An international applicant (non-resident alien) must meet all admission requirements for the appropriate applicant category (freshman, undergraduate transfer, graduate). Information that must be submitted for any applicant to be considered for admission to the USF System institution includes a completed application for admission that is available on-line, a nonrefundable application fee payable in U.S. dollars and, if English is not the primary or native language, scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or the Pearson PTE-A. For additional information on International Admission, see http://regulationspolicies.usf.edu/regulations/pdfs/regulation-usf3.018.pdf item 7 on page 10.

All transcripts must be in English. It is the applicant’s responsibility to have the transcript(s) translated before submitting them as part of their admission credentials. All transcripts not in English must be accompanied by a certified English literal translation; foreign postsecondary transcripts must be evaluated by one of the credential evaluation services identified and published by the appropriate international admissions office. Documents signed by a notary or other public official with no educational affiliation will not be accepted.

Some post-secondary international credentials may be evaluated by the Office for International Admissions (http://www.usf.edu/admissions/international/), while others may require an official course-by-course evaluation completed by an independent credential evaluation service, with associated costs to be paid by the student.

Language Requirements for International Students
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Applicants whose native language is not English, from non-English speaking countries, or who have not earned a degree in the United States must provide:
1. Minimum IELTS score of 6.5 taken within 2 years of the desired term of entry.
2. Minimum PTE-A score of 53
3. Minimum Test of 11 English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 79 (internet-based test), 213 (computer-based test) or 550 (written test).

Official Scores must be submitted to USF directly from the testing agency.

The TOEFL, IELTS or PTE-A requirement shall be waived if the applicant has an Associate in Arts (AA) degree/certificate from a Florida public college/university or if, immediately prior to the 5 entry date, the applicant has spent four consecutive years in a school where all courses are taught in English or if the applicant meets the Board of Governors’ minimum SAT Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing or ACT scores in Reading.

The English Proficiency requirements may be waived for an undergraduate applicant, if the applicant has completed successfully the equivalent of English Comp I or has submitted SAT or ACT test scores sufficient to validate English reading and writing proficiency as determined by the Board of Governors of the State University System of Florida. Applicants who earn a baccalaureate or equivalent degree at a foreign institution where English is the language of instruction (for the institution and not just the major) may meet this requirement. However, other related factors (including test scores) will also be considered. Medium of Instruction must be documented on the transcript or on an official Certificate of Medium of Instruction from the Institution.

Mandatory Health Insurance for International Students on F and J Visas

International students in F or J visa classes must demonstrate that they have adequate health insurance coverage prior to enrollment. International students in J visa classes must also demonstrate that their accompanying spouse and dependents have adequate health insurance coverage prior to enrollment. Adequate health insurance for international students in F and J visa classes must include:
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- Coverage period for full academic year, including annual breaks
- Medical benefits of at least $100,000 per person per accident or illness per policy year
- Basic medical benefits to include hospital and physician office visits
- Mental health care to include hospital and clinician office visits
- Female students must have maternity benefits covered as any other temporary medical condition
- Prescription drug benefits
- Medical Evacuation $50,000
- Repatriation of mortal remains $25,000
- Insurance carrier must have an “A” rating
- Medical claims must be paid in U.S. dollars payable on a U.S. financial institution;

To comply with this regulation, USF Student Health Services Insurance & Compliance Office must receive adequate documentation a minimum of two weeks prior to enrollment. USF Student Health Services sponsors a medical insurance for international students that meets and exceeds the federal, state, and university requirements. Policy information, current costs, and enrollment process are available at http://www.usf.edu/student-affairs/student-health-services/insurance/needcoverage.aspx.

For questions, contact 813-974-5407 or insurance@shs.usf.edu.