Undergraduate International Admissions

We recognize and value the distinct perspectives that international student bring with them and how they can enrich experiences in and out of the classroom.

We also recognize that it can be overwhelming and perhaps a bigger challenge than you might expect. That's why Earlham provides you with such resources as an international student adviser who will prepare your I-20 (the document needed to apply for a student visa), provide guidance throughout the visa process, welcome you to campus and offer support during your four years at Earlham. In addition, you will have a faculty adviser and access to peer mentors, teaching assistants and a writing center.

International students make up approximately 18 percent of the total student body at Earlham. Our dynamic campus includes more than 130 international students and faculty from more than 60 countries. We look forward to welcoming you to campus, too!

Rooted in the Quaker values of equality, justice, respect and collaboration, an Earlham education creates an unending desire to see the world differently and to bring about change.

Admissions Standards

Earlham seeks students who are academically prepared, intellectually curious and who possess a variety of special talents and interests. We also look for students who are comfortable in their own skin and embrace differences. Admission to Earlham College is selective, and we expect our students to demonstrate superior academic performance and preparation, as well as an excellent record of extracurricular involvement.

In our application review process, our admissions team considers each part of your application, giving special weight to your academic preparation. You'll also have a special adviser who will work closely with you on matters of immigration issues, cultural adaptation and practical concerns.

Academic preparation

Although Earlham does not have specific entrance requirements, most successful applicants have completed a minimum of:

- 4 credits of English, such as literature, grammar or composition
- 3 credits of mathematics, such as algebra, geometry, pre-calculus or calculus
- 2 credits of social sciences, such as government, economics, sociology, history or similar topics
- 2 credits of sciences, such as biology, chemistry or physics
- 2 credits of world languages, including a second language that is not your native language
- Studio or performing arts, experience in the area of studio or performing arts is very desirable

When available and appropriate, we encourage students to enroll in a challenging curriculum.

Grades in academic classes

Earlham takes your cumulative grade point average into consideration when reviewing your application.

Other decision-making factors

At Earlham, we take a holistic approach to reviewing applications. When provided, we take into consideration leadership experience, extracurricular involvement, community service and work experience. International applications must also be able to meet the minimum level of family financial support.

English proficiency

All international students whose first language is not English must provide verification of English proficiency in order to apply for an F1 visa. Earlham accepts score reports for the following tests: TOEFL, IELTS, Duolingo, GTEC, ISA, Cambridge, Pearson, SAT and ACT. Students could also use an achieved IB English class grade that is equivalent to CEFR B2+ or higher.

Current accepted tests and minimum required scores are:

| Test | Required / Recommended |
|------------------|------------------------|
| SAT (EBRW) | 400 / 600 |
| ACT (Reading) | 20 / 26 |
| TOEFL (Total) | 79 / 92 |
| IELTS (Total) | 6.0 / 7.0 |
| Duolingo (Total) | 115 / 125 |

Earlham is test score optional regarding the SAT and ACT. Students are not required to take one of these college entrance exams.

While we understand the many issues present in standardized testing, Earlham's current registration with SEVIS requires compliance with these test score requirements. SEVIS is the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System used by the Department of State on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security (in other words, important US governmental agencies). Therefore, the international student advisers must use test scores to substantiate academic preparedness and English proficiency when preparing an I-20 (the document needed to apply for a student visa) for an admitted student.

Korean CSAT Admissions Standards

Earlham is pleased to be part of a pilot program through which Korean students who have taken the <u>CSAT</u> (<u>College Scholastic Ability Test/Suneung</u>) in the fall/winter of 2020 can use their score to apply for admissions as a full-time student to begin in August 2022.

In partnership with InitialView, students will only need to <u>submit their CSAT scores via Uway</u> and participate in an InitialView interview/writing sample. In as little as five business days, Earlham's Office of Admissions will provide you with a preliminary admissions decision. Final decisions are confirmed when secondary school transcripts are received and financial documents are reviewed.

Important Deadlines

Early action deadlines

- Early action 1 deadline: November 1
- Early action 2 deadline: December 1

Regular decision deadlines

• Deadline extended!