International Student Admissions

International students follow the same procedures and are governed by the same regulations as domestic applicants with the following important exceptions.

International applicants and permanent residents whose native language is not English must score a minimum of 550 on the written Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and 213 on the computer-based version of the same exam. Applicants should arrange to take the examination in their home country by contacting the following:

Educational Testing Service
P.O. Box 6151
Princeton, NJ 08540-6151

The date of this test may be no more than two years from the intended quarter of admission.

International students must also complete a financial statement (provided with the application packet) and return it with the application. The university will be unable to issue a Certificate of Eligibility (I-20 or IAP 66) without evidence of the applicant’s ability to pay all fees and expenses for the duration of the program of study.

Application deadlines for international students are February 1 for the fall quarter, July 1 for the winter quarter, and October 1 for the spring quarter.

The International Services Center specializes in providing information and a broad range of services to international students and can be contacted at (909) 787-4113.

Teaching Credential Programs

Prospective applicants to teaching credential programs should contact the Graduate School of Education, (909) 787-5225 for admission information and application material or see Graduate School of Education later in this section of this catalog.

DEGREES AND PROGRAMS

The minimum requirements for master’s and doctor of philosophy degrees are outlined below. Academic departments and programs may impose further requirements, described in the Curricula and Courses section of this catalog. Additional information is available in brochures that can be obtained directly from departments and programs.

Foreign Language Requirement

Each program determines what, if any, knowledge of a foreign language or languages should be required of students pursuing graduate degrees. Proficiency in a foreign language may be demonstrated by (1) passing a written examination administered by the department or program or (2) successfully completing a course in the language at whatever level is specified by the program.

With the support of the program and the approval of the graduate dean, students may receive credit for foreign language examinations or course work completed not more than four years before being admitted to graduate study at UCR.

Standards of Scholarship

Only courses in which grades of “A,” “B,” “C,” or “S” are received may be counted toward satisfying graduate degree requirements. To continue in good standing and obtain an advanced degree, students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.00. In addition, students must demonstrate acceptable progress toward their degree objectives. This entails the acceptable completion of all course work and other degree requirements in a timely fashion.

Students are considered to be making unacceptable progress and become subject to dismissal when