



INITIAL F-1 CHECKLIST

Start Date	Aug 26, 2019	Oct 21, 2019	Jan 6, 2020	Mar 2, 2020	May 4, 2020	Jun 29, 2020
Application Deadline	July 1, 2019	Aug 26, 2019	Oct 21, 2019	Jan 6, 2020	Mar 2, 2020	May 4, 2020
Register By *Late Fee Applicable	July 29, 2019	Sept 23, 2019	Dec, 9 2019	Feb 3, 2020	April 6, 2020	June 1, 2020

REQUIREMENTS

Admissions Interview

- ❖ A virtual or an on-campus interview with an admissions advisor is required. The purpose is to help students understand their program of interest and the admissions process better. The admissions advisor will answer all questions and concerns during the admissions interview.

Online Application: <http://www.westcliff.edu/apply>

- ❖ Please scan and upload all the required documentation (see list below) in the online application.

Personal Statement

- ❖ All applicants must submit **a personal statement** indicating why they wish to study at Westcliff University. The essay can highlight any special personal qualifications, personal circumstances, personal attributes and/or adjustments you plan to make in your lifestyle to accommodate your study. The personal statement must be 1-2 pages with a minimum of 250 words, double spaced and must include **the name of the program** as well as "Westcliff University".

Official Transcripts

The minimum academic requirement to apply:

- ❖ **Bachelor's program** – A high school transcript or equivalent (GED)
- ❖ **Master's program** – A bachelor's transcript
- ❖ **Doctoral program** – A master's transcript

Submit official transcripts – All applicants must submit official transcripts from previously attended institutions (i.e. Universities, colleges, high school, GED, etc.).

Westcliff University
Attn: Transcript Dept.
16715 Von Karman Avenue #100
Irvine, CA 92606
transcript@westcliff.edu

What is considered an official transcript?

- ❖ **Physical transcripts:** Academic records must be sealed in a (school) envelope stamped on the flap by the student's institution. Only institutions may make school-stamped copies of the official documents, place them in a school envelope and stamp and seal the envelope. A student or parent can then mail the school sealed envelope but it must be apparent that the school was the last to handle the documents.
- ❖ **Electronic transcripts:** Digital transcripts must be released directly by the Office of the Registrar of the issuing university to transcript@westcliff.edu

Transcript Evaluation: Degrees obtained outside of the United States will only be accepted if they have been evaluated by a member in good-standing of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES), another nationally recognized credentialing service or evaluated internally by the Transcript Department of Westcliff University with applicable fee.



- Diploma/Degree** (a scanned color copy is required):
 - ❖ **Bachelor’s program** – A high school diploma or equivalent (GED)
 - ❖ **Master’s program** – A bachelor’s degree
 - ❖ **Doctoral program** – A master’s degree

- English Proficiency**
All applicants whose native language is not English and have not earned a degree from an appropriately accredited institution where English is the principal language of instruction must demonstrate college-level proficiency in English.
Approved language examinations include:

Minimum Scores Required		
Bachelor’s Program	Master’s Program	Doctoral Program
TOEFL PBT: 500	TOEFL PBT: 530	TOEFL PBT: 550
TOEFL iBT: 61	TOEFL iBT: 71	TOEFL iBT: 80
IELTS: 6.0	IELTS: 6.5	IELTS: 6.5
PTE: 44	PTE: 50	PTE: 58
CPE: B1	CPE: B2	CPE: B2

An English Medium of Instruction letter from the qualifying degree program is acceptable if the student cannot provide the scores from examinations above.
English proficiency requirement may only be waived if the student has one of the following:

 - ❖ U.S. high school diploma
 - ❖ U.S. degree with 30-semester credits or more from a degree-granting institution

- Passport**
 - ❖ All applicants are required to submit a color copy of their passport
 - ❖ F-1 students wishing to add **dependent(s)** must provide the following:
 - Proof of family relationships: A color copy of original marriage and/or birth certificate(s)
 - A color copy of the dependent’s passport

- Bank Statement (Proof of Funds)**
All international students must provide evidence of financial support to study and live in the U.S. while enrolled in the program. The Document or letter needs to meet the following requirements:
 - An original bank statement or letter of an account balance from the bank must be provided to validate the certification noted on the form. The currency of bank statement should be in U.S. dollars and must be dated within 3 months of issuing.
 - Must be a liquid bank account; one that allows cash to be withdrawn easily at any given time. Checking and savings accounts are the most common examples of such accounts.
 - Must clearly state the account holder’s name, account number and account type.
 - **Minimum funds required for each academic year are listed below:**
 - Bachelor’s program: \$25,860 USD
 - Master’s program: \$26,595 USD
 - Doctoral program: \$27,495 USD
 - Master’s certificate (6 months): \$13,300 USD
 - Master’s certificate (8 months): \$17,725 USD

F-1 students must show sufficient funding of F-2 dependent(s):

