

International Student FAQ

1. How does HIU define an international student?

An international student is defined by meeting the following criteria:

- Enters or is in the U.S. specifically for the purpose of study.
- Does not have U.S. citizenship or legal permanent resident status but is currently in the U.S. on a non-immigrant visa (F-1, J-1, etc.)

2. How can I apply?

International students can apply online [here](#).

3. Can the application fee be waived for international students?

No, we do not waive the application fee for International Students except in very rare circumstances. Please note: if you are applying to the MAP program, the application fee is waived.

4. Can I study part time?

While all international students are required to study full-time; part-time study is allowed under certain circumstances. For more information see [here](#). Please note: part-time study is not available for the MAP program.

5. Is the TOEFL/IELTS/DET required for students who have earned U.S bachelor's degree or higher?

Students who are not native English speakers or who have not had English as a primary language of instruction in their academic studies, are required to submit scores of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or the Duolingo English Test (DET) examination and achieve a minimum score of 80 on the internet version of TOEFL or 550 on the paper-based total; 6.5 on the IELTS; or 110 on the DET.

6. How long is a TOEFL/IELTS/DET score valid?

The exam must be taken within eighteen (18) months of your application to Hartford International University. **Your application will not be processed without your official score.**

7. Do I need my transcript to be evaluated?

Yes, all international transcripts will need to be evaluated prior to course registration.

8. How can I find information about programs offered at HIU?

You can find degree programs offered on our [Degree Program website page](#).

9. Can international students apply for financial aid and scholarships?

Yes. International students can apply for institutional aid by submitting the [HIU Financial Aid Supplement](#).

10. Can international students work on campus?

Yes, according to U.S. Immigration law, on-campus employment is allowed. For more information, please contact [Human Resources](#).

11. What should I do to get a student (F-1) visa?

International students need to do a few things to secure an F-1 visa. For a detailed list, see the [International Student Checklist](#).

12. Do I need to submit an immunization/vaccination record?

Yes, all international students must submit an immunization record to the Registrar. HIU requires all entering students to provide proof of immunity for a number of infectious diseases. Information about all required vaccines is available [here](#).

13. Do I need health insurance?

Yes, all international students are required to have [health insurance](#).

14. Do I have to attend International Student Orientation?

Yes, International Student Orientation helps students with their transition to HIU and is required.

15. How can I find out more about Hartford, CT?

Information about the city of Hartford, Connecticut, and the surrounding area is available on the Hartford [webpage](#).

16. What is the closest airport or bus/train station?

The closest airport is [Bradley International Airport](#) in Windsor Locks, Connecticut. Other students have used [John F. Kennedy International Airport](#) in New York. If you choose this option, you will need to book a shuttle/private car with [Go Airport Shuttle](#).

17. Can I live on campus?

Yes, space is, however, limited. So, if you are interested, please contact [Housing](#) as soon as possible.