



ADMISSIONS POLICY

PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for admission to the University.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

Long Island University accepts applications for enrollment in a registered certificate, undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral program. Through the application review process, the University seeks evidence that applicants are academically and intellectually qualified and prepared to pursue college-level work.

All communications concerning admission to Long Island University should be addressed to the Office of Admissions. Information about admission to the University is found on liu.edu/visit.

The Office of Admissions accepts and reviews applications on a rolling basis, allowing prospective students to submit applications at any time during the cycle. Some graduate or doctoral academic programs may have an established application deadline.

Freshman Admission

Early Action applications and supporting documentation for fall admission must be submitted on or before November 15. Early Action notification begins December 1.

Early Decision applications and supporting documentation for fall admission must be submitted on or before December 15. Early Decision notification begins January 2.

To ensure consideration for all available departmental and merit-based scholarships and on campus housing opportunities, applicants should submit applications by December 1 for fall admission and by October 1 for spring admission.

Applicants should submit the below *required* material for consideration:

- Undergraduate application at liu.edu/apply or via the [Common Application](#).
- Non-refundable \$50 application fee.
- High school transcript.

Applicants may submit the following for consideration:

- SAT or ACT Test Scores: SAT: LIU Code 2369. ACT: LIU Code 2792.
- If English is not the student's native language, an official copy of TOEFL, IELTS, or iBT; students may also provide evidence of English proficiency through submission of standardized test scores.
- Recommendation from one teacher or guidance counselor.

Each applicant is considered through a review of their application and supporting material.

Admitted freshman students are required to provide proof of successful completion of high school or its equivalent prior to the first day of classes.

Freshman applicants may apply for fall, spring, or summer admission as full- or part-time degree seeking students. Classes are offered during the day, evening and on weekends. A non-degree option (for a student not enrolled in a degree program) is available to visiting students.

Test scores should be forwarded to the Office of Admissions. Credit includes the following:

- *International Baccalaureate Program (IB) Credit*
- *Advanced Placement (AP) Credit*
- *College Level Examination Program (CLEP)*

Transfer Admission

Applicants for transfer admission from accredited two-year and four-year colleges are considered. Students transferring from non-accredited institutions must consult with the Office of Admissions to determine eligibility for transfer credits.

Many academic departments have special criteria for admission and may require a higher GPA, an audition, or portfolio review. The Office of Admissions weighs all available information and evidence of achievement.

Transfer students are evaluated primarily based on their college work. Students with fewer than 24 credits of previous college work, or those who enrolled in college courses before completing high school, must submit secondary school records.

Transfer students will receive an official transfer credit evaluation after being admitted to the University. Generally, transfer credits are awarded for equivalent academic courses that have been completed with grades of C- or better at accredited colleges or universities. Students transferring directly to LIU from two-year institutions can receive a maximum of 72 credits. Those transferring from four-year institutions can receive a maximum of 96 transfer credits.

Coursework is transferrable to LIU if it is equivalent to a course currently offered at LIU and was earned at a regionally accredited college or university with a grade of C- or better. Courses not approved for transfer through the admissions process may be reviewed at the departmental level, and after approval, will be credited to the student's transcript. Other transferrable credit may include: advanced placement credit, international baccalaureate credit, advanced levels, and CLEP. Certain programs might require higher scores than outlined above in order to gain transfer credit for a particular programs.

Applicability of transfer credits and actual length of time required to complete a bachelor's degree depends on the number of credits earned. The Office of Admissions resolves transfer credit questions related to:

- *Inter-Campus Transfer:* Students wishing to enroll in classes at another LIU campus are required to complete the internal transfer form with their Success Coach. Students will be required to meet

any special criteria outlined by the academic program they seek to enter.

- *College Credits for Military Service Joint Services Transcript*: LIU awards College credits to eligible veterans and active members of the military. The Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy use the centralized Joint Services Transcript (JST) system. Students may receive college credits for military training and specific occupational training. Official Joint Services Transcripts must be submitted electronically to Admissions.
- *Community College of the Air Force*: Veterans and active members of the Air Force may be eligible to receive college credits upon an admissions review of official CCAF transcripts.
- *Life Experience Credits*: Life experience credits may be awarded in recognition of knowledge obtained in ways other than study at an accredited college, and in accordance with the Life Experience Credit Policy.

Graduate and Doctoral Admission

To apply to an LIU graduate program, a student must submit an application and official undergraduate and/or graduate transcripts from all colleges or universities the student attended. Applicants for graduate study must have a conferred bachelor's degree, or its equivalent, from an accredited institution prior to the start of the program. A non-refundable application fee must accompany the application. Graduate and doctoral application fees may vary by academic program.

Application requirements vary depending on the academic program and may be found in the Graduate Catalog. Some programs require standardized test scores, interviews, and/or other documentation in order to be considered for admission.

Applicants are notified promptly of the receipt of their applications and are advised which, if any, of their credentials have not been received by the Office of Admissions.

After all required credentials are received, the applications are reviewed, and the applicants are advised of their status, which will be one of the following:

- **Acceptance**: For students whose credentials meet admissions LIU admissions standards for whom a place is available.
- **Pending**: For students who have to submit additional information before a decision can be made.
- **Wait List**: For students to whom admission may be offered at a later time when a place becomes available.
- **Denial**: For students who do not meet the criteria for admittance.

Applicants who are offered admission are encouraged to accept the offer as soon as possible by submitting a nonrefundable tuition deposit. The deposit deadline is May 1, or two weeks from date of acceptance, whichever is later.

International Admission

Applicants who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States apply to LIU as international students. Applications for international admission should be submitted to the Office of Admissions by February 1 for fall admission or by September 1 for spring admission.

Applicants should submit the below *required* material for consideration:

- Original official records of all secondary school and/or university work, including graduation certificate or equivalent. Official certified translations in English are also required if the records are in a language other than English.
- Non-refundable application fee.
- Professional evaluation of their university credits from a NACES-member organization (www.NACES.org), if required.
- Official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or Pearson Test of English (PTE) scores.
- Portfolio or video audition (if required for admission into or scholarship consideration for particular programs).

Applicants may submit the below *optional* material for consideration:

- SAT or ACT scores may be submitted admission. Test scores may be submitted in lieu of language testing scores.
- Recommendation from one teacher or guidance counselor.

Each applicant is considered through a review of their application and supporting material.

Language Proficiency may be determined based on the criteria below:

- TOEFL score for undergraduate: 75 (Some academic programs may require a higher score or previous university-level academic coursework in the United States.)
- Minimum IELTS score for admission: 6.0
- SAT or ACT
- ELS 112 completion certificate

Admitted students who intend to apply for an F-1 student visa must also submit an I-20 application and supporting documentation showing that the student or sponsor is willing and able to undertake the approximate costs of education and living expenses. A copy of a valid passport is also required. Upon acceptance, eligible students are sent a “Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status” (also called a Form I-20). This form may be used to apply for an F-1 entrance visa to the U.S. issued by American embassies abroad.

International students are required to submit their LIU tuition deposit in order to receive their I-20. Once students receive their I-20 released by LIU they are able to begin the process of obtaining an F-1 visa to study in the United States.

For detailed information on immigration policy and maintaining F-1 status, international students should familiarize themselves with the [LIU International Student Handbook](#).

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