

INTERNATIONAL ADMISSION PROCEDURE

GRADUATE

Please send application form and requested items to: Graduate Admissions Office Concordia University Irvine 1530 Concordia West Irvine, CA 92612 – 3203 USA (949)214-3611 gradadmissions@cui.edu

Admission Procedure INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE APPLICANTS APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply to Concordia's International Graduate Programs, submit the following documents **2 months before** the start date. Please see the basic requirements for general admission in Concordia's General Catalog available at <u>www.cui.edu</u>. International students are required to meet all requirements listed there and here.

Qualifications to seek acceptance:

- □ **Application**—Signed, completed application.
- **Essay** Essay question following the given prompt.
- **Recommendations**—Completed reference forms from an employer or college teacher
- □ **English Proficiency**—Students who are categorized as "international students" or speak English as a second language are required to provide proof of English proficiency.
 - o TOEFL (88 or higher, no less than 22 in each section) taken within the last year or
 - o IELTS (7.0 or higher, no less than 7 in each section) taken within the last year
- **Evidence of Academic Achievement**—Proof of achievement equivalent to graduation from a 4 year institution
- Evaluated Transcripts All students must submit records of their college level education and comprehensive exams. Must be original documents. Certified copies are to be translated in English and evaluated by www.ierf.org or www.wes.org
- □ **Application Fee**—Non-refundable \$150.00 (USD) application fee check made payable to Concordia University Irvine.
- □ See individual program requirements

Transfer Applicants

- □ International Student Transfer Form—All transfers must have the Designated School Official (DSO) from their current school complete the transfer form. The student's record must be released in SEVIS in order to transfer to Concordia.
- Copy of Passport
- Copy of I-20
- Copy of Visa

Qualifications to obtain the I-20:

- Affidavit of Financial Support—Completed affidavit and supporting documents verifying that you will be able to underwrite your total financial costs during your studies at Concordia University Irvine.
- □ Bank Balance Form The amount you need to show proof of funding is dependent on the program (see link below). This is an estimated amount and may change come the fall semester.
 - What does my program cost?
- Eligibility for F-1 Student status—This includes the enclosed transfer form if you are transferring from another U.S. institution. Concordia's International Student Advisor and Designated School Official will issue the student an I-20 upon acceptance to the university and supply information on how to obtain F-1 status through the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services and the U.S. Department of State.

Qualifications to enroll:

□ See individual program requirements

Transcript Evaluation

International students are required to have their high school and/or college transcripts evaluated using a professional evaluation company if their transcripts are from a school outside of the United States. Students are required to use the company listed below.

Please remember to ask for a full or detailed report that includes a course by course evaluation for course grades and a cumulative GPA. Please read the instructions carefully for the company you choose. You may need to select an additional service or company for transcript translation which is separate from the evaluation process.

Recommended Evaluation Company

International Education Research Foundation, Inc. (IERF) World Education Service (WES) www.ierf.org/.

Order a Detail Report.

When you are ready to apply, please submit your documents to:

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You may choose to send all your documents at once or one at a time. Once all the documents required to seek admission have been received, an admission decision will be made and the applicant will be notified. You may submit documents pertaining to the I-20 and enrollment **after** you are accepted, however, it is advisable to submit as much as possible as early as possible to avoid delays in acceptance or issuance of the I-20.

International Graduate Student Budget 2015-2016

While only tuition, on-campus housing rates and meal plans are paid directly to Concordia University, international students must show their ability to be financially responsible for their entire expenses. In order to obtain an I-20, applicants must use the Affidavit of Financial Support and supporting documents to prove financial viability. The following estimated expenses reflect totals for a 9-month period (August—May). On-campus rates are shown for housing, meal plans and health insurance. Off-campus rates may differ.

EXPENSES

1 1 9	Per Year \$400
\$2,800	\$5,600
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\$300	
\$3,895	\$7,790
Meal Plan (only required for students living on campus; optional for off-campus students)	
\$1,815	\$ 3,630
\$1850	\$3700
\$870	\$1,740
\$1,435	\$2,870
\$850	\$1,700
\$640	\$1,280
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Please see this link to find out the total required to issue an I-20 for your program