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Graduate Admissions

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- International students can apply to Oakland University by completing an online application for admission at oakland.edu/apply
- Application for admission deadlines for international students are: May 1 for fall semester and September 1 for winter semester
- All new and transfer student documentation will be reviewed for immigration purposes in order to issue a SEVIS I-20 or DS-2019.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED (ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS ONLY)

- International Student Supplemental Application
- Copy of passport
- Copy of current visa or I-94 if you are currently in the United States
- Copy of your Permanent Resident card, if applicable
- Statement of Finances form
- Certified Bank Statement for the required amount in U.S. dollars
 - (An individual statement is required from all persons providing financial support)
- A letter of support from the government agency or program sponsor, if applicable
- Affidavit of Support signed by all sponsors
- Official transcripts for all post-secondary educational institutions from which the applicant earned a degree (beginning with the first baccalaureate) and for all enrollment in a graduate-level coursework beyond the bachelor's degree. International university transcripts must be evaluated by a professional credential evaluation service.
 - As part of the admission requirements, graduate programs may require official transcripts from post-secondary educational institutions from which the applicant earned an associate's degree and all enrollment in coursework both pre- and post-bachelor's degree.
- English translation of transcripts not in English
- Transcript Evaluation: There are two types of transcripts evaluations: 1) a general transcript evaluation and 2) a course-by-course (detailed) transcript evaluation. Although several graduate programs will accept either evaluation, the course-by-course (detailed) transcript evaluation is recommended. OU will only accept transcript evaluations completed by a NACES (National Association of Credential Evaluation Services) agency. Information regarding two of the largest credential evaluation agencies, WES and ECE is available online at www.wes.org or www.ece.org. You can confirm NACES agencies by visiting their website at www.naces.org/members.htm
- Signed copy of Policy on English Language Proficiency
- Official TOEFL, MELAB or IELTS test scores must be submitted directly from the testing agency. The **institution code** for Oakland University is **1497**
- Official GRE scores, if required, must be submitted directly from the testing agency. The **institution code** for Oakland University is **1497**
- An International Student Transfer Form (for students transferring from another U.S. institution)

International Student Application Deadlines

International students may be required to apply earlier than the deadline posted by the program. The final deadlines for international students are **May 1 for fall semester** and **September 1 for the winter semester**.

University and Program Application Requirements

All applicants are required to fulfill the University application requirements and the individual program application requirements. Please check your program for specific requirements.

Contact Information



Graduate Admissions
520 O'Dowd Hall
2200 North Squirrel Road
Rochester, MI 48309
gradadm@oakland.edu
(248) 370-2700
(248) 370-3226 (fax)

International Students and Scholars Office
157 North Foundation Hall
2200 North Squirrel Road
Rochester, MI 48309 – 4401
isso@oakland.edu

Once your Application is complete:

- If you are admitted, an acceptance letter from Oakland University, a welcome letter from the ISSO, immigration documents along with other helpful information such as SEVIS I-901 Fee, orientation and housing information, etc., will be mailed.
- To check on status of the SEVIS I-20 or DS-2019 a student may contact the ISSO at isso@oakland.edu or (248) 370-3358.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION

Name (print) _____
(Family Name) (First Name) (Middle)

Current Address _____
(Street Address)

(City) (Province/State) (Country) (Postal Code)

Date of Birth _____ Male Female
(Month) (Day) (Year)

E-mail Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Place of Birth _____
(City) (Province/State) (Country)

Country of citizenship _____

Country of permanent residency _____

Permanent home address abroad _____
(Street Address)

(City) (Province/State) (Country) (Postal Code)

Please mail SEVIS 1-20 and/or DS-2019 to: Current Address Permanent Address

Marital Status: Single Divorced Married

Enter complete information below for all family members (husband, wife, son or daughter) **who will accompany you** to Oakland University.

Family/Last name	First name	Birth Date Month/Day/Year	Country of birth	Country of Citizenship	Gender	Relationship to you

What type of U.S. visa do you currently hold (i.e., F-1, F-2, J-1, H-1, H-4, etc.)? _____

If you are traveling from abroad, what type of visa will you apply for (F-1 or J-1)? _____

If you have or will need to obtain a J-1 visa, state your job title in your home country and the name of the school, company or agency by which you will be sponsored _____

If you are transferring from another school in the U.S., give the name of that school _____

What was your last semester or term of full-time school attendance in the U.S.? _____

Are you currently on Optional Practical Training (OPT)? Yes No

If yes, give authorization dates ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

Are you currently in status with U.S.C.I.S.? Yes No

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT STATEMENT OF FINANCES

Statement of Finances

Before Oakland University can issue a "Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status" (SEVIS I-20 or DS-2019) for a student visa to enter the United States, the applicant must have an official admission offer to enroll in a graduate program and must provide the following documentation.

