

Information for International Online Undergraduate Students Applying to the University of Massachusetts Amherst

Requirements to be met by all international students

A. English Language Proficiency

UMass Amherst does not offer a comprehensive English language study program for international students.

All international applicants, whether planning to study online from abroad or on campus in Massachusetts, must verify their English language proficiency in one of the following ways:

- Be a native speaker of English in a country where English is the primary language.
- Submit official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The minimum score to qualify for admission is 80 (internet-based TOEFL). An IELTS score of 6.5 is also accepted. Please note that student score reports are not considered official.

www.TOEFL.org

www.IELTS.org

Scores only accepted for 2 years after test date.

- Complete two non-ESL English composition courses at a U.S. college or university with grades of B or better, as well as several humanities and/or social science courses with above-average grades. The determination about whether or not a student's academic record verifies English language ability is made by the Continuing and Professional Education Admissions Office staff.

IMPORTANT: No application is considered complete until English language proficiency requirements have been fulfilled.

B. Official Transcripts from Post-Secondary Institutions

Official original transcripts from all post-secondary institutions are required. In those cases in which an institution does not provide official original transcripts, an official notarized copy will be accepted.

If transcripts are available in English, the applicant should request them in English. Applicants with transcripts in all other languages must provide an official translation with the signature and title of the translator. An applicant may not translate his or her own documents. The University of Massachusetts Amherst Translation Center offers translation services for a fee, if needed.

www.umasstranslation.com

Though secondary school transcripts are not required for admission, it is possible for applicants to receive college credit for certain kinds of secondary programs. The most common credentials awarded college credit are the abitur in the German system, the international baccalaureate, the French baccalaureat, and the advanced level and advanced subsidiary level exams in the British system.

Transfer Credit Evaluations

Evaluation of previous courses and credits will be conducted only after all required application materials, including **official transcripts**, have been received by the Continuing and Professional Education Admissions Office.

In addition, applicants submitting **official international college transcripts** are also required to provide a transcript evaluation from an approved professional organization. Please note that these evaluations are recommendations and each American institution has different transfer credit policies. Only an official evaluation by the University of Massachusetts Amherst Admissions Office will accurately reflect UMass Amherst transfer credit policies.

Some reputable evaluation services include:

Center for Educational Documentation
P.O. Box 170116
Boston, MA 02117
(617) 338-7171
FAX (617) 338-7101
www.cedevaluations.com

AACRAO
International Education Services
One Dupont Circle NW, Suite 520
Washington, D.C. 20036 (202) 296-3359
FAX (202) 822-3940
www.aacrao.org

Educational Credential Evaluators
Institute
P.O. Box 514070
Milwaukee, WI 53203-3740
(414) 289-3400
FAX (414) 289-3411
www.ece.org

Academic Credentials Evaluation
P.O. Box 6908
Beverly Hills, CA 90212
(310) 275-3530 or (800) 234-1597
FAX (310) 275-3528
www.acei1.com

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS? If, after reading all of the information given above, you still have questions about the application process for international students, please contact the Continuing & Professional Education Admissions Office at admissions@cpe.umass.edu.