

Admissions Requirements and Regulations for International Students

Converse University encourages the enrollment of students from other countries. Application processes, timeline, requirements, and materials, including the Declaration and Certification of Finances, are available on the University website.

The admission of international students is based on academic credentials and English proficiency of the candidate as well as completion of any US Federal or State requirements. Students must submit proof of financial means to study in the United States by completing the Declaration and Certification of Finances Form. Financial verification for international students is required to issue the immigration document (I-20). The I-20 is an immigration document used for the purpose of visa issuance outside the United States or for the immigration process “notification transfer” for students already in the United States.

Eligibility for admission is based on the applicant’s total academic record, including grades, test results, academic courses, and overall academic performance. Converse University admission standards require the equivalent of graduation from a U.S. secondary college preparatory program. Applicants who have completed university-level work overseas must have earned satisfactory grades on all such university-level work attempted and be in good standing.

Converse University requires that all international academic documents (secondary (if applicable) or post-secondary transcripts, mark sheets, certificates, leaving examination results, etc.) be formally evaluated by a NACES member (myiee.org). International freshman students are not eligible for the top two tiers of academic scholarships without having an evaluated transcript from a NACES member. All international transfer students must have an evaluated transcript from a NACES member prior to acceptance. Secondary/ High school students must request a “Document-by- document report” and college students must request a “Course-by-course report”. Students are required to pay applicable fees for such services. More information on evaluation services can be found on the University website or by contacting the Office of Admissions.

International applicants whose first language is not English are required to take the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or Duolingo test. Converse University requires a minimum TOEFL score of 550 (paper), 213 (computer), or 79-80 (Internet). The TOEFL requirement may be waived under certain circumstances. Contact the Office of Admissions for details.

In addition to meeting the regular admission requirements, international applicants needing a student visa (F-1) must show ability to meet financial obligations of tuition, fees, and living expenses before an I-20 can be issued. Current (less than three months old) letters of financial support must accompany the Declaration and Certification of Finances Form and will be evaluated based upon exchange rates on the day of process. Having sufficient funds for the cost of living and educational expenses is required by US Immigration regulations. The Declaration and Certification of Finances form is required before an I-20 can be issued. Undergraduate international students with (F-1) visas are required to carry a full course load (minimum of twelve semester hours in the Fall and Spring Term and three hours in the Jan Term).

International students on nonimmigrant visas are not eligible for state or federally-funded loans or scholarships in the U.S. Limited scholarships may be available from the University based on athletic ability, talent, and academic qualifications.

Health and accident insurance is mandatory for all international students on nonimmigrant visas enrolled at Converse University. Proof of insurance is required before an I-20 may be issued.