

Thank you for your interest in Fitchburg State University!

We look forward to having you as part of our Falcon Team. This is a guide for all international applicants requiring an I-20 at Fitchburg State University. If you are considering changing your current non-immigrant status to an F1-Student status, please feel free to contact:



Immigration questions Office of International Education
1.978.665.3089 / inthelp@fitchburgstate.edu

Admissions questions Admissions Office
intladmissions@fitchburgstate.edu

Graduate Programs

Find a complete listing of majors and concentrations at:
fitchburgstate.edu/academics/graduate-studies

Master of Business Administration

- Concentrations— > Accounting
> Human Resources
> Management

30
credits to
complete

Master of Science in Computer Science

- Concentrations— > Data Science
> Computer Science

33-34
credits to
complete

39% of data scientists and advanced analyst positions require a master's degree or Ph.D.

100% Online Graduate Programs

Interested in studying a 100% Online Graduate Program in your home country? Learn more about our 100% online programs at fitchburgstate.edu/academics/100-online

- Certificates— > Autism Spectrum Disorders
> Applied Behavior Analysis

12-21
credits to
complete

Undergraduate Programs

Find a complete listing of majors, minors and concentrations at: fitchburgstate.edu/academics/undergraduate

Some of our most sought-after majors include:

- > Biology
- > Business Administration
- > Computer Science
- > Computer Information Systems
- > Criminal Justice
- > Environmental Public Health
- > Engineering Technology
- > Exercise and Sports Science
- > Game Design
- > Nursing

120
credits to
complete

PLEASE NOTE

An I-20 is **NOT** issued to applicants seeking an **ONLINE** degree.
Program availability is subject to change.

Documents Required from All International Applicants

Program Specific Requirements can be found on the Fitchburg State website fitchburgstate.edu/academics

1. Submit an Online Application fitchburgstate.edu/apply
2. Upload Supporting Documents to your online application:
 - a. Resume (graduate applicants only)
 - b. Essay (for undergraduate applicants only)
 - c. Recommendation letters (requests are sent electronically to through the online application)
3. Arrange for the followings documents to be sent directly to Admissions Office:
 - a. Sealed Official Transcripts (**sent via mail only from institution**). All non-English language documents must be accompanied by a notarized English translation. Please note that both the original and translated documents must be submitted.
 - b. Credential Evaluation (if degree/diploma is from a non-US institution).
 - i. Course by Course evaluations are required for undergraduate applicants or transfer applicants.
 - ii. General evaluation is required for graduate applicants
 - iii. Please select an evaluation agency that is a member of the listed organizations below:
National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) naces.org/members
Association of International Credential Evaluators (AICE) aice-eval.org
 - c. SAT (only required from Game Design and Nursing applicants).
 - d. English Proficiency Testing (waived if applicant has a US university degree or is from a country where English is an official language). Below are the minimum score requirements for each exam.
 - i. TOEFL PBT (paper-based) 550
 - ii. TOEFL iBT (internet-based)..... 79
 - iii. IELTS undergrad—6.0 / graduate—6.5
 - iv. Duolingo..... undergrad—95 / graduate—105

The TOEFL code for Fitchburg State University is 3518

The Admissions Office reviews complete applications within 2-3 weeks. The applicant is notified of decision via email.

4. Upon acceptance you are required to upload the following documents, which are required for an I-20 to be issued:
 - a. Intent to Enroll Form (available on your online application)
 - b. Copy of biographical/photo page of passport
 - c. Official Bank Letter (sources of funds, including personal/family savings, sponsors/relatives, scholarships and loans. (See sample included)
 - i. Undergraduate Applicants – must state at least \$28,304 USD
 - ii. Graduate Applicants –must state at least \$19,651 USD
 - d. Letter of Support (if seeking financial support from a third party) (See sample included)
 - e. Completed I-20 Request Form (available via your online application)

Admission is granted for a specific semester only. If you are unable to attend the designated semester or looking to defer (for up to a year), Fitchburg State should be notified immediately via email at intladmissions@fitchburgstate.edu.

