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Thank you for your interest in Hiram College. We welcome the global perspective and rich contributions that international students bring to every aspect of campus life. In turn, the college provides an academic home in a community of faculty and student scholars that helps individuals achieve their goals, challenges them to pursue new horizons, and supports them as they continue to become socially responsible world citizens.

We recognize that your distinctive background and distance from the U.S. can add to the complexity of the college search process. We hope this pamphlet, designed specifically for international students, will be helpful. For purposes of the admission process, an international student can be a:

- Non-U.S. passport holder residing outside of the U.S., or
- Non-U.S. passport holder currently in the U.S. with a *non-immigrant* visa (i.e., A-2, J-1, H-4, etc).

Application form and fees

Application form: Hiram College invites applications for undergraduate admission through the Common Application (www.commonapp.org). Students in their final year of secondary school should apply as first-year candidates. Students who have been enrolled in any type of post-secondary study should apply as transfer students.

The application for admission consists of several forms all of which may be printed free of charge from the Common Application website:

- **Application form**
- **School report** (transfer with less than one year of full-time post-secondary study and first-year candidates) and **school official's report** (transfer candidates only)
- **Teacher evaluation** (first-year) or **instructor evaluation** (transfer)
- **International supplement to the school report** (required if the secondary school follows a non-U.S. educational system)

A paper application form is sent upon request if a student is unable to print forms or apply electronically. The application must be completed in its entirety, printed clearly in ink or typed, and signed by the student.

Application fee: A fee is not required for an electronic application. A nonrefundable application fee of US\$35 or a letter from a counselor/headmaster requesting a waiver must accompany a paper application.

Application deadlines

- Fall (August) - February 15 (first-year and transfer candidates)
- Spring (January) - September 15 (transfer candidates only)

An application is reviewed only after all required documents are received. A student must be at least 17 years of age at the time of enrollment at Hiram College. Admission decisions are made without regard to family financial circumstances. Students typically receive notification regarding admission and scholarship in March for the fall intake; in October, for the spring intake.

Scholarships

International students are eligible to compete for Hiram College Global Scholarships. The maximum scholarship is \$21,000 per year and awards are renewed annually. They are based on academic achievement without consideration of family financial circumstances. Hiram does not award full scholarships or need-based financial aid to international students.

There is no separate scholarship application form. Awards are determined using materials submitted with the application for admission. Candidates are considered for scholarship at the time of acceptance and notified of any award prior to the first year of study.

Eligible citizens of the following:

- Republic of the Marshall Islands
- Federated States of Micronesia
- Republic of Palau

may be considered for Hiram College domestic scholarships and/or need-based grants, Federal Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants and/or Federal Work-Study funds. Such need-based aid may vary depending on family circumstances. To be considered for need-based aid, file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Hiram's school code for FAFSA is 003049. The FAFSA should be filed between January 1 and February 15. Accepted students who file by February 15 receive notification in March.

Enrollment deposit

Admitted students enrolling at Hiram must submit a US\$200 **nonrefundable** deposit by the decision date listed in the letter of acceptance, typically no later than May 1.

Certificate of eligibility (Form I-20AB)

A nonimmigrant student will need a certificate of eligibility (SEVIS Form I-20AB) to apply for an F-1 visa. A student already in the United States with an F-1 visa will need a transfer I-20 from Hiram College to continue in their current status. Hiram issues the Form I-20 after receipt of the following:

- \$200 enrollment deposit
- **International student profile**
- Photocopies of passport biography page(s)
- **Certificate of finances** (with supporting financial documents) showing sufficient resources to cover educational costs
- **Verification of status form** (required only if student is in the U.S. with an F or J visa).

The forms listed above accompany the letter of acceptance.

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F E E S A N D C H A R G E S

Fees and charges 2008-2009

Tuition and fees	\$25,610
Room and board	8,380
Orientation	90
Health insurance	948
Total	\$34,938

Additional costs include books/personal expenses, (\$1,500), and travel.

D O C U M E N T S

Academic credentials

Materials submitted as a part of the application process cannot be returned. It is strongly recommended that applicants send certified true copies of documents that are not replaceable. A certified true copy is a photocopy of the original official document to which an educational or U.S. consular official has affixed his/her signature and/or official seal indicating that it is an attested or certified true copy of the original document. **Certification by a notary public, photocopies without original signature and/or school seal, and electronically transmitted documents are not acceptable.**

Documents not in English must be accompanied by translation by a professor or professional translator.

Report forms: A school official (guidance counselor, headmaster, deputy head, head of form, etc.) should complete the **school report** and **international supplement to the secondary school report** (if in a non-U.S. curriculum) for a first-year candidate. For a home schooled applicant, the supervisor must complete the **home school supplement to the secondary school report**. The appropriate university official should complete the **college official's report** for a transfer candidate.

Academic records: Report forms should be accompanied by academic records listing subjects studied, evaluations, grades/marks achieved, and an explanation of the grading system for all secondary and post-secondary studies undertaken by the student.

