

Instructions for international applicants

1. Complete all parts of the application in detail. If you need more space for any item, add an additional sheet of paper.
2. On a separate sheet of paper write a one - two page personal history describing significant life experiences, school experiences, activities, your future plans and your reasons for wanting to study at Goshen College.
3. For all academic documents, send certified copies in the original language which bear an original signature or seal as well as certified ENGLISH translations. (www.wes.org)
Uncertified photocopies are not acceptable. Documents needed are:
 - a. Subjects and grades for each year of secondary school and any additional pre-university and university study.
 - b. Subjects and results of any regional or national exams or certificates, e.g., G.C.E., E.A.G.C., STPM, etc.
 - c. Proof of English language skill: TOEFL score of at least 550 or higher paper-based test, 213 or higher computer-based test, 79 or higher Internet-based test; or C or higher on the University of London or Cambridge University G.C.E. English language exam; or IELTS of at least 6.0. Ask the TOEFL agency to send a score report directly to Goshen College (institutional code 1251).
4. Complete the Financial Information Form and the Certification of Funds showing your plan to meet the cost for each year. Note that signatures, bank or employer statements and signed letters from sponsors are required. These are very important documents. Limited financial aid is available for students with demonstrated need and academic excellence. Please ask for information about such aid if you need it. We do NOT offer full scholarships.
5. Enclose a \$25 U.S. application fee. Please send an international money order payable to "Goshen College". If you apply online you may submit payment by credit card. If you send a check, it must be drawn on a bank in the United States.
6. Two letters of recommendation (reference letters). One should be a personal reference written by anyone who knows the applicant, other than immediately family. For example, a teacher, employer, or pastor. The second reference letter should be from a Guidance Counselor (high school) or Academic Dean or other appropriate officer (college).

Checklist of items to be included with your application:

- Goshen College International Student Application for Admission and Financial Information forms.
- \$25 U.S. application fee.
- Bank statements and/or salary statement and/or sponsor letter(s).
- Two photos with name printed on back, attached to application.
- Personal history, describing significant life experiences, school experiences, activities, your future plans and your reasons for wanting to study at Goshen College.
- Official secondary school transcripts, exam reports, diplomas, certified with original signatures and/or seals.
- Official post secondary/university transcripts and exam reports certified with original signatures and/or seals.
- Certified English translations of all documents if they are not in English. (www.wes.org)
- Original/official or certified copy of English proficiency test (TOEFL or IELTS or London/Cambridge GCE).
- Guidance counselor reference or college personnel reference
- Personal reference - other than family. You may use a teacher, employer or pastor.
- Copy of passport (for verification of correct spelling of name).

Participation in intercollegiate sports

International students are welcome to participate in intercollegiate sports. Since Goshen College is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, students participating must meet certain academic eligibility requirements.

Students with no prior college experience who wish to participate in intercollegiate sports, must meet two of the following criteria:

- 860 SAT or higher (Scholastic Aptitude Test – verbal and math combined scores)
- High school GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Top 50 percent of graduating high school class

The SAT must be taken prior to the beginning of the term in which the students initially enroll.

For transfer students, an official university transcript is usually adequate.

There is no deadline for applying for admission, however it is strongly recommended that all documents be submitted by the end of March to begin school in August, or the end of October to begin school in January. No decision on admission can be made until all academic documents, TOEFL and the financial documents are submitted.

Additional information for applicants

Costs change from year to year. Costs for 2008-09 are:

Tuition for nine months	\$22,300
* Room and board for nine months (includes meal plan)	7,400
+ Books and supplies	890
** Health insurance	800
+ Personal items	800
+ Summer living costs (three months)	1,100
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Total estimated cost for 12 months	\$33,290

- * Students below age 23 are required to live in a college residence hall and use the college food service
- ** International students are required to purchase Goshen College health insurance plan
- + Estimated amount including yearbook (\$35)

English proficiency

Applicants must meet the minimum English proficiency requirement of TOEFL (550 or higher paper-based test) (213 or higher computer-based test) (79 or higher Internet-based test), or GCE (London/ Cambridge) English language "O" and "A" level with minimum grade of C, or IELTS with minimum band score of 6.0. For more information on the TOEFL test, please refer to www.ets.org/toefl/.

Applicants who do not meet the minimum requirement of English skill but have strong academic credentials can be referred to a nearby language school. Contact the Admission Office if you are interested.

English proficiency requirement can be waived in the following conditions:

- English is applicant's first language.
- Applicants attended English-speaking high schools or U.S. high schools for more than two years prior to applying. In cases where applicants attended English-speaking institutions, an official letter is necessary from the school that certifies that all classes are taught in English.

Financial aid

For qualifying international applicants, Goshen College offers need-based Tuition Grant, which is awarded as a fixed percentage of tuition (not total annual expenses). Financial aid is awarded for 8 academic semesters for students with no prior college experience as long as the student remains in good standing academically and is in compliance with Goshen College standards.

Applicants must submit complete documentations of applicant's academic and financial information. No financial aid award will be made until all requirements for admission have been met.

Goshen College does not offer full scholarships. You and your family are expected to arrange for a sponsor if family resources are limited. The more financial support your family and sponsor can provide, the more likely Goshen College can meet your need.

Goshen College financial aid is not available for students who wish to complete a second baccalaureate degree.

Housing and meal service

Goshen College has a four-year residency policy. Every student is required to stay in on-campus housing or residence halls and purchase a Goshen College meal plan.

* No exception can be made unless the student:

- is older than 23 years by the time he/she wishes to live off campus
- stays together with parents and/or direct siblings in the Goshen area
- is married and/or living with dependents

* To learn more about Goshen College meal plans go to: goshen.edu/sodexo/plans.html

In most residence halls and/or campus housing, there are two students per room. In assigning roommates, an attempt is made to place students together with similar age and with similar interests.