INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

Applying Online

Applications for admission are available online at apply.unomaha.edu (http://www.unomaha.edu/admissions/apply).

A non-refundable application fee of $45.00 (U.S. dollars) paid by check, money order, PayPal, or credit card is required from all new undergraduate students at the time an application is submitted. Applications will not be processed unless an application fee is included. Applicants who do not enroll within one year must reapply and resubmit the application fee. Submitting an application and application fee to UNO does not guarantee admission to the university.

Required Documentation

International Applicants Admission Requirements

Official Transcripts. International students must submit complete, official academic records and graduation examination results for all secondary and post-secondary institutions attended with any certificates and/or diplomas awarded. Official academic records, certificates and diplomas not issued in English also require certified English translations. Post-secondary institutions include colleges, universities, professional schools, vocational schools, trade schools, and technical institutes. If a student has attended a post-secondary institution, the academic records are required even if a certificate and/or degree was not awarded and/or transfer credit is not desired by the student. These documents should be sent directly from the foreign institution or translation service. When it is impossible to have records sent from the foreign institution or agency, documents may be submitted by the student as long as they remain sealed in the original envelope. Students enrolled in other U.S. institutions must have official transcripts sent directly to UNO from the U.S. institutions. Official transcripts should be sent via courier to:

Undergraduate Admissions
Eppley Administration Building, Room 111
6001 Dodge Street
Omaha, NE 68182-0080

Proof of English Proficiency. Undergraduate applicants whose native language is not English must demonstrate English proficiency through one of the options described in the “Policy for Students for Whom English Is Not Their Language of Nurture.” (Also see the Admissions / English Proficiency Policy section.) Students who do not have a qualifying TOEFL or IELTS score can apply for conditional admission through UNO’s intensive English program, ILUNO. See the “Conditional Admission” section or visit the ILUNO section of world.unomaha.edu (http://world.unomaha.edu) for more information. Score cards can be sent via email to unoadmissions@unomaha.edu, or can be sent directly to UNO from the testing center.

Proof of Financial Support for F-1 or J-1 Visa Applicants or Holders. U.S. Federal law requires international students applying for an F-1 or J-1 visa to demonstrate adequate funding through personal, family and/or a sponsor’s financial resources. Students must provide evidence of sufficient funds in their possession to finance their first year of study when applying for admission. Student and/or sponsor bank statements with original signatures and bank seals or stamps must be provided. In addition to a bank statement, a UNO financial affidavit signed by the student and all sponsors is required. Bank statements and UNO Financial Affidavits should be no more than six months old at the time they are submitted. Failure to submit a completed financial affidavit and an original bank statement will prevent UNO from issuing an I-20 or DS-2019. Financial documents should be submitted electronically to unoadmissions@unomaha.edu

Conditional Undergraduate Admission

International students applying for undergraduate admission that do not meet the English proficiency requirement may be eligible for Conditional Undergraduate Admission. Full undergraduate admission will be granted upon successful completion of UNO’s Intensive English Language Program (ILUNO) and with a qualifying TOEFL or IELTS score.

Students will be eligible for admission to an undergraduate program:

1. Upon successful completion of UNO’s Intensive English Program with qualifying TOEFL/IELTS score.
2. A minimum of two ILUNO sessions is required.
3. Non-qualifying TOEFL or IELTS score within range may be eligible for full admission with ILUNO consideration and permission from the ILUNO Director.
4. A change of status of the form I-20 will be made upon full undergraduate admission.

ILUNO’s Bridge Program

Many ILUNO students can take undergraduate coursework while also taking intensive English classes. Students meet with an ILUNO advisor and their UNO advisor in their major to select university courses suitable for their future educational plans. This program is intended to introduce students to introductory undergraduate classes (usually 1000 level classes) while remaining in the ILUNO program for a semester.

The Bridge Program is available for most undergraduate majors. To qualify, students must have a minimum TOEFL score of 460 (48 for the computer-based test).

F-1 or J-1 Visa Applicants Applying to Non-Degree Programs

International students who are F-1 or J-1 visa applicants or holders may apply as non-degree students if they:

• Have permission letter from their current institution to be enrolled part time at UNO while remaining on the I-20 of their current school;
• Are referred as a participant in an international exchange program between UNO and their home institution; OR
• Have a recommendation letter from their home institution or employer.

Students applying under this option should contact International Admissions for details about content requirements for the letter.

Health Insurance

Due to the high cost of healthcare in the U.S., UNO offers health insurance to its international students at a reasonable rate. Students who do not have a university-approved policy from overseas are required to participate in this plan.

Admission Packets for International Students

Most admission decisions are made within one week after all required documentation is received. Upon admission to UNO, a letter of admission and admission packet will be mailed directly to the student. For those who are J-1 visa applicants, the admission packet will include the DS-2019. For
those who are visiting F-1 visa holders enrolling part time at UNO while remaining on an I-20 at your current school, no I-20 will be issued.