

International student frequently asked questions

HOW DO I APPLY FOR ADMISSION?

All prospective students must submit an application from the UCNJ website:
<https://www.ucc.edu/admissions/apply/>

Students seeking to seeking to attend UCNJ in F-1 status should review required documents [here](#):

The deadline to submit all required documents are as follows:

June 1-Fall semester.

November 1-Spring semester.

Upon successful completion of all the admissions requirements, a letter of acceptance to the college, your I-20 and pre-arrival information will be emailed to you.

All documents must be in English. While we are aware of the difficulties you may encounter in providing certain information, we urge you to cooperate in sending all credentials as soon as possible.

It is your responsibility to read and understand this information prior to admission. Where appropriate, the requirements must be fulfilled and documented by you. We recommend that you photocopy for your personal files all papers sent the college.

HOW CAN I TRANSFER CREDITS FROM ANOTHER COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES?

If you attended an institution outside the U.S., your transcript must be translated and evaluated by an accredited organization. We recommend that you utilize one of NACES National Association of Credentials Evaluations Services' members (<https://www.naces.org/>). Please have the official transcript sent to admissions@ucc.edu or mailed to:

Union College of Union County, NJ

1033 Springfield Ave Cranford, NJ 07016

WHAT IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS AFFECT F-1 STUDENTS?

The USCIS issues strict guidelines to be followed by F-1 international students studying in the United States. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of and abide by these regulations. In accordance with these regulations, all F-1 students must meet certain obligations in order to maintain status. The student must:

- attend the school he/she was authorized to attend
- continue to carry a full course of study (12 or more credits each semester)
- refrain from off-campus employment without authorization
- follow certain procedures for filing an extension of program of study
- have a passport that is kept valid at all times
- not enroll in more than one online or distant education course per semester.

HOW DO I CHANGE MY IMMIGRATION STATUS?

When your original purpose for remaining in the U.S. has changed to studying full-time for a degree, you will need to request a change to F-1 status from the USCIS. The International Student Services office can assist you in the change of status application, but the USCIS makes the decision to approve or not approve your request.

IS IT POSSIBLE TO STUDY AT THE COLLEGE UNDER A TOURIST VISA (B1/B2)?

Due to federal regulations, tourist visa holders are not permitted to study at the college. Tourist visa holders are required to obtain F-1 (Student Visa) status before the start of classes.

IS IT POSSIBLE TO STUDY AT THE COLLEGE UNDER A J-1 VISA?

J-1 visa holders are permitted to study at the College. Due to visa length and degree program length, you may be required to obtain an F-1 visa to complete your degree program.

DOES THE COLLEGE OFFER HEALTH INSURANCE?

The college does not provide health insurance. It is the student's responsibility to obtain health insurance.

DOES THE COLLEGE OFFER HOUSING FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS?

The college does not provide housing for international students. It is the student's responsibility to obtain housing.

WHAT TUITION DO I QUALIFY FOR? CAN I APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS OR FINANCIAL AID?

All F-1 visa holders are admitted to the United States in a temporary, non-resident status. They are not eligible to establish a permanent residence in New Jersey and are, therefore, **charged the out-of-state tuition.**

Federal /State grants and loans are not available to F-1 visa status holders.

F-1 visa status holders may apply for UCNJ [scholarships](#)

Some countries provide financial assistance to their citizens for study in the United States. There may also be private organizations in your country that provide support for study in the U.S.

CAN I BRING MY SPOUSE AND CHILDREN?

If you are married and plan to bring dependents with you to the United States, you must be able to support them fully. You must submit financial certification for your spouse and each child. The spouse and children of an F-1 student are not permitted to pursue any degree program during their entire stay in the United States.

IS IT POSSIBLE TO ONLY STUDY ENGLISH AT THE COLLEGE?

Due to the structure of our English as a Second Language program and federal regulations it is not possible to only take English as a Second Language classes.

WHAT IS THE MINIMUM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIRED TO STUDY AT THE COLLEGE?

Unless you come from an English as a Second Language exam exempt country, all international students are required to show proof of English Proficiency.

TOEFL: A minimum score of 30 on the Internet Based Test is required, or a minimum score of 380 on the Paper Based Test. or 3.5 on the

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IELTS: 3.5 on the exam is required.

Test must have been taken within one year immediately preceding the requested semester of admission. To obtain information on taking the test, visit their test websites. The designated Institution code for UCNJ is 00264300.

If you are already in New Jersey, potential international students can take English as a Second Language exam at UCBJ.

***** Note. We do not take Duolingo English test exam*****

ARE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS PERMITTED TO STUDY NURSING (REGISTERED NURSE OR PRACTICAL NURSING), RADIOGRAPHY, OR SONOGRAPHY?

Due to federal regulations and the structure of programs, it is not possible to study nursing, radiography, or sonography at this college.