

UW REGULATION 8-248

Admission of Foreign Students

1. PURPOSE.

To establish policy for the admission of international students to the University of Wyoming and to specific programs offered by academic subunits, which policy shall be supplementary to existing general admission policies and procedures.

2. GENERAL INFORMATION.

Pre-existing admission policies have recognized the desirability of having various cultures of the world represented by international students and the potential contribution such students provide the general student body with regard to the understanding of the nations and cultures represented. However, the basic objective of the University of Wyoming is to provide for the education of the people of the State and only limited resources are available to provide specialized services and assistance to international students. Experience has demonstrated that cultural and language differences do impair the ability of members of the University community to facilitate and contribute toward the international student's academic progress and goal. At the same time, all concerned recognize that extraordinary efforts should be made to assist the individual international student who has been admitted to the University, but that such efforts must necessarily be limited so as to fairly serve the needs of all students. Past and projected increases in numbers of enrolled international students require that policies and standards for the future admission of international students be established which will restrict the admission of international students in a manner that will provide for the admission of those applicants who are deemed highly qualified and whose enrollment can be readily accommodated within the resources of the specific degree program to which admission is sought.

3. GENERAL ADMISSION STANDARDS FOR ALL INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICANTS.

The Director of Admissions is responsible for the establishment and maintenance of such procedures as may be necessary to control the initial admission of international students to the University of Wyoming in accordance with the provisions of this regulation. Such procedures shall provide for review and consultation with the various academic colleges and departments concerning such matters as may be relevant to the final admission of international student applicants and the making of the admission decision by the department in accordance with any governing college and University standards.

A. After the effective date of this regulation, the admission of all new international students shall be subject to the provisions herein contained.

B. The admission of an international student to the University is conditioned upon pursuit of the specific degree objective for which application was originally made. Abandonment of such a degree objective, denial by a college of continuation in the original degree objective, or academic suspension from the University, shall cause termination of any continued enrollment in the University. However, in the foregoing situations, the student may petition a department of the same or other college for acceptance in a specific degree program.

C. Undergraduate or graduate international students may be admitted to the University of Wyoming for fall, spring, or summer semester. International students must submit all application materials by November 1st for spring semester, April 1st for summer, and June 1st for fall semester. Basic requirements shall include the following:

(1) Applicants must provide an English translation of all required academic records, and complete all applications and correspondence in English.

(2) International student applicants for whom English is not the native language must furnish scores from the "Test of English as a Foreign Language" (TOEFL). Attendance at other educational institutions within the United States, or foreign schools in which English is utilized, will not be accepted as a substitute for this requirement even though the University may accept the applicant as a transfer student or graduate student. The Division of Academic Affairs shall establish minimum acceptable scores for admission for each test of English proficiency used by applicants. The requirement for the TOEFL examination can be waived in special cases by the Director of Admissions (for undergraduate students) or by the Dean of the Graduate School (for graduate students) upon the appropriate recommendation. Individual colleges of the University, as a part of its consideration of credentials of international student applicants, may utilize a higher TOEFL score.

(3) Applicants must demonstrate that financial resources are available to them which are sufficient to meet the costs of registration fees, books and supplies, living expenses during their stay in the United States, and transportation expenses to return to their country. In making such demonstration, they may not utilize University forms of student aid as a substitute for financial resources represented to be available. International students may be afforded the privilege of participating in limited student loan programs when justified by emergency situations. Nothing in this provision should be construed as prohibiting international students from competing for awards, scholarships and assistantships which are determined on the basis of merit. Further, if such an award, scholarship or assistantship is granted to an international student, he/she will be able to use the funds thus obtained for

the normal expenses associated with attendance at the University of Wyoming.

D. In addition to the requirements delineated above in Sections 3.c.(1), (2), and (3), international students must meet all other applicable standards for admission as indicated UW Regulations.

E. Applicants must agree that they will undergo a tuberculosis examination by a medically valid test at the University Student Health Service prior to registering as a student. Each semester or summer session, all foreign students are required, as part of their registration fees, to purchase health and accident coverage available through the University of Wyoming sponsored student health insurance program, unless their government specifically provides them with adequate insurance; determination of adequate insurance shall be made by the Office of International Programs. Active tuberculosis or failure to make payment for the University sponsored student health insurance when due shall constitute cause for cancellation of the student's admission.

4. SELECTION OF APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION.

The credentials of all international applicants for admission who meet minimum standards shall be considered for the purpose of selecting those who are judged best qualified and whose enrollment can be accommodated within the available resources, programs and interests of the University. The following factors may be considered:

- A. Academic record and English ability.
- B. Distribution and representation of various cultures and countries of the world.
- C. Current enrollments of international students within particular departments and degree programs.
- D. Contractual or other formalized programs providing for the admission and sponsorship of international students.
- E. Availability or offer of University scholarships, assistantships, or other form of assistance.

5. GENERAL PROCEDURES.

The Director of Admissions will develop and establish procedures for the admission of international students in accordance with this policy.

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