 - ❖ Spouse – Add \$6,024 USD and/or Child – Add \$3,313 USD



- I-20 Request Form**
 - ❖ **Student Section A** - must be completed by the student (*list all dependents, if applicable*)
 - ❖ **Sponsor Section B** - must be completed by student's sponsor (*if applicable*)
- FERPA** - In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), the undersigned student hereby permits Westcliff University and its representatives to disclose the information specified below to the following individual(s) or agency(ies) listed on the FERPA form:
https://universityforms.formstack.com/forms/wu_consent_info_add
- Required Fees:**
 - ❖ Application Fee: \$30
 - ❖ I-20 Processing Fee : \$100 (*additional \$100 for each F-2, if applicable*)
 - ❖ Foreign Transcript Evaluation Fee: \$100 (*if applicable*)
 - ❖ **PayPal/Debit/Credit** - <https://admissions.westcliff.edu/payment-2019/>
 - ❖ **Flywire** - <https://www.flywire.com/pay/westcliff>
 - ❖ **Check/Cash are also acceptable**



Notice of Acceptance

The results of the admissions interview and the student’s application will be sent to the Admissions Committee for a decision by group consensus.

- ❑ **Disclaimer:** All document(s) that require English Translation for the admissions process must provide the original document as well as a copy of a certified translation by a **professional**.
- ❑ **Accepted:** Once a prospective student is accepted into a program, he/she will be e-mailed and mailed a Letter of Acceptance. An **I-20 Form** will be issued to the student by mail along with the Letter of Acceptance after completing the shipment request using: <https://study.eshipglobal.com/> (this shipping option will allow students to create their own labels at a discounted rate via FedEx, DHL, and UPS).
 - **The following fees and documents must be received within 5-days of Visa approval & before departure:**
 - Color copy of the visa
 - Tuition and fees
 - Secure housing accommodation
 - Homestay Match provide students with the option of (virtually) viewing their potential room prior to paying deposits or application fees. Homestay Match also allows short term commitments. Please refer to: <https://www.homestay.com/>
 - Course Waiver Form (*to transfer credits*)
 - All official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended must be submitted for evaluation if the student is requesting to transfer credits. **Deadline: Friday, 2-weeks before the start date.**
 - **Disclaimer:** Any transcripts submitted after the 2-weeks deadline is up to the discretion of the University to review.

Bachelor’s Program	Master’s and Doctoral Program
<p>Refer to Transfer Credit Policy Page 146-148 in the Student Handbook – Catalog</p> <p>Students will be placed in General Education courses before beginning their Upper Division courses. Students can contact their Student Service Advisor for more details.</p> <p>Undergraduate maximum transferable credits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 credits from General Education • 30 credits from Upper Division <p>Undergraduate prerequisite course (3 credits each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BUS340 - Introduction to Information Systems <p><i>*Course Waiver Form not required for Bachelor’s students.</i></p>	<p>All graduate students are required to submit the Course Waiver Form indicating their decision to transfer credits.</p> <p>Graduate maximum transferable credits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 credit hours of the required MBA Courses. • 9 credit hours of the required DBA Courses. <p>DBA prerequisite courses* (3 credits each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BUS505 - Managerial Economics • BUS535 - Managerial Accounting • BUS550 - Financial Management
<p>After 30 days of submission, the student will be notified of all transferable credits and any remaining credits needed to complete their degree. Official Transcripts are required to officially apply the transferable credits.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> The “Upper Division” academic work performed should be within 7 years of attempted transfer of credit for Graduate and 10 years for Bachelor students, to ensure currency of the studies’ relevance to present course requirements. Please refer to the Transfer Credit Policy for Upper Division Courses in the Student Handbook – Catalog for more information.</p>	



- ❖ **Registration Requirements– Payment for tuition & fees, official transcripts, Disclosures and Enrollment Agreement** must be submitted by the designated deadline.
- ❖ **Notice of Additional Fees for Late Payment of Tuition** - Students are required to submit full payment of tuition and fees owed for their first semester by the registration deadline (5 weeks prior to the start) to avoid additional charges. Students who maintain a balance with the university after this deadline are assessed a \$50.00 fee every week until the balance is paid in full. Financial counseling is available for all students through the Westcliff Financial Aid Department. Moving forward, as a continuing student, full tuition and fees must be paid in full 30 days prior to the start date of the next semester. Students who maintain a balance after this deadline in subsequent semesters are assessed a one-time \$35.00 fee, unless you have received approval from the Billing Department to pay using one of Westcliff University's payment plan options.
- ❖ **Disclosure Forms:**
 - (MOU) Memorandum of Understand:
 - (PVTR) Photograph, Video, And Testimonial Consent to Release Form:
 - (TR) Consent to Release Information:
 - (ATTES) Attestation of Completion:
 - (AHRR) Acknowledgement of Handbook Rules and Regulations Upon Enrollment:
 - (SPFS) School Performance Fact Sheet
- ❖ **Enrollment Agreement Form** – All students are required to submit the enrollment agreement prior to the start of their program. The form includes an overview of Program Fees & Tuition, Methods of Payments, Payment Plans, Student Cancel and Withdraw Policy and Student Agreements.
- ❖ **Attend New Student Orientation** – All students are required to attend course orientation. During orientation, students will become familiar with campus policies and procedures, student portal, and student resources.
- **Application Cancelled:** Applications that are incomplete by the application deadline will be automatically canceled the day after the deadline.
- **Denied:** If you are not accepted, the Department of Admissions will send a letter to you informing you of the decision, stating why your qualifications are deficient. Denial can be appealed.