- **Internal school records/transcripts:** Academic records such as transcripts, mark sheets, examination results, certificates, and diplomas from all secondary and post-secondary institutions where the student has been enrolled. Transfer applicants should submit course descriptions and syllabi for all post-secondary courses taken.
- **External examinations:** Results (such as SPM/STPM, O/A-level, KCSE, IGCSE/ICSE, IB, WASSCE, etc.) issued by the examining board specific to the student's educational system. If the application is filed prior to publication of actual/final results, forecasted results should be reported on the **international supplement to the secondary school report**.

Testing

English proficiency: When the primary/first language is not English, a student should select one of the following (or comparable credential with the approval of the admission office) to document proficiency:

- TOEFL — Score: PBT-550/ CBT-213/ iBT-80
- IELTS — Band score: 6.5
- SAT I — Critical reading subscore: 490
- ACT — English subscore: 20
- GCE A-level English — Grade B
- GCSE English — Grade A or B1
- Singapore/Cambridge O-level English — Grade B
- STPM English — Grade A
- ELS Language Center — Level 112

Students may remain on campus during the summer holiday.

Summer 2008 charges:

Room	\$75/week
Board	\$60/week

Candidates who do not meet the minimum requirement may be admitted with the intent to enroll in ESL courses. **To be eligible an applicant must meet all other admission criteria and achieve a minimum score on one of the following:**

- **TOEFL: PBT-500/ CBT-173/ iBT-61**
- **IELTS band score: 5.5.**

A score report should be sent directly to Hiram from the testing agency.

- TOEFL information at www.toefl.org. **Hiram's ETS code is 1297**
- IELTS information at www.ielts.org

SATI: The SATI Reasoning Test is required *except* when the applicant:

- Resides in a country where SATI is not administered
- Has completed one year or more of full-time university-level study
- Does not meet the English proficiency requirement and will enroll in ESL classes
- Holds one of the following credentials:
 - o STPM/Malaysia Higher School Certificate
 - o GCE A-level (minimum of three subjects)
 - o Singapore/Cambridge GCE Advanced Level

A score report should be sent directly to Hiram from the testing agency.

- **Hiram's CEEB Code: 1297**
- Information at www.collegeboard.com

ACT results may be submitted in place of the SATI.

- **Hiram's ACT code: 3280**
- Information at www.act.org

Evaluations/recommendations

Two evaluations are required. Select faculty who have taught you in an academic subject during the final two years of your education. An evaluator should post it directly to the Office of Admission or give it to the applicant in an envelope with the writer's signature across the sealed flap.

Personal essay

The ability to express ideas in writing is critical to college success. Therefore, Hiram requires a personal essay. Essay topics are listed on the application for admission.

Statement by student (optional)

We invite you to share, on a separate sheet of paper, information you believe could be important in our evaluation of your application that other sections of the application have not provided the opportunity to convey.

Photograph (optional)

Applicants are asked, but not required, to submit a recent photograph.

D E T A I L S

Program of study

On the Common Application, an applicant is required to list an intended program of study in response to the question regarding "academic concentration/major(s)." Please select from the programs of study listed below. Students who have multiple interests or are unsure of their intended college major may indicate "undecided" or list their primary interest from among the several majors under consideration.

Admission to Hiram College is made on the basis of prior academic preparation and performance, not the student's intended field of study at Hiram. The major declaration on the application may be changed. This can be done in writing through the Office of Admission at any time prior to the start of the student's initial term, and thereafter by meeting with the student's academic faculty advisor and filing the change with the Office of the Registrar.

Accounting and Financial Management
Art (Studio)
Art History
Biochemistry
Biology
Biomedical Humanities – four-year program
Biomedical Humanities – accelerated three-year program
Business Management
Chemistry
Communication
Computer Science
Creative Writing
Economics
Education – specify licensure area:
 Early Childhood (PreK – Grade 3)
 Middle Childhood (Grades 4 – 9)
 Adolescent/Young Adult (Grades 7 – 12)
 -Integrated Language Arts
 -Integrated Mathematics
 -Integrated Social Studies
 -Sciences (Life, Integrated, Life/Chemistry, Life/Physics, or Physical)
Multi-Age (PreK – Grade 12)
 -Drama/Theatre
 -Music
 -Visual Arts
 -Foreign Language (French or Spanish)
Engineering (3 + 2 program)
English
Environmental Studies
French
History
Mathematics
Music
Neuroscience
Nursing
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Religious Studies
Sociology
Spanish
Theatre Arts

Checklist

- Application form
- Application fee (if required)
- School report
- International supplement to secondary school report
- Home school supplement to secondary school report (if required)
- College official's report (transfer only)
- Internal secondary school records/transcripts
- Post-secondary/university records/transcripts (transfer only)
- External examination results
- SAT I score report (if required)
- SAT II (optional)
- Language proficiency
- Evaluations/recommendations (2)
- Personal essay
- Statement by student (optional)
- Photograph (optional)

Notes: