

University of Pittsburgh

International Undergraduate Student Information

Office of International Services

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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS 2006-2007

Thank you for your interest in the University of Pittsburgh. We encourage international students to apply for admission. As a starting point, please look over the information below and the list of majors offered at the University of Pittsburgh. The list of majors is found at the end of this information. While we have attempted to answer all of the questions that you may have about applying for admission to the University of Pittsburgh as an international student, there may be questions that are not answered. You may find additional information at the Web site of the University of Pittsburgh (www.pitt.edu) or our office, the Office of International Services (www.ois.pitt.edu). We encourage you to review carefully these Web sites as you will likely find the answers to your questions there. However, if you have questions that are not answered by the information on the Web sites, you may contact our office directly.

Application Deadlines

Admission for international students is not done on a rolling basis. There are absolute deadlines for international students. Applications for admission for international students must be submitted and complete by the following dates:

Fall Term (August)

February 1st

Spring Term (January)

October 1st

Summer Term (May)

March 1st

Application Procedures

The application procedures are explained in detail below. Please carefully review all of the information before starting the on-line application process.

Undergraduate Bulletin for the University of Pittsburgh

We cannot mail copies of the University of Pittsburgh undergraduate bulletin (catalogue). However, the complete bulletin of information may be found at our Web site:

www.umc.pitt.edu/bulletins/undergrad/index.html

Office of International Services

The Office of International Services (OIS) provides assistance to international students. The Admissions section of OIS facilitates the admission of international students into programs of study. The Advising section of OIS is prepared to assist you with matters regarding U.S. immigration laws/regulations and your period of authorized stay in the United States.

All new students must attend the International Student Orientation program as well as the orientation in their academic programs. Detailed information about orientation will be sent with admission letters.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

The University of Pittsburgh does not offer any financial aid or scholarships to undergraduate international students. To be able to attend the University of Pittsburgh, all international undergraduate students must be able to support their studies from other sources. OIS will issue a visa document when a student has been admitted to an academic program and has submitted acceptable documentation of financial support for the entire program of studies, not just the first year. (See the information on estimated costs.)

Financial Support Documentation

Any one of the following may be used as documentation of support from other sources:

- 1) A signed and dated University of Pittsburgh Certification of Financial Responsibility completed by you or a personal/family source(s) of financial support and supporting documentation, such as a bank statement.
- 2) An official letter of financial support from a sponsoring agency such as a ministry providing financial support for your studies at the University of Pittsburgh. A sponsor letter must state the amount of money in U.S. dollars that will be provided per year—or that full tuition support is provided and that an additional amount will be provided for your living expenses.

Living Expenses

It is difficult to predict the expense of attending the University of Pittsburgh, as expenses vary according to individual tastes, habits, and the actual cost of living. However, a cost estimate provided on the Certification of Financial Responsibility should help you anticipate your expenses. You should note that the estimated tuition listed, added to the estimated cost of living expenses, is the minimum amount of financial support required each year to enable the Office of International Services to issue a visa document.

Housing

There are two housing options for undergraduate students at the University of Pittsburgh.

- On-Campus Residence Halls. There are residence halls for undergraduate students at the University of Pittsburgh. If you are admitted, and subsequent to the submission of all required deposits or fees, your name will be forwarded to the University Housing Office. That office will send an informative booklet telling you about the different on-campus residence hall options, a housing application, and a housing agreement. You will then complete and return the housing agreement with a housing deposit. Applications for housing are reviewed in a date-received order. Students are notified in writing regarding their on-campus housing applications.
- Off-Campus Housing. The University of Pittsburgh maintains information on available off-campus housing through the Housing Resource Center (www.pitt.edu/~property/hrc.html). However, the office does not find housing for students. While you may be anxious about finding a place to live off campus, experience has shown that students find housing without much difficulty. Students planning to live off campus should arrive at least two weeks before the start of the term to allow enough time to look at a variety of apartments or other housing to have living arrangements settled before the start of the term.

NOTE: In order to ensure the application and admission process goes smoothly and is completed in a timely manner, it is extremely important that you read all information carefully and follow the instructions. If you have any questions or need additional information, please visit our web site at www.ois.pitt.edu.

INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION PROCEDURES & DEADLINES

BASIC APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Complete the International Undergraduate Student On-Line Application for Admission. Please make sure you complete and submit all information requested. Failure to complete and submit all information requested will delay the processing of your application. All required material must be submitted before the deadlines. The on-line application may be found at:

www.ois.pitt.edu/intladmissions.html

2. Submit the application fee of U.S. \$35.00. The \$35.00 must be submitted on-line by credit card or mailed in the form of a check or money order payable to the University of Pittsburgh. **The application fee cannot be waived, deferred, or refunded.** No application will be reviewed or considered until the application fee is received.

3. Submit original or certified (notarized) copies of all original language academic records (mark sheets, transcripts) from all secondary and postsecondary institutions that you attended. Where the official original documents are issued in a language other than English, certified English translations must also be submitted. Certified copies of the original certificates or diplomas awarded at the completion of studies must also be submitted. Official transcripts must be submitted from all schools attended starting from at least the 9th year of education.

4. Verify English language proficiency by submitting the results of one of the following tests:

- a. **International English Language Testing System (IELTS):** Official results must be sent directly to the Office of International Services. For information contact the University of Cambridge, Local Examinations Syndicate, 1 Hills Road, Cambridge CB1 2EU, U.K. (www.ielts.org). The minimum IELTS score is 6.5.
- b. **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL):** The institutional code number for the University of Pittsburgh is 2927. Results must be sent directly to the University of Pittsburgh by the Educational Testing Service. For information contact the Educational Testing Service, P.O. Box 6151, Princeton, NJ 08541-6151, U.S.A. (www.toefl.org). The minimum TOEFL score is 550 (213 on the computer-based test).

Please Note: TOEFL is changing its test at the end of September 2005. The computer-based test and the paper-based test will not be offered in the United States after September 2005. Only the new test will be offered. TOEFL results are valid for two years. Therefore, results of the test taken before the start of the new test in September 2005 will be valid for two years from the date of when the test was taken.

- c. **Exemption Based on Citizenship:** Only applicants who are citizens of a country where the official language is English are exempt from the TOEFL or IELTS requirement.
- d. **Exemption Based on SAT Verbal Score:** Students who have an SAT Critical Reading result of 600 or above are also exempt from the TOEFL or IELTS requirement.

5. Submit a Statement of Purpose. This is a brief statement in which you state why you have chosen the University of Pittsburgh, your plans for the future, and how studying at the University of Pittsburgh will enable you to accomplish your goal. We do not require an essay for international undergraduate applicants.

6. Submit SAT Results. Results of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) are required for applicants for Freshman admission who are currently attending a high school in the United States or a regionally accredited International School, graduated from a high school in the United States or a regionally accredited International School. Results are to be sent to the University of Pittsburgh, ETS code 2927. Although only required of applicants as noted above, all applicants are encouraged to submit SAT results.

7. Read and follow the additional instructions that follow.

PROCEDURES FOR FRESHMAN ADMISSION

These procedures are for applicants who have just finished or are about to finish secondary education (high school) and have not completed any university level postsecondary studies. Freshmen are admitted to the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business Administration, or the School of Engineering at the Pittsburgh campus or, if desired, one of the regional campuses.

You must submit all of the items stated under Basic Application Procedures. You must also complete and submit the Certification of Financial Resources.

PROCEDURES FOR TRANSFER ADMISSION

These procedures are for applicants who have finished secondary education (high school) and completed some university level (post-secondary) studies.

Important Notice for Transfer Applicants: If you are applying for transfer admission, you must submit all of the items stated under Basic Application Procedures and submit an official college/university catalog, course syllabi for all courses completed, or complete course descriptions for the courses, modules, and subjects that you have completed. These will be reviewed for transfer credit. If written in a language other than English, an English translation must be submitted.

NOTE: The University of Pittsburgh does not accept or recognize transfer credit evaluations done by other institutions or private credential evaluation services. Course descriptions for courses completed at regionally accredited institutions in the U.S. are not required.

