FAQ’s

The Center for International Students and Programs (CISP) has compiled a list of questions that are most commonly asked by prospective international students, via e-mail, telephone and on interviews.

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If your question is not listed here, please contact the Center for International Students and Programs (CISP) International Undergraduate Admissions by:

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We are happy to assist you throughout the application process. Please feel free to contact us if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Q: Is there a special application for international students?
A: Yes! Even if you have filled out the SUNY or Farmingdale application, you will be required to fill out Farmingdale’s International Student application. This is available on our Website at the International Student Applications page (you will need to download the Adobe Acrobat Reader if you do not already have it). Please let us know if you do not have access to the internet or have trouble downloading the application. We would be happy to send you a paper copy.
Q: When is the application deadline for international students?
A: The application deadline for fall (September) admission is June 30. The application deadline for spring (January) admission is November 1.

Q: Do I have to take the SAT exam?
A: The SAT examination is not required for international students who have attended high school/college outside of the United States, but is required for international students who have attended high school within the United States.

Q: Do I have to take the TOEFL exam? What TOEFL score does Farmingdale State require?
A: All applicants must prove their English proficiency. The TOEFL (Test Of English as a Foreign Language) examination must be taken by anyone whose native language is not English, even if you have attended high school in the United States. If you are a transfer student and have not completed a college-level writing course at a U.S. college or university (or received a grade below a C in the course), the TOEFL exam is required for you too. We require a minimum composite score of 190 (computer-based) or 520 (paper-based) on the TOEFL exam, or 68 on Internet-based test.

Q: What if I score below the TOEFL score requirement?
A: We cannot admit you to Farmingdale until you have met our English proficiency requirement. You can do this in a number of ways (see above). We will not make an admissions decision until you have met the requirement.

Q: What is Farmingdale’s code number for the TOEFL exam?
A: Our code number is 2526.

Q: Does Farmingdale offer financial aid to international students?
A: Unfortunately, Farmingdale does not offer financial assistance or scholarships to international undergraduate students. International students must be self-supported and must prove the ability to cover expenses for their entire period of study. Currently, the yearly obligation is $31,000.

Q: What paperwork do I need to submit with my application?
A: The international student application requires a lot of detailed paperwork, therefore you are encouraged to apply early. Please refer to the checklist in the application package for the complete list of requirements.

Q: What are the requirements for admission?
A: If you are a freshman applicant, you must have completed the highest level of secondary education in your country of residence. We look for a strong secondary academic program with courses in math, natural sciences, and English, (or, if English is the language of instruction, another language).

If you have attended any college or university after graduating from secondary school you must apply as a transfer student. Successful applicants have usually completed 24 credits with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) or 15 credits with a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 (on a 4.0 scale).

Q: Do I need to send official transcripts? Do my transcripts have to be translated?
A: Complete and official academic transcripts are required for all secondary and post-secondary institutions you have attended. Failure to provide academic transcripts of all previous academic studies can be viewed as misrepresentation of your background and could jeopardize your application. If your transcripts are not in English, they must be accompanied by an exactly worded and certified translation.

Q: How will my credits transfer?
A: Farmingdale will accept transfer credits earned at approved post-secondary institutions that were
passed with a grade of C or higher. It is highly recommended to have transcripts from overseas institutes evaluated by an organization such as wes.org. Applicants will have their credits evaluated for applicability toward Farmingdale's general education requirements by the International Admissions Advisor. Any course to be applied toward an academic major must be evaluated by the appropriate academic department. In general, most academic departments require course descriptions and/or syllabi in addition to the WES evaluation.

Q: How do I get my I-20?
A: Your Form I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility for Non-Immigrant F-1 Student Status) will not be issued until you have been successfully admitted to Farmingdale State College, which includes submission of complete & acceptable financial documentation as well as academic records.