

International Students

Wallace State Community College accepts international students who have an F-1 student visa and meet the academic, linguistic, and financial requirements listed below. International Students are not eligible for State or Federal Financial Aid. Any international student who has attended an accredited college or university within the United States may be considered for admission as a transfer student.

1. Required Admission Documentation

For admission, and prior to being issued an I-20 form, all applicants must provide one (1) primary form of identification in addition to the required admission documentation below.

International First-Time Students

- Admission application. Applications can be completed via the Wallace State website at www.wallacestate.edu
- A certified original translated and evaluated copy of the student's high school transcript if graduated outside of the United States.
- A current and valid passport or other official documentation to verify lawful presence
- A current photo (passport-size, preferred)
- A minimum score of 5.5 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), a total score of 61 on the Internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), a 2A on the Step EIKEN Test in Practical English Proficiency, a total score of 500 on the paper-based TOEFL, or a 95 on the Duolingo English Test. Institutions may admit students to an established ESL program in preparation for the English Language Exam. However, students may not enroll in regular college courses until the English Language requirement is met.
- A signed notarized statement verifying financial support. (See <https://www.wallacestate.edu/ecoa> for an estimated cost of attendance.)
- Receipt of payment of I-901 Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Fee
- A medical health history with proof of vaccination (Download form at www.wallacestate.edu/admissions/international.)
- Documentation demonstrating adequate accident, sickness, and life insurance that includes evacuation repatriation. Students must maintain insurance coverage throughout the duration of their I-20. The institution may provide an insurance plan or a list of available insurance providers.

International Students Transferring within the United States

- Admission application. Applications can be completed via the Wallace State website at www.wallacestate.edu
- A certified original translated and evaluated copy of the student's high school transcript verifying completion status and a translated and evaluated transcript from each college attended if graduated outside of the United States. Students who have achieved a minimum of a Baccalaureate degree are only required to submit a translated and evaluated transcript from the degree-granting institution.
- Original transcripts from all US institutions attended
- A signed notarized statement verifying financial support (See <https://www.wallacestate.edu/ecoa> for an estimated cost of attendance.)
- Copy of the student's current Form I-20
- Receipt of payment of I-901 Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Fee
- Copy of student's Visa and Passport
- A medical health history with proof of vaccination (Download form at www.wallacestate.edu/admissions/international.)
- Documentation demonstrating adequate accident, sickness, and life insurance that includes evacuation repatriation. Students must maintain insurance coverage throughout the duration of their I-20. The institution may provide an insurance plan or a list of available insurance providers.

2. English as a Second Language Exam Waiver

The English as a Second Language exam may be waived from all English-speaking countries including but not limited to: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Belize, the British Indian Ocean Territory, the British Virgin Islands, Canada, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Grenada, Guam, Guernsey, Guyana, Ireland, Isle of Man, Jamaica, Jersey, Montserrat, Nauru, New Zealand, Pitcairn Islands, Saint Helena, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Singapore, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, Trinidad and Tobago, the Turks and Caicos Islands, the United Kingdom, the US Virgin Islands. Other waivers, with substantial documentation, must be submitted to the college for approval by the ACCS Chancellor.

Other non-immigrant students must meet all Alabama Community College System admission requirements as well as provide documentation of immigration status as prescribed by the institution.

An international student who fails to provide the required documentation will not be admitted to any ACCS institution.

3. Admission to an Alabama Community College System institution does not ensure admission to any individual program or course. Institutions comply with all applicable accreditation requirements and standards regarding program admission.

International Students may contact the Wallace State Primary Designated School Officer for Student and Exchange Visitor Information System at registrar@wallacestate.edu or visit www.wallacestate.edu/admission/international for more information.