School of Engineering Transfer Notice:

Transfer applicants to the School of Engineering should be prepared for the possibility of limited transfer credit. All the university-level coursework that you have completed in the United States or outside the United States may not satisfy the degree requirements for the School of Engineering at the University of Pittsburgh. Transfer students must also satisfy all of the Freshman-level (required first year courses) for the School of Engineering at the University of Pittsburgh in order to be considered for admission into an engineering degree program. Therefore, transfer students may be required to take one or more of the Freshman-level courses. In that case a letter of admission for transfer students may indicate admission to the Freshman Engineering Program.

PROCEDURES FOR PharmD PROGRAM IN THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY:

Applicants to the PharmD Program must apply through the School of Pharmacy. The deadline for applying to the School of Pharmacy is February 1. Information is available from our web site: www.pitt.edu

PROCEDURES FOR SECOND BACHELOR'S DEGREE ADMISSION

These procedures are for applicants who have completed a first university degree deemed by the University of Pittsburgh to be comparable to a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution in the United States. Students admitted in this status will enroll in a full-time program of study and complete degree requirements for a bachelor's degree at the University of Pittsburgh.

You must submit all of the items stated under Basic Application Procedures and submit an official college/university catalog, course syllabi for all courses completed, or complete course descriptions for the courses, modules, and subjects that you have completed. These will be reviewed for transfer credit. If written in a language other than English, an English translation must be submitted.

NOTE: The University of Pittsburgh does not accept or recognize transfer credit evaluations done by other institutions or private credential evaluation services. Course descriptions for courses completed at regionally accredited institutions in the U.S. are not required.

PROCEDURES FOR SPECIAL NON-DEGREE ADMISSION

Post Baccalaureate Student

These procedures are for applicants who have completed a first university degree deemed by the University of Pittsburgh to be comparable to a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution in the United States and need to satisfy some prerequisites to qualify for admission to a graduate program or take courses for enrichment.

Guest Student

These procedures are for applicants currently enrolled at another university or college who want to take classes at the University of Pittsburgh for one term and will have the credits completed transferred to their home university or college.

Post Baccalaureate Students and Guest Students must submit all of the items stated under Basic Application Procedures and the following:

- Statement of purpose. You must submit a statement that clearly explains why you want to be a student at the University of Pittsburgh.
- Plan of study. You must submit a statement that indicates the proposed courses and course numbers. (A current schedule of classes may be found at www.pitt.edu/~srfsweb.)
- Post baccalaureate applicants must also submit a certified (notarized) copy of the diploma/certificate awarding the degree or qualification if studies were completed outside the United States.

REMINDER REGARDING APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall Term: Applications for the Fall admission must be submitted and complete by February 1.

Spring Term: Applications for Spring admission must be submitted and complete by October 1.

Summer Term: Applications for Summer admission must be submitted and complete by March 1.

Mailing Address for Application Materials:

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Undergraduate Cost and Length of Study Estimates for 2006-2007

Pittsburgh Campus:

	Tuition & Fees	Living	Total/year	Length
<input type="checkbox"/> School of Arts and Sciences	\$21,788.00	\$12,830.00	\$34,618.00/yr	4 years
<input type="checkbox"/> College of Business Administration	\$24,457.00	\$12,830.00	\$37,287.00/yr	4 years
<input type="checkbox"/> School of Engineering	\$23,743.00	\$12,830.00	\$36,573.00/yr	4 years
<input type="checkbox"/> College of General Studies	\$21,788.00	\$12,830.00	\$34,618.00/yr	4 years
<input type="checkbox"/> School of Nursing	\$27,502.00	\$12,830.00	\$40,332.00/yr	4 years

Pittsburgh Campus -Upper-Level Undergraduate:

<input type="checkbox"/> School of Education	\$21,788.00	\$12,830.00	\$34,618.00/yr	2 years
<input type="checkbox"/> School of Information Sciences	\$23,485.00	\$12,830.00	\$36,315.00/yr	2 years
<input type="checkbox"/> School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences	\$27,502.00	\$12,830.00	\$40,332.00/yr	2 years
<input type="checkbox"/> School of Social Work	\$21,788.00	\$12,830.00	\$34,618.00/yr	2 years

Regional Campuses:

