1. When should an application be submitted to the Office of International Admissions?

Applications are accepted up to one year prior to the intended entering semester. All applicants are encouraged to send applications and credentials as early as possible. Early applicants increase their chance of admission to competitive programs and can enhance the probability of locating a residence hall room.

2. May I apply for admission for any semester during the academic year?

While most new international students and Americans abroad begin their studies during the fall semester which begins with arrival during the last week of August, it is possible to apply for admission for the spring semester which begins in late January. International transfer and graduate students may also request admission for the summer session and may be admitted only if the appropriate courses are available. Otherwise their applications will be considered for the following fall semester.

3. What are the application deadlines?

First-time bachelor's degree students, transfers from foreign universities and graduate students should send an application and supporting documents to the Office of International Admissions by the following dates:

- **Fall semester**: July 1
- **Spring semester**: December 1
- **Summer semester**: May 1

Undergraduate transfer students from colleges and universities in the U.S. should send an application and supporting documents to the Office of International Admissions by the following dates:

- **Fall semester**: August 15
- **Spring semester**: January 15
- **Summer semester**: May 15

See page 4 for special deadline exceptions.

4. When will I receive an admissions decision?

After the Application for International Admission is received and complete with all required credentials and documents, an admission decision is usually sent within three weeks or less.

5. How are international admission decisions made?

Admission decisions are based on an applicant's academic credentials and proficiency in English. For an applicant who requires a student visa, the ability to finance his or her studies at Fairleigh Dickinson University is also considered.

If a student is academically admissible to a degree program, the admissions committee then determines how academically strong the student is compared to other applicants.

6. Must I take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)?

Applicants whose native language is not English are required to demonstrate proficiency in English. Citizens from the following countries are exempt: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Canada (except Quebec), Fiji, Grenada, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Micronesia, New Zealand, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Solomon Islands, Trinidad and Tobago and United Kingdom.

The TOEFL is the most frequently submitted examination score that the University will use other measures upon the applicant's request. IELTS, Pearsons PTE-A and SAT examination scores may also be used.

The required Pearsons PTE-A score is 53. Undergraduate students with a TOEFL IBT score between 68 and 78 or an IELTS overall band of 5.5 may be considered for admission to FDU's PUP. See page 8 for more information.

7. Does the University offer conditional admission?

Conditional admission is available to all undergraduate applicants and select graduate applicants. Turn to page 8 for more information.

8. I am currently finishing my final year of secondary school or university. Do I have to wait until I finish the year to apply to Fairleigh Dickinson?

No, the University would prefer that you apply during your final year by sending a transcript which includes your mid-year grades/marks of your final year. If you are admitted, your admission will be conditional until your final year grades/marks are received and reviewed by the Office of International Admissions. You will not be permitted to register for your first semester at Fairleigh Dickinson until your final transcript is received.

9. Is the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT) required for freshman admission?

No, it is not required for international students or Americans abroad; however it is highly recommended that all freshmen applicants take the examination. High scores will enhance the student's chance of admission. Also, an SAT or ACT score is required to be considered for a Colonel Fairleigh S. Dickinson Scholarship.
10. Is the GRE or GMAT required for graduate admission?
Most students applying to a master’s or doctoral degree program should submit a GRE or GMAT score. Test scores are not required for the Master of Administrative Science (M.A.S.), Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.), Master of Sports Administration (M.S.A.), M.F.A. in Creative Writing, M.A. in Teaching English as a Second/Foreign Language (TESL/TEFL), M.S. in Hospitality Management, M.S. in Homeland Security, or M.A. in Student Services Administration.
Applicants to the M.S. in Nursing and D.N.P. (Doctor of Nursing Practice) must submit NCLEX results.
The GMAT is required for all applicants to the M.B.A. program, as well as for the M.S. programs in Taxation and Accounting.

11. Does the University require original documents?
All application requirements including transcripts, letters of recommendation, test scores and bank statements must be official, original documents. In addition, notarized or attested English translations of foreign transcripts are required. Facsimiles (faxes), scanned documents or photocopies are not acceptable. Once submitted, all documents become the property of the University and cannot be returned. FDU will accept credentials sent electronically via Docufide.

12. I only have a three-year bachelor's degree. Can I apply for admission to a master's degree program?
A minimum of four years of undergraduate study, or the equivalent, is required for admission. However, students with less than four years who seek admission to the M.S. in Computer Science or Management Information Systems or M.B.A. program may request admission to a Bridge Program. If admitted to a Bridge Program, one year of undergraduate course work must be taken as a Fairleigh Dickinson student to satisfy the four-year requirement.
Students applying to the Bridge Program must submit GMAT or GRE scores (as required by the program) for consideration.

13. Can I receive transfer credits for foreign university courses?
A World Education Services (WES) course by course evaluation is required for transfer credit consideration. For more information, go to www.wes.org.

14. How and when do I apply for a scholarship?
First-time bachelor’s degree/transfer/graduate applicants should submit an International Scholarship Application at the same time as submitting an Application for International Admission. Scholarship and admission decisions are made at the same time, and notifications are sent together. First-time bachelor’s degree applicants are automatically considered for the Colonel Fairleigh S. Dickinson Scholarship after submitting an admission application and SAT or ACT scores.

15. What happens once I am admitted?
You will need to complete and return a matriculation form and a U.S. $200 tuition deposit by the reply date specified in your letter of admission. If for some reason you are denied a student visa based on your FDU I-20, your $200 will be refunded in full.

16. Can I receive academic credit for high scores on the AP exams, IB tests or GCE Advanced Level results?
After you have been admitted to the University, you may request an evaluation by the Office of International Admissions.

17. Is a residence hall room on campus guaranteed?
Rooms are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. For this reason, it is important to apply for admission well in advance of your desired entering semester. You may not apply for a residence hall room until after you have been admitted.

18. What is the process for obtaining a student visa?
Once an international student has been admitted and provided documented proof of financial responsibility, the Office of International Admissions will issue an I-20 student visa form. You must then contact an American embassy or consulate and follow the procedure to apply for a student visa. The exact procedure can usually be found on the embassy or consulate website.

19. I entered the United States on a tourist visa. Must I return home to apply for a student visa?
In most cases, a tourist visa cannot be changed to a student visa while you are in the United States.