



GRADUATE PROGRAMS ADMISSION CHECKLIST

Congratulations! You've made an important decision to earn your Master's Degree. The steps outlined below will help you to complete Silicon Valley University's graduate programs admission process.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSIONS: Complete the online form at Silicon Valley University website or by clicking the link <https://portal.siliconvalley.edu/OnlineApp#/form/info>. If you have previously applied, please contact your admissions advisor or email. There is a \$50 non-refundable application fee that must be paid online at the time of application.

TRANSCRIPTS: Students submitting international educational credentials must provide a clear color copy of High School or any Undergraduate course work, along with an official evaluation from an evaluation agency that is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services – NACES.org) or the Association of International Credential Evaluators – AICE (<http://www.aiceeval.org>), or completed by the American Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) own International Educational Services. Education credentials recorded in a language other than English must be accompanied by an official translation completed by one of the agencies above. The evaluation alone will not serve as a translation. If applicable, and submitted for evaluation to the International Student Office, Silicon Valley will provide evaluation service for a fee of \$65. Because of volume, more time may be needed to process applications requiring a Silicon Valley evaluation. For expedited service, students can submit their documents to a recognized U.S. evaluation service at their own expense. The Office of Admissions has final authority on all evaluations. Evaluations are used for internal purposes and are not released to applicants.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY: Applicants to Silicon Valley University whose first language is not English must demonstrate competence in the English language. Language proficiency may be shown by one of the following methods:

- I. Document the minimum requirement on one of the instruments in the table below

Type	Minimum Score
Internet-Based TOEFL (iBT)	79
TOEFL (written)	550
IELTS Band	6.5
Pearson PTE Academic	54
iTEP (International Test of English Proficiency)	3.9

- II. **Proof of graduation** from a degree program at an institution of higher education in countries with English as the primary language; for example, the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand may be eligible for a waiver of proof of English language proficiency. In addition, a copy of the corresponding visa must be included in order to verify the student attended the higher education institution in person and not online. Students who are already in the U.S. and will be joining Stratford University as a transfer student may be exempt from the language testing requirements. Change of status applicants are not required to submit proof of English proficiency.
- III. **A Medium of Instruction (MOI) Letter** – A copy of a high school diploma or transcript which states the medium of instruction was English, or an official letter from the high school or university is certifying that English was the official language of instruction.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT DOCUMENTS: All international students must provide an original or notarized bank statement/balance certificate issued within the last six months. If the document is not in the student’s name, they must also provide an Affidavit of Support (AOS) or a letter from their sponsor. Sources of support must be dependable sources. The University is unable to assume financial responsibility for its students and there is no federal student aid available for international students. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the student to meet all expenses incurred while in the U.S.

Degree Level	Tuition	Living	Total
GRADUATE	\$13,365	\$7000	\$20,365

IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS: All international students must provide an original or notarized bank statement/balance certificate issued within the last six months. All applicants are required to submit the copy of a valid passport. Applicants applying within the U.S. also need to provide a copy of visa and I-94. Admitted students receive notification of their acceptance from the International Student Office and generally take one to three weeks from the date the application is received. Applications received from within the U.S. may be processed within 24 to 48 hours. Acceptance packages will include the acceptance letter, form I-20, orientation information and other information of value and will be mailed via UPS. Students interested in having their acceptance package sent by expedited means should contact

the University with their payment information. The cost for expediting documents can be found in the catalog addendum. With admission notification, proper documentation, and payment of Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVP) fees, students can apply for their F-1 visa at the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate in their home country using the signed admission letter and an I-20 issued from Stratford University to support their visa request. Due to SEVP regulations, student's home country address, city of citizenship, and city of birth must be recorded before a student visa may be issued. The U.S. consulate issues an F-1 visa, which must be attached to the applicant's passport.

Accepted students are required to report to the University no more than 30 days prior and no less than one week prior to the beginning of the first term of attendance. During this time, they receive advising, orientation, and complete the course registration process. All international students must be enrolled fulltime on-campus study each term.

For more information, contact the International Student Office at: International Student Office Address: State of California-San-Francisco and Silicon Valley area Email: amaladam@siliconvalley.online Ph: 415-9102053