<input type="checkbox"/> Bradford Campus (except Nursing)	\$21,414.00	\$12,830.00	\$34,244.00/yr	4 years
Nursing	\$27,128.00	\$12,830.00	\$39,958.00/yr	4 years
<input type="checkbox"/> Greensburg Campus	\$21,438.00	\$12,830.00	\$34,268.00/yr	4 years
<input type="checkbox"/> Johnstown Campus (except Engr Tech & Nursing)	\$21,416.00	\$12,830.00	\$34,246.00/yr	4 years
Engineering Technology	\$23,371.00	\$12,830.00	\$36,201.00/yr	4 years
Nursing	\$27,130.00	\$12,830.00	\$39,960.00/yr	4 years
<input type="checkbox"/> Titusville Campus	\$19,180.00	\$12,830.00	\$32,010.00/yr	4 years
Nursing	\$27,128.00	\$12,830.00	\$39,958.00/yr	4 years

All costs are estimates and are subject to change without notice.

NOTE: The University reserves the right, even after arrival and enrollment of a student, to make individual curricular adjustments whenever particular deficiencies or needs are found. Students may be required to take such courses without credit and at their own expense. This could apply to additional course work in English as a second language if it is determined that there is a deficiency in English language proficiency.

The University of Pittsburgh, as an educational institution and as an employer, values equality of opportunity, human dignity, and racial/ethnic and cultural diversity. Accordingly, the University prohibits and will not engage in discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, disability, or status as a disabled veteran or a veteran of the Vietnam era. Further, the University will continue to take affirmative steps to support and advance these values consistent with the University's mission. This policy applies to admissions, employment, and access to and treatment in University programs and activities. This is a commitment made by the University and is in accordance with federal, state, and/or local laws and regulations. For information on University equal opportunity and affirmative action programs and complaint/grievance procedures, please contact: William A. Savage, Assistant to the Chancellor and Director of Affirmative Action (and Title IX and 504, ADA Coordinator), Office of Affirmative Action, 901 William Pitt Union, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260, 412-648-7860.

PITTSBURGH CAMPUS: **MAJORS & MAJOR CODES:**

Look over the list of possible fields of study for the campus in which you are interested, then write the name of the major interest and the six digit number. Freshmen may state **Undecided** as a field of study interest or major.

Pittsburgh Campus

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES (A&S)

PBUS	A&S–Business Dual Major
AFRCNA	Africana Studies
AFSENG	Africana Studies and English
ANTH	Anthropology
ARCHST	Architectural Studies
BIOSC	Biological Sciences
ECO-EV	Biological Sciences: Ecology & Evolution
CHEM	Chemistry
CHIN	Chinese
CLASS	Classics
COMMRC	Communication: Rhetoric & Communication
CS	Computer Science
ECON	Economics
ECNSTC	Economics/Statistics
ENGLIT	English Literature
ENGWRT	English Writing
ENVGEO	Environmental Geology
ENVSTD	Environmental Studies
FILMST	Film Studies
FR	French
GEOL	Geology
GER	German
HIST	History
HPS	History & Philosophy of Science
HA&A	History of Art & Architecture
INDIST	Interdisciplinary Studies
ITAL	Italian
JPNSE	Japanese
LING	Linguistics
MATH	Mathematics
AMTH	Mathematics, Applied
M-ECON	Mathematics–Economics
M-PHIL	Mathematics–Philosophy
MICRO	Microbiology
MOLBIO	Molecular Biology
MUSIC	Music
NROSCI	Neuroscience
PHIL	Philosophy
PHYS	Physics
PHYAST	Physics & Astronomy
POLISH	Polish (<i>Language, Literature, & Culture</i>)
PS	Political Science
P&P	Politics–Philosophy
PSY	Psychology
RELGST	Religious Studies
RUSS	Russian
SCICMP	Scientific Computing
SOC	Sociology
SPAN	Spanish (<i>Hispanic Languages & Literatures</i>)
STAT	Statistics
SA	Studio Arts
SLAST	Slavic Studies
THEA	Theatre Arts
UND	Undecided Major
URBNST	Urban Studies

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION IN A&S

(The below are sequences of required classes for professional or graduate schools, not majors.)

