International Students Policy

If an institution recruits and enrolls international students, the institution must demonstrate that it admits and serves such students in a responsible manner and provides appropriate support to ensure student success.

DECISION TO RECRUIT AND ENROLL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Institutions that recruit and enroll international students have a responsibility to understand these students’ academic challenges, recognize students’ needs, and offer supportive services and resources. Special services include student orientation, community assistance, personal and academic counseling, as well as special language programs that are available, adequate, and provided by persons specially trained for these purposes.

PRIOR TO ADMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Information about the institution including costs, length of time to degree, and other aspects of academic programs, both written and oral, is accurate, up-to-date, and effectively communicated.

Governmental regulations regarding the issuance of documents for new and continuing international students are made known to students and are followed.

Credentials earned from international institutions are reviewed by evaluators with appropriate expertise who apply clear and consistent institutional standards. Appropriate skills and proficiencies in the language of instruction for undergraduate or graduate-level work are required for admission.

ENROLLED INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Once international students are enrolled, they are subject to the same procedures, safeguards, legal protection, academic freedom, and all other opportunities accorded domestic students. The institution should ensure that:

1. Appropriate academic support and student services are provided to international students.
2. Special fees, if assessed for international students, are dedicated to the provision of additional services specifically for them.
3. Tuition and fees for international students are not significantly out of proportion to those charged to other students subject to similar legal residence requirements.
4. Required immigration, academic, and special services information is easily accessible to international students.
5. Trained personnel carry out the institution’s responsibilities for the enrollment and matriculation of international students in accordance with applicable governmental regulations.

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