 20187, Savannah Ga 31404

Confidential Declaration of Finances Cont.

________________________________________

Family/Surname, First/Given Name

C. Sources of Support

Personal funds. Include an official signed bank statement showing current available funds.
US $____________________

Family or other sponsor funds. Include an official signed bank statement showing current available funds. (NOTE: Proof of income will generally not be considered sufficient alone- please provide additional financial documents.)
US $____________________
The sponsor(s) must also sign the statement in Section D.

Name of Primary Sponsor___________________________________________
US $____________________

Relationship to student ____________________________________________

Name of Secondary Sponsor ________________________________________
US $____________________

Relationship to student_____________________________________________

Governmental scholarship or loan. A copy of the award letter must accompany this form.
US $____________________

Other source. Fully explain and document this source of funds on an attached sheet
US $____________________

Total US $____________________

D. Sponsor’s Certification

I certify that I will provide financial support to (student’s name)__________________________

For the duration of his/her study at Savannah State University. I understand that the estimated costs of attendance are subject to change without notice and that sponsors are expected to plan for reasonable increases. I have examined any laws regarding transfer of funds from my country of residence and will take all necessary steps to ensure that the money can be transferred as needed. I further understand that employment authorization for the student is extremely difficult to obtain and withdrawal of my sponsorship is likely to result in the student’s inability to continue her/his studies.

Sponsor’s Name (please print) ________________________________________________

Contact Information

Email ____________________________________________ Telephone ____________________________ Mailing Address ____________________________________________

Sponsor’s Signature ____________________________ Month/Day/Year

I certify that the information is a true reflection of my intended sources of sponsorship while attending Savannah State University. I will be responsible for all debts incurred while undertaking my course of study. I realize Savannah State University is unable to provide me with any financial assistance. I understand that I am legally bound to notify SSU of any change in my financial circumstance.

________________________________________

Student’s Signature ____________________________ Month/Day/Year
Sample Financial Statement
(Your bank may write a letter similar to this sample letter.)

(Your bank’s professionally printed logo and address must appear on the page.)

( Month, day, year )

International Education Center
Savannah State University
3219 College Dr. PO Box 20187
Savannah, Ga 31404
U.S.A.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR ( account owner’s name )

This statement verifies that ( account owner’s name ) has maintained an account in good standing with our bank since ( month, year ) and has a current balance of ( amount and type of currency ) as of ( current date ) with an average daily balance of ( amount and type of currency ) over the last three months.

Sincerely,

( Signature of bank official )

( Typed name of bank official )

( Title of bank official )