International Students

Virtual Advising & Registration
The College of Arts and Science has a team of experienced academic advisors who work on issues related to international students in the College. Advisors help students adjust to the College, work with issues related to international academic credentials and English writing courses, and help students by coordinating with other relevant offices such as the Office of Global Services (OGS), the Wasserman Center for Career Development, and the University Learning Center (ULC).
Advanced Standing Credit

- CAS students are permitted to apply a maximum of 32 advanced standing credits towards their record.
- Credit and/or advanced standing may be awarded for Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) exams.
- Credit and/or advanced standing may also be awarded for these country-specific examinations: A-Level and Cambridge Pre-U (United Kingdom); A-Level (Singapore); CAPE: CXC Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (Commonwealth Caribbean Region); Baccalauréat (France); Abitur (Germany); Esame di Stato – Maturità (Italy); Matura (Switzerland). Here is a relevant link on the CAS Bulletin webpage:
  - [http://bulletin.cas.nyu.edu/page/admission#maturity](http://bulletin.cas.nyu.edu/page/admission#maturity)

ALI Placement Exam

- Students required to take the American Language Institute (ALI) Placement Test must do so in order to be cleared for course registration. Students must register for this exam within **48 hours** of paying their deposits and must complete both sections of the exam as early as possible in May.
- Course placement based on the exam results must be honored.
Recommended Courses for First-Year International Students

Students who were not required to take the American Language Institute (ALI) English Proficiency Test by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, or who did take the test and received a Level 9 (“Test Out”) placement, will follow these guidelines:

- Cohort Meeting (COHRT-UA) – required non-credit course (Already Enrolled)
- Freshman Seminar (FRSEM-UA) (Already Enrolled)
- Expository Writing course: Writing the Essay (EXPOS-UA 1) or International Writing Workshop I (EXPOS-UA 4)**
- CORE Course (select one from below)***
  1) Cultures and Contexts (CORE-UA 5--)
  2) Physical Science or Life Science (CORE-UA 2-- or 3--)*
  3) Quantitative Reasoning (CORE-UA 1--) or math substitute course*/^*
- Departmental Introductory Course: e.g. History of Western Art I (ARTH-UA 1); Introduction to Macroeconomics or Microeconomics (ECON-UA 1 or 2); Principles of Biology I (BIOL-UA 11) ^^

**NOTE:** Students who score between 680 and 720 on the SAT Critical Reading should take the self-diagnostic test to decide which course would offer them the opportunity for better learning: [Self-Diagnostic Test](#)

**NOTE:** International Students who receive lower than 680 on the SAT Critical Reading and for whom English is not their primary language should consider taking the Freshman Seminar in the spring.

*Students who receive a suitable score for advanced standing credit on an advanced standing exam may be exempt from Calculus or the Physical Science and/or Life Science requirements: [http://bulletin.cas.nyu.edu/page/admission#ape](http://bulletin.cas.nyu.edu/page/admission#ape)*

** For those enrolled in International Writing Workshop I (EXPOS-UA 4) in the fall semester, International Writing Workshop II (EXPOS-UA 9) will be taken during the spring semester. For course descriptions and syllabi, see the Expository Writing website: [http://ewp.cas.nyu.edu/page/required.courses](http://ewp.cas.nyu.edu/page/required.courses)

***See CORE website for program components and course descriptions: [http://core.cas.nyu.edu/](http://core.cas.nyu.edu/)

^ See exemptions and substitution Quantitative Reasoning course list on CORE website: [http://core.cas.nyu.edu/page/exemptionsprofexams#quantitative](http://core.cas.nyu.edu/page/exemptionsprofexams#quantitative)

^^ See departmental websites and/ or Albert for a list of introductory courses as well as the CAS major/minor list: [http://cas.nyu.edu/page/majorminors](http://cas.nyu.edu/page/majorminors)
Recommended Courses for First-Year International Students

Students who were required to take the American Language Institute (ALI) English Proficiency Test by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and who placed into the ALI program will take the following courses:

- Cohort Meeting (COHRT–UA) – required non-credit course (Already enrolled)
- EXPOS–UA 20 Reading and Writing Workshop I or EXPOS–UA 21 Reading and Writing Workshop II** / (See “Note A” and “Note B” below)
- CORE Course (select one)***
  1) Quantitative Reasoning (CORE–UA 1) or math substitute course*/^  
  2) Foreign language (e.g. Spanish for Beginners 1: SPAN–UA 1)
- Departmental Introductory Course: e.g. History of Western Art I (ARTH–UA 1); Introduction to Macroeconomics or Microeconomics (ECON–UA 1 or 2); Principles of Biology I (BIOL–UA 11) ^^  
- CORE Course (select one from below)***
  1) Physical Science or Life Science (CORE–UA 2 or 3)*

*Students who receive a suitable score for advanced standing credit on an advanced standing exam may be exempt from Calculus or the Physical Science and/or Life Science requirements: [http://bulletin.cas.nyu.edu/page/admission#ape](http://bulletin.cas.nyu.edu/page/admission#ape)

** EXPOS–UA 20 (Reading and Writing Workshop I) corresponds to ALI Level 7; EXPOS–UA 21 (Reading and Writing Workshop II) corresponds to ALI Level 8.

***See CORE website for program components and course descriptions: [http://core.cas.nyu.edu/](http://core.cas.nyu.edu/)

^ See exemptions and substitution Quantitative Reasoning course list on CORE website: [http://core.cas.nyu.edu/page/exemptionsprofexams#quantitative](http://core.cas.nyu.edu/page/exemptionsprofexams#quantitative)

^^ See departmental websites and/ or Albert for a list of introductory courses as well as the CAS major/minor list: [http://cas.nyu.edu/page/majorminors](http://cas.nyu.edu/page/majorminors)

**NOTES:**

a) Students with an ALI placement below EXPOS–UA 20 (Reading and Writing Workshop I / ALI Level 7) will be required to take a more intensive program with the ALI that will affect full-time status with CAS.

b) Students who place into EXPOS–UA 20 (Reading and Writing Workshop I) in the fall must take a Freshman Seminar in the spring; Students who place into EXPOS–UA 21 (Reading and Writing Workshop II) in the fall may take a fall Freshman Seminar but are encouraged to instead take a seminar in the spring.
The NYU Office of Global Services (OGS) provides immigration advising and guidance, specialized programs and events, cultural adjustment resources, and more to our academic community worldwide.

Questions about your visa? Contact OGS Tel: +1-212-998-4720 or ogs@nyu.edu
CAS Information for International Students

- CAS International Student Blog: http://casinternationalstudents.blogspot.com

- Join the CAS International Student Club (ISC): https://www.facebook.com/nyu.cas.isc/