Housing

On-campus housing is available for full-time students. Applications are on a rolling basis; approval of on-campus housing will depend on availability. On-campus housing is not available to students with families.

For off-campus housing options, please contact the Office of International Education for guidance.

Annual Tuition and Fees

Academic Year 2020–2021. Costs are subject to change.

Graduate Students	Undergraduate Students
Tuition and Fees \$6,012	Tuition and Fees \$16,645
Living Expenses, transportation, miscellaneous \$9,000*	Living Expenses (Room & Board) \$9,000*
Health Insurance & Books \$3,306	Health Insurance & Books \$3,306
Total (U.S. Funds) \$18,318	Total (U.S. Funds) \$28,951

* Estimated

Application Deadlines

Priority deadlines for ALL International applicants:

The Admissions Office will try its best to process any applicants or documents received after the priority dates.

Late applications may be considered for admission for a later semester at the discretion of the Admissions Office.

FALL Semester (begins September)

- › **March 15** (for students seeking on-campus housing)
- › **June 1** (if seeking off-campus housing)

SPRING Semester (begins January)

- › **November 1**



Bank Name
Street Address
City, Country
Postal Code
Contact Numbers

Date of Letter

This is to certify that <Name of Account Holder> has been a customer of <Bank Name> for <# of years>. They have satisfactorily maintained their accounts. They currently have a balance of <amount & currency type> in savings account number <account #>.

This letter has been issued at the request of <Name of Account Holder> for the purpose of supporting the educational and living expenses of their <son, daughter or other relationship> <Name of Student> in the United States.



Bank Official Signature
Title of Bank Official

Sample Bank Letter

This sample Letter outlines the information we require for an official bank letter. Individual banks may present the required information in a different format.

1. Must be typewritten on official bank letterhead.
2. **The date the letter was issued must be included and be less than 12 months old.**
3. **Name of account holder should be listed. If this person is someone other than the student the letter should also state the student's name and their relationship to the account holder.**
4. **Balance of the account and the currency type should must be included. (May be worded as <account holder> has a balance exceeding <amount & currency type> if account holder does not wish to disclose the exact amount of their balance.**
5. **If you will be submitting more than one bank statement from the same bank the letter must include the account number.**
6. **The Signature of the bank official is required.**

Mailing Address

Admissions Office
Fitchburg State University
160 Pearl Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420

Letter of Support Form

International students or their sponsors must provide evidence of sufficient funds available to support the first year of study at Fitchburg State University. If a student is receiving funding from a sponsor, this letter of support must be signed by the sponsor and notarized. The sponsor must also submit a notarized letter from their bank, on bank letterhead reflecting sufficient funds to meet first-year financial obligations. (Refer to page 2 for more details.)

Please Print

I, _____, who resides at
Sponsor's Name

Sponsor's Address

_____, being duly sworn, depose and say
Sponsor's Telephone(s)

that it is my intention to support _____
Name of Student

who resides at: _____
Student's Home Country Complete Address

and comes to the United States to study at Fitchburg State University and reside at (U.S. address, if known).

I am willing and able to maintain and support the prospective student. This affidavit is made by me for the purpose of assuring the University that the student I am sponsoring will have sufficient funds to cover tuition, fees, and living expenses during his/her course of study in the United States.

Signature of Sponsor

Date

Signature and statement signed and sworn before me

Signature of Notary Public

Address, Location

Affix Stamp or Seal

PLEASE NOTE: We suggest that you request an additional copy to submit to the U.S. Embassy or Consulate with your visa application.

It is the policy and commitment of Fitchburg State University not to discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, veteran status, marital status, or national origin in its education programs, activities, admissions, or employment policies, and to comply with the requirements of Federal Executive Orders 11246 and 11375 as amended; the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended; Title IX of the Educational Act of 1972; Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Section 402, Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1974; the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1988; Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; the Civil Rights Act of 1991; and pertinent laws, regulations, Executive Orders, and directives of the Board of Higher Education of the Commonwealth of Mass., the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and other applicable state and federal statutes