STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING (for international graduate applicants)

Important: You must fill out this form and return it with your completed application for admission.

Instructions: After reading this brochure, please read the statements below carefully. You must agree to each of these statements before you will be considered for admission.

1. I understand that if English is not my native language[1], I must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
2. I understand that if I am admitted to the university, I may be tested again for my English profciency prior to registration at the university. On the basis of these scores, I understand I will be placed in the appropriate English courses for international students.
3. I understand that I must make my own arrangements for housing. (To reserve a room in a University of Houston dormitory, I must apply to the director of housing several months before the semester begins.)
4. I have read and understand all admission procedures. I understand that all documents and materials relating to my admission should be forwarded to the Office of Admissions[2]. I also understand that the $75 application fee is not refundable and that my application will not be processed without the fee.
5. I understand that I must give written permission to the University of Houston for anyone other than myself to request information about the status of my application and/or admission status.
6. I understand that I must check with the department of my major for additional fee and requirements.
7. I understand that if I am unable to attend the University of Houston for the semester in which I am approved, a written request and an additional application fee must be submitted in order to update my file.
8. I understand that I must arrive in time to attend the one-week orientation for nonimmigrant international students; the cost of the orientation is $50 U.S.
9. I understand that I must pay the international student insurance fee for medical/hospitalization coverage. Exemptions are made only for those with proof of a currently valid policy showing a minimum of $50,000 U.S. coverage, including insurance for repatriation and medical evacuation.
10. I understand that I must submit proof of my prior degree conferred before the end of the first semester I am enrolled at UH.
11. I understand that I must have $41,433 U.S. available for my first year of study. This amount includes living expenses for 12 months. If attending summer school, add $4,000 for summer tuition. Of this amount, I must have a minimum of $6,000 U.S. in my possession to meet initial expenses when I arrive in Houston. I am advised to carry this in the form of traveler's checks.
12. I understand I must accept visa restrictions which prohibit off-campus employment.
13. I agree to arrive in Houston on or before the date specified on the I-20 form or IAP-66. If I cannot arrive on time, I must request in writing that my application be considered for a subsequent semester and pay an additional fee.
14. I understand I must allow five weeks processing time.
15. I understand my application will be processed only when the University of Houston's Office of International Admissions has received the application fee. If no fee is received, I will be notified only once of the missing fee.
16. I have read and understand the university requirements stated in this brochure.

If you agree to fulfill all of the requirements as stated above, please sign below.

Signature of Applicant

Date

[1]Students from Australia, the Bahamas, Belize, the British Isles, English-speaking Canadian provinces, the Fiji Islands, Jamaica, Liberia, New Zealand, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Trinidad, the United States, the Virgin Islands, the West Indies and Zimbabwe are exempt from taking the TOEFL with exceptions as listed under the English Proficiency Requirements.

[2]See exceptions on page 7.

LETTER OF FINANCIAL BACKING (nonimmigrant students only)

Note: This form must be updated every six months. (The I-134 is valid for one year.)

The University of Houston requires confirmation of financial resources for each applicant who is not a U.S. citizen. This statement must be completed and on file with the university prior to the release of immigration documents. Please print all information. The University of Houston reserves the right to request bank statements as supporting documentation. (NOTE: If self-sponsoring, you must include a recent bank statement showing assets of the $41,433[1] amount times the number of years you will be attending; i.e., two (2) years for Master's and three (3) for Doctorate)

This is to certify that I will assume full financial responsibility (a minimum of $41,433[1] U.S. per year) for the support of

Name of Student
while attending the University of Houston.

Social Security number or
UH identification number

Country of Birth

Date of Birth of Student

Country of Citizenship

Sponsor's Signature[2]

Date Sponsor's Signature

Sponsor's Full Name

Sponsor's Relationship to Student

Sponsor's Address

Telephone Number

[1]These figures are subject to change without notification. This amount includes living expenses for 12 months. If attending summer school, add $4,000 for summer tuition.
[2]To be signed by the student only when self-sponsoring. This information is necessary for the Certificate of Eligibility (I-20) form.

DEPENDENT INFORMATION

If you are seeking entry for your dependent(s) spouse and children, you must provide us with the following information

Family Name _____

First Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Country of Birth _____

Relationship to F-1 Student _____

Financial proof of $4500 for spouse and $2250 for each dependent is required..