# UNIVERSITY POLICY ON INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

### **PURPOSE**

This policy is to ensure that international students are adequately prepared academically in order to maximize the probability of their successful completion of the degree program to which admission is sought.

### **DEFINITION**

Governors State University is authorized under federal law to enroll nonimmigrant alien students studying under an F-1 visa. Applicants on F-1 visas or any other temporary visa are <u>not eligible</u> to be classified as residents of the State of Illinois for tuition purposes, regardless of actual length of residence in the State of Illinois. The applicant on an F-1 student visa must plan to pursue a full-time program of academic study at Governors State University.

## POLICY—ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Academic Preparation – To be considered for undergraduate admission, an international student applicant must have completed course work equivalent of two years of university-level work at a regionally accredited institution of higher education in the United States. International student applicants to graduate programs must have completed a level of education equivalent to the award of a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education in the United States. The Director of

Admissions and Student Recruitment (or designee) will evaluate the applicant's credentials and determine if the applicant has met eligibility requirements for admission.

International students are eligible for admission to degree programs only and may be admitted as nondegree-seeking students only if pursuing a degree at another institution. The institution must provide written verification.

<u>Language Proficiency</u> – All international applicants for admission must comply with the university policy on English Language Proficiency prior to admission.

<u>Financial Statement</u> – All international applicants for admission must provide evidence that adequate funds are available to meet all financial needs for the length of time necessary to complete a full-time course of study leading to a degree. Adequate funds is defined as the ability to cover tuition and fees, housing, books & supplies, transportation, and miscellaneous expenses for the academic year.

<u>Health Insurance</u> – After being admitted, the student must certify the possession of adequate health insurance.

## PROCEDURES – APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

The completed application for admission should be sent to the Office of International Services, Governors State University, University Park, Illinois 60466, U.S.A., with the following documents and academic credentials:

- 1. An application for admission as a degree-seeking student.
- 2. Official academic credentials. These may include any or all of the following:
  - a. national examination results,
  - b. diplomas and/or certificates,
  - c. complete records of all college, university, or other post-secondary work;
  - d. college or university transcripts, if applicable.
- 3. Official TOEFL score report.

4. Evidence that adequate funds are available to meet all financial needs for the duration of studies at Governors State University. All information must be in exact U.S. dollar amounts.

Official (original) documents must be furnished and accompanied by certified English translations. These records must be certified by an official of the educational institution issuing them, or by an appropriate United States or national government official.

All application documents submitted under this policy for admission must be received by the Office of Admissions at least two months prior to the application deadline for the trimester for which the student is applying. All transcripts, letters, and other admission materials become the property of Governors State University and will not be returned.