Students with Education Outside the United States (US)

What if I have education completed outside the US?
Once the IUPUI Admission Center has reviewed your application, you may be asked to submit credentials for any secondary and all postsecondary work completed outside of the US directly to Educational Credentials Evaluators (ECE).

What does ECE do?
ECE reviews your documents to determine your US educational equivalency.

Does ECE determine whether I can attend IUPUI?
The IUPUI Office of Undergraduate Admissions makes your actual admission decision once we have received notification that ECE has evaluated all of your required documentation. IUPUI uses ECE’s evaluation to determine your level of prior education and whether you qualify as a freshman, transfer, second degree or non-degree student.

How will I know if I need to submit documents to ECE?
You will be informed of the next steps for the application review process once the IUPUI Admissions Center has received and reviewed your application. For more information about reviewing your application status, please click here.

What should I do if it’s determined that I need to submit documents to ECE?
To begin this step in the evaluation process, you will need to go to the ECE website at https://www.ece.org/SiteMain/24/34 to see what materials are required by selecting the appropriate country to view required documents. You do not need to create the ECE application.

I have an evaluation from ECE, WES or another agency. Will IUPUI accept this?
No. The only evaluation we will accept are ones we (IUPUI) requests directly from ECE. This is to ensure all applicants are being treated equitably in the process, and that we are receiving the information we need to make an admission decision. ECE will send the results of their evaluation directly to us (IUPUI).

Will ECE charge me for the evaluation?
You do not need pay the ECE evaluation fee as we will have taken care of this directly with ECE on your behalf.

**I’m applying for a non-degree program. Do I have to submit official documents to ECE, or will they accept an unofficial transcript?**

ECE requires official documents in the original language.

**What if I also have academic work completed in the US?**

You will need to have your transcripts from any secondary or postsecondary work completed in the US sent to the IUPUI Admissions office. Transcripts must be sent directly to IUPUI by the issuing institution. We can accept official transcripts that are sent electronically. Electronic transcripts can be sent to mycredit@iupui.edu. You will need to be sure to make this request during regular business hours if your institution will be sending us credentials to access that expire after a certain period of time.

**Do I need to submit ACT or SAT scores?**

Current high school seniors must also submit official ACT or SAT scores to be considered for admission, including scores from the writing exam. Scores can be sent to us electronically by the SAT or ACT (IUPUI’s school code is 1214 for the ACT and 1325 for the SAT).

**What are my deadlines?**

Students whose education is from outside the US, and would normally apply through Undergraduate Admissions, need to apply by the posted deadline dates (May 1 for Fall, November 1 for Spring, March 15 for Summer 1, and May 1 for Summer 2), regardless of when deadlines are extended. This includes visiting or non-degree status.

**Why do I have an early deadline?**

Having this priority deadline allows enough time for ECE to do the evaluation and for our office to review the evaluation and make the final admission decision. Our admissions decision is generally made within two weeks from the time ECE completes their evaluation.

**Why do applicants with US graduate work have to go through ECE process?**

All applicants applying for an undergraduate program, whether at the degree or non-degree level, must provide their undergraduate education documents for review. Those whose education was done in the US provide the information to our office; those whose education was done overseas must provide this information to ECE. Our process is consistent with the Office of International Admissions (OIA) as they also require undergraduate education documents for review, regardless of whether an applicant has earned a graduate degree from within the US.
**Is our admissions process different than the OIA?**

We work very closely with OIA to make certain that students applying for admissions through our office are reviewed similarly to students applying for admissions through OIA. What is required for review and how we evaluate credentials to make an admission decision are based on best practices established by OIA. While there are some nuances based strictly on the populations we serve, we regularly consult with OIA when making admissions decisions in order to minimize the potential for discrepancies.

**How is transfer credit handled?**

OIA handles the evaluation of transfer credit for our applicants which ensures all applicants with transfer credit from overseas are being handled the same way. In most cases, the ECE evaluation provides enough information for them to use to evaluate transfer credit. Students who have questions or concerns with how coursework transferred in must provide a syllabus and course information to OIA in order for them to do a re-review.