



Additional Information for Foreign Applicants

English Language Writing Test

The Division of English as a Foreign Language (DEFL) administers a writing test to identify those students who need to improve their academic writing skills. Test dates are in late August. Incoming graduate students who are non-native speakers of English may be required to take this test by their department or program, or may be advised to take it if they or their advisors feel a need. Based on the results of the writing test, DEFL will accept graduate students for enrollment in ENFL-111 Expository Writing-Foreign Students. Because space in this course is limited, priority will be given to degree students. Non-degree students will be permitted to take this course upon written request of the advisor and only if space is available. For further information, contact the Division of English as a Foreign Language upon arrival at Georgetown University.

Visas and Financial Certification

If admitted, international applicants will be required to provide financial documentation showing means of support while in the United States. The documented financial resources must equal or exceed the educational and subsistence costs established by the University. The financial certification is necessary for Georgetown University to provide the Certificate of Eligibility (I-20 form) to allow the student to obtain a student visa. A financial certification form will be sent to all admitted foreign applicants, and it must be returned and received by the Graduate School at least eight weeks prior to the time the student intends to travel to the United States in order for visa paperwork to be processed and sent to the student.

Official Foreign Transcripts

Applicants who have attended or graduated from a foreign college or university must provide the official transcript, described above, with a notarized translation into English. The official notarized translation should be submitted to the Graduate School in a sealed envelope, signed across the seal by the notary. No photocopied/faxed transcripts.