**Undergraduate International Admissions FAQ**

**How do I indicate on the application that I am an international student in need of the I-20?**
In the application, there will be a question that says "Do you require a student visa (F1) to study at UNLV?" You will need to say ‘Yes’ to this question in order for our office to issue an I-20. Even if you already have a valid visa from another U.S. school, you will still need to say ‘Yes’ to this question. If you say ‘No’ to this question, you will be considered a domestic student and will not receive an I-20.

**How do I receive my Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) ID number?**
Two emails will be sent to you after you apply. One email will contain your NSHE ID number. The other email will contain your password information to MyUNLV. The NSHE ID will be your student number on campus. You will need this ID number and password to log in to your MyUNLV account after you are admitted to accept your admission and register for courses.

**How long does it take to get an admissions decision?**
After we have received all necessary materials for admission, it generally takes about 2-3 weeks to receive a decision.

**What are the UNLV Hotel College English Proficiency requirements for the Hospitality major?**
Please explore the [UNLV Hotel College Undergraduate Admissions website](https://www.unlv.edu/hotel/admissions) to learn more.

**Why was my major changed after I was admitted to UNLV?**
Please note that if you applied for UNLV's Hotel College (i.e. Hospitality Management major) and you did not meet the English proficiency requirement that the Hotel College has set, then your major was changed upon being admitted to UNLV. The Hotel College requires a total score of 80 with a 20 in the writing section on the TOEFL, an 81% on the Michigan (MTELP) exam, or a 6.5 total with a 6.0 in the writing section on the IELTS. Please keep this in mind when reviewing your acceptance letter as you may notice a change from the major you applied for. Once you have satisfied the English proficiency requirement, you will be able to change your major at a later date.

**Can I still be admitted to UNLV without proof of English proficiency?**
Yes. You can still apply to UNLV without English proficiency as an English as a Second Language (ESL) student. ESL students will be placed in the appropriate English language level after completing a placement exam with the UNLV English Language Center. Since English language levels vary from student to student, the ESL major may be completed in a year or less. Afterwards, students can begin course of study in a desired major.

**What is considered as an “official transcript”?**
Official transcripts are those issued directly by an institution. Transcripts submitted by an applicant are not considered official, unless they are received in an envelope sealed by the issuing institution. Electronic transcripts from institutions in the U.S. will be accepted if they are delivered securely from the registrar of the institution.

**How do I submit international transcripts?**
Students who have completed coursework at a non-U.S. high school, college, or university are required to have their documents evaluated and translated, if appropriate, by a National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) member. The evaluation should be a course-by-course evaluation and GPA
calculation. This official evaluation and translation, in addition to official copies of the documents in sealed envelopes, must be submitted to the UNLV Office of Admissions. For a full list of NACES members, please explore their website at naces.org

Where should I mail my documents?
Send official transcripts from your high school and/or from all postsecondary institutions you have attended to:

UNLV Office of Admissions
4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Box 451021
Las Vegas, NV 89154-1021

Official transcripts must be in a sealed envelope from the issuing institution. If your institution will be sending your transcripts through a secure email method, those documents must be sent to ugdocuments@unlv.edu.

What is UNLV’s school code?
The UNLV school code is 4861 for TOEFL and SAT scores. The school code for ACT scores is 2496.

How can I check the status of my application?
You can check the status of your application on your MyUNLV account. Log in to your application in our online application portal. Your application status will be updated as we receive documents and post whether items have been received or not on MyUNLV.

How do I transfer my SEVIS record?
You must notify your current school of your intent to transfer by informing your current international student advisor that you have been accepted to UNLV and plan to transfer. Provide a copy of your UNLV acceptance letter to your current international student advisor as proof of admission.

How long does it take to process the I-20?
Once you have submitted all necessary documentation/information such as your Bank Letter and Financial Certification Form and have transferred your SEVIS record (if applicable), your I-20 will be processed within 1-2 weeks.

How can I receive my I-20?
If you do not notify our office about where you would like to have your I-20 sent to, your I-20 will automatically be printed and kept in our office lobby for in-person pick-up. If you are picking up your I-20 at our office, you must show proof of identification.

How long will it take to receive my I-20 and admissions letter if I purchase express shipping? Regular mail delivery?
With express mail, it can take about a week to deliver. Regular mail delivery to an international address can take between 12-25 days to arrive. However, please be aware that delivery time will be dependent on the country and address that the mail is being sent to and can take more time to arrive.

How much do I have to show on my bank letter?
The bank letter must show the amount listed on the Confidential Financial Certification form and must have an official stamp from the bank or signature from a bank representative. The bank letter should also clearly show the date the bank letter was issued and should be dated within 6 months from the start of the program.

Does the bank letter have to be in my own name?
No. Bank letters can be in the name of a parent, guardian, or sponsor.

**What scholarships are available to international students?**

International students can apply to the [UNLV Rebel Challenge Scholarship](https://www.unlv.edu/rebelchallenge) and the [UNLV Rebel Challenge Transfer Scholarship](https://www.unlv.edu/rebelchallenge). International students do not qualify for federal aid; however, these two scholarships are offered through the UNLV Financial Aid and Scholarships Office. There is no application. The Financial Aid & Scholarships Office will review high school transcripts, test scores, transfer credits and transfer GPA’s from the Admission’s Office for eligibility. Priority consideration is based upon a first come, first considered basis.

**Can I work on campus?**

Yes. UNLV does offer Curricular Practical Training (CPT) and Optional Practical Training (OPT). For more information about working on and off campus, please contact the Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) at phone number (702) 774-6477.

**What housing options are available to international students?**

All first year F-1 Visa students are required to stay in UNLV Housing. Housing options are the same for international students as they are for domestic students. International transfer students are eligible but are not required to stay in UNLV Housing. Students can also apply to stay in UNLV Housing for the remainder of their studies at UNLV. For more information about UNLV Housing options, please contact UNLV Housing & Residential Life at phone number (702) 359-0300 or explore their website at [http://unlv-housing.com/](http://unlv-housing.com/)