Graduate 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 fill out the Application for Undergraduate Admission located at www.savannahstate.edu

Transfer and Post Baccalaureate
Has 30 or more transferable semester credit hours, or a Bachelor’s degree

☐ $25.00 non-refundable application fee (cash, check, money order, or cashier’s check issued by a US bank
☐ International Student Application (pages 3, 4 & 5)
☐ One of the following: Official TOEFL, IELTS, SAT or ACT score report (page 2)
☐ Official evaluation of high school transcripts by an approved company (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 Pearce & Pearce Student Insurance Specialist.

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, International Services Specialist, via e-mail at keevyj@savannahstate.edu with any questions you may have.
# 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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<td>TOEFL</td>
<td>Minimum scores: 523 Paper Based Score 193 Computer Based Test Score 70 Internet Based Test Score</td>
<td>For more information visit <a href="http://www.toefl.org">www.toefl.org</a></td>
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<td>IELTS</td>
<td>Minimum Score: 6.0</td>
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<td>SAT</td>
<td>Minimum Scores: Critical Reading 430 Math 400</td>
<td><a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a></td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>ACT</td>
<td>Minimum Scores: English 17 Math 17</td>
<td>For more information visit <a href="http://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a></td>
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<td>High School/Secondary School Transcript</td>
<td>Official document-by-document evaluation by an approved agency for all foreign coursework is required. Students who wish to apply for US based scholarships may wish to request a GPA (grade point average) calculation as well since this is often a requirement for scholarship applications. Students who attended a US high school must send official transcripts, but no evaluation is needed.</td>
<td>For document-by-document evaluation, please contact <a href="http://www.jsilny.com">www.jsilny.com</a> or choose from one of the evaluation agencies listed at <a href="http://www.naces.org/members/htm">www.naces.org/members/htm</a>. Please note that the evaluation must come directly from the evaluation agency. Student copies will NOT be accepted.</td>
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<td>College/University Transcripts</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Immunization/Vaccinations</td>
<td>Required by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia of all students who attend classes on campus</td>
<td>See the Student Immunization Form (page 5)</td>
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<td>Health Insurance</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>A mandatory health insurance plan will be added to your bill. The International Education Center will assist you during orientation.</td>
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International Student Graduate 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

Check one of the following that best describes your situation:

☐ Requesting initial entry into the United State.
☐ 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 + city code + number

Mailing Address: ___________________________ 

__________________________________________________________________________________________

United States Information (if available)

Telephone: ___________________________  Area code + phone number

Mailing Address: ___________________________ 

__________________________________________________________________________________________

United States

Physical Address: _____ Check if same as mailing address

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Emergency Contact

Name: ___________________________ 
Phone: ___________________________ 
Address: ___________________________ 

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PO Box 20187, Savannah Ga 31404
C. Academic Information

Select Your Major

- Business Administration
- Public Administration
- Marine Science
- Social Work

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 into 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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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>
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Currently Enrolled? ____Yes _____No

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 Stated 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.

**Name:**

**Family/Surname** | **Given/First** | **Middle** | **Former/Maiden**
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**Date of Birth:** Month_________ Day_______ Year________________

**A. Estimated Annual Expenses 2010-2011**

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<td>Tuition and Fees (Fall &amp; Spring Semesters only)</td>
<td>$16,378.00</td>
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<td>Books &amp; Supplies</td>
<td>$1,000.00</td>
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<td>Room &amp; Board</td>
<td>$6,288.00</td>
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<td>Medical Insurance</td>
<td>$830.00</td>
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<td>Personal Expenses</td>
<td>$2,500.00</td>
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<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.**

**B. 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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**Child:**

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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.

**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.)*

*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

- **Month/Day/Year

Sponsor’s Signature

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.

- **Month/Day/Year

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

(The 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 )