PAHC	Pre-Allied Health Careers <i>(including preparation for graduate schools of chiropractic medicine, optometry, podiatry, veterinary medicine, etc.)</i>
PADPSY	Pre-Applied Developmental Psychology
CLNDN	Pre-Clinical Dietetics & Nutrition
PCOMS	Pre-Communication Science <i>(Speech, Pathology, & Audiology)</i>
PIDENT	Pre-Dentistry
PEDUC	Pre-Education <i>(Pre-teacher certification. Certification available at the fifth-year level only.)</i>
PREEM	Pre-Emergency Medicine
PREHIM	Pre-Health Information Management
PREHPA	Pre-Health and Physical Activity
PINFSC	Pre-Information Sciences
PLAW	Pre-Law
PMED	Pre-Medicine
PREOT	Pre-Occupational Therapy
PHARM	Pre-Pharmacy
PREPT	Pre-Physical Therapy
PRERS	Pre-Rehabilitation Science
PSOCWK	Pre-Social Work

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (CBA)

UNDCBA	CBA–Undeclared
BUSACC	Accounting
BUSFIN	Finance
BUSGMT	General Management
BUSMKT	Marketing

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

BIOENG	Bioengineering
CHE	Chemical
CE	Civil
COE	Computer
EE	Electrical
ENGCAS	Engineering–A&S Joint Degree
ENGRPH	Engineering, Physics
UNDENG	Engineering, Undeclared <i>(Freshmen only)</i>
IE	Industrial
MSE	Materials Science & Engineering
ME	Mechanical <i>(Manufacturing option is available)</i>
MME	Metallurgical

SCHOOL OF NURSING (fall term, only)

NUR	Nursing
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UPPER-LEVEL DIVISION SCHOOLS

Students interested in the schools listed below begin their University studies in Arts & Sciences taking prerequisite courses (look under Pre-Professional Preparation in A&S for a list of intended fields of study). Transfer is typically at the junior year level.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION (fall term, only)

ADP	Applied Developmental Psychology
HPA	Health and Physical Activity

SCHOOL OF HEALTH & REHABILITATION SCIENCES (SHRS)

CDN	Clinical Dietetics & Nutrition <i>(Fall term, only)</i>
CSD	Communication Science <i>(Speech Pathology & Audiology)</i>
EM	Emergency Medicine
HIM	Health Information Management <i>(Fall term, only)</i>
REHSCI	Rehabilitation Science <i>(Athletic Training, fall term, only)</i>

SCHOOL OF INFORMATION SCIENCES (SIS)

INFSCI	Information Sciences
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SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

(Fall term, only)

PHRDOC Pharmacy *(Note: Do not file this application unless or until the School of Pharmacy instructs you to do so.)*

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

(Fall term, only)

SOCWR	Social Work
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SUPPLEMENTAL FIELD OF STUDY

The following are certificate, not degree programs. A certificate is a concentration of study that can complement a major. If you think you may be interested in earning a certificate in one of the fields, below, please note it on Question 19. Note: your certificate typically needs to be in the same school as your major.

ARTS & SCIENCES

Certificate Programs

ASL	American Sign Language
CHDLIT	Children's Literature
CFMED	Conceptual Foundations of Medicine
FILMST	Film Studies
GIS	Geographic Information Systems
GERLAN	German Language
HSTPRE	Historic Preservation
HPS	History and Philosophy of Science
JS	Jewish Studies
M&RST	Medieval & Renaissance Studies
PHOTON	Photonics
PPWRIT	Public and Professional Writing

WOMNST Women's Studies

A&S/UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (UCIS)

Certificate Programs

AFRST	African Studies
ASP	Asian Studies
EUROUS	European Union Studies
GLBLST	Global Studies
LAS	Latin American Studies
REES	Russian & East European Studies
WES	West European Studies
CBA	Certificate Programs
CPIB	International Business
LEADER	Leadership and Ethics

Bradford: www.upb.pitt.edu

Greensburg: www.upg.pitt.edu

Johnstown: www.upj.pitt.edu

Titusville: www.upt.pitt.edu