

Roger Williams University

Undergraduate International Student Profile, Scholarships and Proficiency requirements 2011-2012 Academic Year

Location

Northeast U.S., New England region, safe, suburban setting in the historic city of Bristol, Rhode Island.

- Beautiful 140-acre waterfront campus
- 20 minutes from Newport, R.I.
- 35 minutes from Providence, R.I.
- 1 hour from Boston, MA.
- 3 hours from New York City, N.Y.

Key Facts

- Established in 1956
- Accredited, small-sized, private, comprehensive and coeducational
- 3,750 undergraduate students
- 820 graduate and law students
- Students from 55 countries around the world including Brazil, China, Ecuador, India, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Turkey, U.K. and many others.
- In 2011, 5% of the incoming class consisted of international students

Academics

Choose from 42 different majors. The most popular majors are: Architecture, Biology, CIS, Global Communications, Computer Science, Construction Management, Engineering, Environmental Science, Finance, Graphic Design Communication, International Relations, International Business, Management and Marketing.

Classroom Experience

- Small class sizes and personal attention
- Average class size is 19 students
- Undergraduate student / faculty ratio is 12:1
- All classes are taught by professors only
- Access to the latest technology and facilities
- Real-world experience: Undergraduate Research, Study Abroad, Internship & Co-Op

Housing

- On-campus housing is available for the duration of your RWU studies and consists of dorms, suites, townhouses and modern apartments
- Wireless Internet, phone and cable TV access
- On-site laundry facilities
- Study rooms and common lounge areas

Transportation

- Public transportation is easily accessible
- University-owned shuttle service
- Transportation available to airport, train and bus stations during holidays

International Student Support Services

- Pre-departure assistance
- Airport pickup / drop-off service
- Orientation upon arrival
- Intercultural Center, Immigration Advisor
- Center for Global & International Programs
- ELS Center
- English conversation partners program
- Academic and learning support services
- Faculty and peer tutors
- On-campus health services
- On-campus work opportunities
- Housing during vacation periods
- Healthy dining options
- Campus-wide cultural programs
- Special excursions and activities

Tuition and Fees: 2011-2012

Tuition:	USD \$28,968*
Room:	USD \$7,110
Meal-plan:	USD \$6,110
Fees:	USD \$1,940
Total	USD \$44,128

*Architecture Major Tuition: USD \$32,640

International Student Scholarships

Merit-based scholarships are awarded to well-qualified applicants each year. (See reverse page)

Advanced Credit

RWU offers advanced credit for the French Baccalaureate, IB, GCE A-Level and AP exams. (See Advanced Credit Guide)

Athletics

- NCAA Division III Level
 - Varsity, Club, Intramural & Recreational sports
- Some of the most popular sports with international students are sailing, soccer, tennis, equestrian, track & field, cross country, and swimming & diving.



International Application Deadlines (Rolling Admissions)

Priority Scholarship Consideration

Spring 2012 (January): November 1, 2011

Fall 2012 (August): Early Action I: November 1, 2011 – Early Action II: November 15, 2011
Regular Decision: February 1, 2012

Application Checklist

First-Year Students:

- Common Application
- Application Fee (USD \$50)
- Essay (250 – 500 Words)
- RWU Supplement
- High School Transcript (Grade 9 – 12)
- Letter of Recommendation (1)
- SAT - I or ACT (if an American based curriculum)
- TOEFL or IELTS

Transfer Students:

- High School Graduation Diploma
- Official University / College Transcript
- Course Descriptions / Syllabi
- WES Evaluation (if requested)

Undergraduate International Student Scholarships

Presidential Excellence Scholarship USD \$16,000 per year

- Minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) required for consideration: 3.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Offered to select incoming freshmen (First-year students only)

Achievement Scholarship USD \$10,000 - USD \$13,000 per year

- Minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) required for consideration: 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Offered to select incoming freshmen and transfer students

Note: The number of scholarships awarded is limited and dependent upon the applicant pool for the year. Scholarships are awarded for the duration of the student's undergraduate study, not to exceed four years. Scholarships are automatically renewed each year, as long as the student maintains the set criteria.

Undergraduate English Language Proficiency Requirements

RWU Direct Admission

Students that meet either one of the requirements below will be considered for direct admission to their program of study or major.

Minimum Score Requirements:

- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language): Greater than 550 PBT / 213 CBT / 79 IBT
- IELTS (International English Language Testing System): Greater than 6.0 bandwidth
- ELS: Successful completion of Level 112 Intensive Program at the ELS Language Center

RWU Bridge Program

The RWU Bridge Program is approximately one semester in duration and offers advanced-level ESL courses. Students are concurrently enrolled in two ESL (English as a Second Language) classes and approximately two university courses.

Minimum Score Requirements:

- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language): Between 500 PBT / 173 CBT / 61 IBT and 550 PBT / 213 CBT / 79 IBT
- IELTS (International English Language Testing System): Between 5.0 and 6.0 bandwidth
- ELS: Successful completion of Level 109 Intensive Program at the ELS Language Center

ELS Language Center (Conditional Admission)

The ELS Center provides English language support to all ESL (English as a Second Language) speakers. The entire program consists of 12 levels, from the basic to advanced levels; each session is one month in duration. Students are able to enroll at the start of any session during the year.

Eligibility Requirements:

- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language): Less than 500 PBT / 173 CBT / 61 IBT
- IELTS (International English Language Testing System): Less than 5.0 bandwidth

Note: Submitting proof of English proficiency is optional at the time of admission for international students (non-U.S. citizens). Students who do not submit proof of English proficiency will be considered for conditional admission to RWU and will be recommended to enroll at the ELS Language Center.



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