1. All tuition and fees for one academic year (based on international rates)
2. All living expenses associated with his/her stay in the U.S. while studying at Oakland University, including books and supplies, for one academic year
3. Immediate expenses upon arrival at the university (1,500.00 U.S. dollars)
4. Funds to purchase health insurance which meets Oakland University requirements

NOTE: ALL DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION MUST BE ORIGINALS, NOTARIZED OR CERTIFIED, WRITTEN IN ENGLISH AND FUNDS CONVERTED INTO U.S. DOLLARS.

Estimated Tuition and Living Expenses

At the present time, it is estimated that an unmarried international student's tuition, living expenses, and health insurance for one academic year will total at least \$34,829 U.S. dollars (USD). This total does not include living expenses for the periods when on-campus housing is closed, for any family members who will accompany the student, nor all round-trip transportation expenses between the student's home country and Oakland University. The breakdown of these expenses in USD is as follows for each academic year:

Descriptions	Masters, PhD	MBA, MACC, MSITM	Physical Therapy
Tuition	\$16,432.00	\$18,486.00	\$19,791.00
Living Expenses	\$13,874.00	\$13,874.00	\$13,874.00
School Supplies & Misc.	\$2,516.00	\$1,756.00	\$3,756.00
Medical Insurance	\$2,007.00	\$2,007.00	\$2,007.00
Total	\$34,829.00	\$36,123.00	\$39,428.00

The above fees and expenses are effective for the 2015-16 academic year (July 1, 2015–June 30, 2016). To estimate expenses for an academic year beyond 2015-16, add an additional 10% of the total in order to cover anticipated increases. All fees and expenses are subject to change at the discretion of Oakland University.

Dependents

Add 6,500.00 USD (including insurance) per year for the first dependent and 3,400.00 USD per year for each additional dependent who will accompany you. (A dependent is a spouse of any age or a child 20 years of age or younger.)

Medical Insurance

The cost of medical care in the United States is very high. Should hospitalization become necessary, the associated expenses may total hundreds of dollars **per day**. The only effective protection is to purchase a medical insurance policy upon arrival in the United States. All international students are required to purchase and maintain health insurance which meets Oakland University requirements throughout their duration of studies while in the U.S. Oakland University makes such a policy available and it is required that all international students purchase it or provide evidence of coverage by an equivalent policy. Please visit oakland.edu/insurance for complete information on insurance policy requirements.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

International students do not qualify for financial aid. However, international students may apply for a available graduate assistantships available at oakland.edu/gradstudy/assistantship

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT STATEMENT OF FINANCES

All international applicants are required to provide the following information **before an application for admission will be considered**:

1. Are the regulations of your government and/or bank such that this amount of money can be released to you in U.S. dollars (USD)?

Yes No

2. Will you have 1,500.00 U.S. dollars in available funds upon arrival at the university? Yes No

Indicate below the sources and amounts of money, in U.S. dollars, that you will have available to you after you arrive at Oakland University.

Source	Amount in USD
a) Personal savings ¹	_____
b) Parental support ²	_____
c) Scholarship from your country ³	_____
d) Support from other sponsor(s) ⁴	_____
e) Other support ⁵ (Please specify)	_____
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	_____

1. You must submit an original, certified bank statement in your name dated within six (6) months of submitting this application.

2. You must submit an original, certified bank statement in your parents' names dated within six (6) months of submitting this application and an original, notarized Affidavit of Support.

3. Documents stating you have been awarded a scholarship must include your legal name. You must furnish letters from both the source(s) of support certifying these funds will be available to you, and from their financial institution verifying the amount of funds available in U.S. dollars.

4. Sponsor(s) (i.e., aunt, uncle, cousin, friend, etc.) must submit an original, certified bank statement dated within the last six (6) months and original, notarized Affidavit of Support.

5. If you have listed any support as "other support" (i.e., organization, church, etc.), you must furnish an original certified letter from each source of support certifying these funds will be available to you and from their financial institution verifying the amount of funds available in U.S. dollars.

Your signature below indicates:

a) I have read and understand all of the regulations and information described in this document,

b) I have answered all questions completely and truthfully, and

c) I agree to purchase and maintain health insurance annually which meets Oakland University requirements throughout the duration of studies while at Oakland University (as stated on SEVIS I-20 and/or DS-2019).

Signature

Date

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CERTIFIED BANK STATEMENT

TO: Bank official

RE: _____

Student's Name: (Last name)

(First Name)

(Middle)

Oakland University and the U.S. Customs and Immigration Service require international applicants for admission to Oakland University to submit documentation verifying that sufficient funds are available to cover tuition and living expenses for the first year of study in the United States.

Below, please certify the balance of the account held at your branch for the individual whose signature is below.

Signature of account holder or sponsor

We, _____, certify that the account in the name of
(Bank Name)

_____ has a balance of \$ _____
(Please print account holder or sponsor name) (Stated in U.S. dollars)

at the close of business on _____.
(Date)

Signature of bank official

Name of bank official (please print)

Bank stamp or seal:

Please mail original form to:

Graduate Admissions
520 O'Dowd Hall
Oakland University
2200 North Squirrel Road
Rochester, Michigan 48309-4475 USA

A second original should be issued to the student for visa purposes.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT

This form is to be filled out by all sponsors assisting with the educational expenses of the applicant.

A certified bank statement must be provided by each sponsor.

Sponsor #1

I hereby certify that I am willing and able and that I do promise the amount of \$_____ per year, payable in U.S. dollars, for the educational expenses of (student's name) _____, who is my (son, daughter, cousin, etc.) _____, while at Oakland University. Documentation of my financial resources is included.

Signature of sponsor _____

Printed name of sponsor _____ Date _____

Sponsor #2 (if applicable)

I hereby certify that I am willing and able and that I do promise the amount of \$_____ per year, payable in U.S. dollars, for the educational expenses of (student's name) _____, who is my (son, daughter, cousin, etc.) _____, while at Oakland University. Documentation of my financial resources is included.

Signature of sponsor _____

Printed name of sponsor _____ Date _____

Sponsor #3 (if applicable)

I hereby certify that I am willing and able and that I do promise the amount of \$_____ per year, payable in U.S. dollars, for the educational expenses of (student's name) _____, who is my (son, daughter, cousin, etc.) _____, while at Oakland University. Documentation of my financial resources is included.

Signature of sponsor _____

Printed name of sponsor _____ Date _____

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POLICY ON ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY/ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

International applicants, other visa holders, permanent residents, and exchange students whose native language* is not English must provide proof of English proficiency.

Admission

One of the following constitutes proof:

1. TOEFL
 - 550 minimum on paper-based TOEFL**
 - 213 minimum on computer-based TOEFL**
 - 79 minimum on Internet-based TOEFL**
2. MELAB
 - 77 minimum
3. IELTS
 - 6.5 minimum
4. 24 transferable credits, excluding ESL coursework, from a U.S. community college or baccalaureate institution.
5. a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university
6. 1 year of study at and a diploma from a U.S. high school

*** Some programs at Oakland University may require a higher level of proficiency than listed above. Applicants should examine the program description in their field of study for information about additional English proficiency requirements & furnish proof as part of the admission process.*

Admission with ESL coursework

Oakland University offers admission to non-native English speakers for those students who are academically qualified, but who have not met the English language proficiency requirement. These students may be conditionally admitted and are required to enroll in English as a Second Language (ESL) classes until proficiency is met.

One of the following constitutes proof:

1. TOEFL
 - 520-549 on paper-based TOEFL
 - 190-212 on computer-based TOEFL
 - 69-78 on internet-based TOEFL
2. MELAB
 - 73-76
3. IELTS
 - 6

Students must register for ESL courses as part of their coursework starting in their first semester of registration. ESL placement is done by the ESL Center using the Institutional TOEFL and other assessment tools. Upon completion of the individualized ESL instruction sequence, students' English proficiency will be evaluated using the Institutional TOEFL to determine whether additional ESL coursework is necessary to achieve English proficiency. The individualized ESL instruction sequence designed by the Center is not negotiable.

Satisfactory completion of the individualized ESL instruction sequence is expected within one year, but ESL coursework is required until minimum proficiency is demonstrated.

Admission to the Intensive English Program

Prospective students who do not have adequate English proficiency for admission or admission with ESL coursework to the university can be admitted to the Intensive English Program. ESL placement is done by the ESL Center using the Institutional TOEFL and other assessment tools. Upon completion of the individualized ESL instruction sequence, students' English proficiency will be evaluated using the Institutional TOEFL to determine whether additional ESL coursework is necessary to achieve English proficiency. The individualized ESL instruction sequence designed by the Center is not negotiable.

Upon completion of the Intensive English program, students may (re)apply for admission to Oakland University; applicants are evaluated using the admission criteria described above.

(Continued)

I have read and understand the above policy. I assert that my native language is English.

I have read and understand the above policy. My native language is _____

Name _____
(Please print)

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

A native language is a language that is acquired naturally during childhood and is usually spoken at home, as opposed to a language that is learned later in life, for example, as part of a person's formal education. Students whose native language is not English are encouraged to visit the **ESL Center to discuss any language difficulties they may have while attending Oakland University.*

Below is a list of countries with English as an official language and the language of instruction in Higher Education. Non- US applicants, with citizenship in one of the countries listed, are exempt from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) requirement.

Anguilla	Ireland, Northern	Singapore
Antigua and Barbuda	Ireland, Republic of	Solomon Islands
Australia	Jamaica	South Africa
Bahamas	Kenya	Swaziland
Barbados	Lesotho	Tanzania
Belize	Liberia	Tonga
Bermuda	Malawi	Trinidad and Tobago
Botswana	Malta	Turks and Caicos Islands
British Virgin Islands	Mauritius	Uganda
Cameroon	Montserrat	United Kingdom
Canada (except Quebec)	Namibia	Vanuatu
Cayman Islands	New Zealand	Wales
Dominica	Nigeria	Zambia
England	Papua New Guinea	Zimbabwe
Fiji	St. Kitts and Nevis	
Gambia	St. Lucia	
Ghana	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	
Gibraltar	Scotland	
Grenada	Seychelles	
Guyana	Sierra Leone	

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TRANSFER INSTRUCTIONS

If you are an international student currently attending a college or university in the United States and have decided to apply to Oakland University (OU), please **complete the student section and submit this form** to the International Student Advisor at your current institution. International students transferring from another U.S. institution to Oakland University must transfer schools according to U.S. Citizens and Immigration Services (USCIS) regulations. Please follow these steps to complete a transfer:

1. Complete Part I of this form.
2. Submit this form to the International Student Advisor at your current school or school most recently attended, requesting Part II of the form be completed and faxed to Graduate Admissions at (248) 370-3226
3. Once your Transfer form has been received by Graduate Admissions, you will receive a letter informing you of what additional information you will need to provide in order for your file to be reviewed for admission.
4. If you are admitted to Oakland University as an international student, your file will be sent to the International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO). Once your file has been reviewed, you will receive an e-mail informing you of your admission to Oakland University along with two (2) attachments:
 - a. Scanned copy of your admission letter on Oakland University letterhead to provide to your current college or university in order for your SEVIS record to be transferred.
 - b. Complete instructions on what your responsibilities are in order for your SEVIS record to be transferred to Oakland University.
5. You will also receive a congratulations e-mail from the ISSO informing you of when your SEVIS I-20 will be issued by OU and what date the mandatory international orientation will be scheduled for the upcoming semester.

NOTE: Failure to follow the above directions may jeopardize your immigration status. USCIS will not reinstate a student to status for failure to transfer schools.

Transferring credit from another school

Students must provide a course-by-course, or detailed transcript evaluation for all credentials from colleges or universities attended outside the United States.

(Transfer credit is never automatic or guaranteed.)

For further assistance

If you have questions, please contact:

Graduate Admissions

520 O'Dowd Hall

2200 North Squirrel Road

Rochester, MI 48309-4401

(248) 370-2700

(248) 370-3226 (fax)



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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TRANSFER FORM

ONLY international students currently attending colleges/universities in the United States should complete this form.

PART I. TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT:

If you are currently attending a college or university in the United States, please **complete the student section and submit this form** to the International Student Advisor at your current institution. The advisor should complete this form and fax it directly to Oakland University.

Print: _____ (Last name) (First name) (Middle name)

I hereby authorize the International Student Advisor at the most recent U.S. college/university I attended to complete this form and have it faxed directly to Graduate Study and Lifelong Learning (248-370-3266) at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan 48309-4401.

(Student applicant's signature) (Date)

PART II. TO BE COMPLETED BY INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISOR/DESIGNATED SCHOOL OFFICIAL:

The above named student has applied to Oakland University. In compliance with USCIS regulations, we request confirmation of his/her status at your institution before considering this student for admission to Oakland University. **Please complete and fax to (248) 370-3226.**

SEVIS ID Number _____ Initial date of enrollment at your institution _____

Date of last attendance at your school _____

F-1 Completion date on I-20 _____ Student's I-94 Admission Number _____

Oakland University School Code: DET214F00763000

Please check one of the following:

The student is in good standing and is/has been pursuing a full course of study (or has already been reinstated to status by USCIS).

The student is out of status and a reinstatement to student status was filed.

The student is out of status, and we will advise him/her to apply for reinstatement upon receipt of a new SEVIS I-20 from Oakland University.

Other _____

Would this student be permitted to continue or return to your institution? Yes No

If your answer to the above question is NO, please explain _____

Please indicate if student is currently on Optional Practical Training (OPT). Yes No

Please provide date which appears on SEVIS I-20 which states OPT will end on _____

Name and title of designated school official completing this form _____

Name of institution _____

Signature _____ Date _____

City, State ZIP

Telephone number

Email Address