



BALL STATE
UNIVERSITY

INTERNATIONAL COUNSELOR INFORMATION

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UNIVERSITY PROFILE



Location: Muncie, Indiana



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- Type: Public, doctoral-granting university
- Size: 20,000 students
 - 15,000 undergraduate
 - 5,000 graduate
- NCAA Division I Athletics
 - 18 Teams
 - Mascot: Charlie Cardinal (chirp chirp!)
- Competitive Esports Teams



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STEM PROGRAMS

- 100+ bachelor's degree programs
 - 22 STEM-designated
 - Architecture
 - Animation
 - Computer Science
 - Media
- 80+ master's/doctoral pro
 - 25 STEM-designated
 - Architecture
 - Emerging Media Design & Development
 - Information & Communication Sciences
 - Urban Design



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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS

- Five Steps to Apply to Ball State University:
 1. Choose Your Path
 2. Review Admissions Criteria
 3. Apply and pay the \$60 application fee.
 4. Submit Materials (via your Cardinal Landing Portal)
 5. Check Your Status (via your Cardinal Landing Portal)

Follow along here



www.bsu.edu/admissions/international/steps-to-admission

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS

- Ball State University application:
 - Create login (use credentials you will remember!)
 - Choose level (graduate, first-time undergraduate, transfer, etc.)
 - Complete application
 - Pay the \$60 application fee.
 - Submit
- BUT WAIT! YOU'RE NOT DONE!
 - Use the credentials created above to login to your "Cardinal Landing Portal"
 - Submit required information (refer to your "checklist")

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS

- Items of note:
 - English proficiency test scores or approved waiver is required for ALL applicants
 - GRADUATE applications require a credential evaluation completed by a NACES member
 - GRADUATE applications may have different deadlines from the standard deadlines

Standard deadlines:

- Fall (August start): 15 June
- Spring (January start): 15 November
- Summer (May start – Graduate Programs only): 15 March

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UG ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Secondary school transcript (2.5 GPA)
- SAT/ACT are OPTIONAL
- Proof of Language Proficiency:
 - TOEFL 79
 - IELTS 6.5
 - PTE 53
 - Duolingo 110
 - SAT Reading & Writing 500
 - ACT English 21
 - Completion of 24 or more credit hours at an accredited U.S. university.

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UG COSTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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|---|----------|
| Tuition (12-18 credit hours per semester) & required fees | \$30,838 |
| Room and board (14 meals per week) | \$12,664 |
| Personal, Books & Insurance | \$5,618 |
| Total fixed costs | \$49,120 |

International Merit Scholarships

Global Achievement – \$12000/year

Global Distinction - \$14000/year

Global Presidential - \$16000/year

Athletics & Esports Team Scholarships are also available

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GR ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Undergraduate/Masters transcripts
- NACES member credential evaluation (for non-U.S. undergraduate degrees)
 - All departmental requirements
 - Proof of language proficiency:
 - TOEFL 79
 - IELTS 6.5
 - PTE 53
 - Duolingo 110
 - SAT Reading & Writing 500
 - ACT English 21
 - Completion of 24 or more credit hours at an accredited U.S. university.

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GR COSTS

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|---|----------|
| Tuition (9 credit hours per semester) & required fees | \$30,052 |
| Room and board | \$13,630 |
| Personal, Books, & Insurance | \$4,298 |
| Total fixed costs | \$47,980 |

Graduate assistantships are available!

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS

- How long will it take to receive an application decision?
 - Undergraduate: up to 15 days
 - Graduate: dependent on graduate program
 - Graduate applicants should be in direct contact with the graduate programs to which they are applying!
- To whom may I reach out with questions/requests for assistance?
 - International Admissions Office: intadmit@bsu.edu

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POST-ADMISSIONS PROCESS

- Follow along:
<https://www.bsu.edu/admissions/international/international-services>



Interactive
guide

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POST-ADMISSIONS

- How long will it take to receive an I-20?
 - Dependent on when we receive intended visa, passport, and financials
- To whom may I reach out with questions/requests for assistance?
 - International Services Office: arrival@bsu.edu



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FAST FACTS TO KNOW!

- Ball State is test-optional: We do not require SAT or ACT for admission
- Essays or Personal Statements are not required for UG applications.
- We offer merit-based scholarships for UG students ranging from \$12,000-\$16,000.
- We offer Graduate Assistantships to help fund a graduate student's education.
- Ball State requires ALL applicants to submit language scores unless they qualify for a waiver.
- Graduate students MUST complete a NACES evaluation if their education was outside of the U.S.
- Ball State is a Division 1 school for athletics with the NCAA.

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