Undergraduate Pathway Program

The University of Cincinnati hosts a Pathway program for undergraduate students studying on its main campus in Cincinnati, Ohio. This program is designed for incoming undergraduate students who need additional assistance with English communication, but do not need to study in a full-time, intensive English program. Complete information about the Pathway program is available at [http://www.admissions.uc.edu/international/pathway](http://www.admissions.uc.edu/international/pathway).

Students who are admitted to the Pathway program will simultaneously enroll in ESL and non-ESL courses that meet the course requirements for bachelor’s degree programs. After students finish their 1-2 years of coursework in the Pathway program and maintain the required GPA, they transition to the appropriate bachelor’s degree program. **Students are able to complete the Pathway program AND earn their bachelor’s degree in as short as four years.**

There is no extra cost for the Pathway program. Students pay the same tuition rate as other international students. Pathway students also receive the same benefits as other students, such as the ability to live in on-campus residence halls, access to all university libraries and campus recreation center, and ability to enroll in academically challenging and rewarding courses. However, students who do well academically in the Pathway are eligible for partial, merit-based scholarships when they transition to transition out of the Pathway program.

**Important Notes**

- UC operates on a semester calendar, with 15 weeks in each semester, and an academic year that runs from late August to late April.
- Pathway students may begin their studies in the Fall Semester (August intake) or Spring Semester (January intake)
- Students will be assigned a Pathway Advisor and are required to work closely with the advisor to ensure they are progressing through the Pathway
- The application fee for the Pathway program is $100 and must be paid by check or money order

**Application Process and Requirements**

- **Submit attached Pathway Application and $100 check or money order**
- **Submit proof of English proficiency:**
  - TOEFL: 14 minimum on Writing and Speaking
  - IELTS: 4.5 minimum on Writing and Speaking
  - UC English Placement Test: 10 minimum score
  * Note: TOEFL and IELTS scores must be sent directly from TOEFL and IELTS
- **Submit proof of Math proficiency:** [UC Math Placement Test]: 500 or SAT-I Math: 500 or ACT Math: 21
• **High School Transcripts:** The Pathway program is only available to high school graduates enrolling as freshmen (no university credit) who have demonstrated academic success in their studies. Students must submit official high school/secondary school transcripts in a sealed envelope and list a date of graduation.

• **Application Deadline:**
  - June 1 for Fall Semester (August Intake)
  - November 15 for Spring Semester (January Intake)

**Conditional Admission and Direct Admission**

Have a lower TOEFL/IELTS score?

• No problem! [Apply for conditional admission](#) and start at the [Cincinnati ELS Center](#) to study English full-time and then enroll at UC upon completion of ELS.

Have a higher TOEFL/IELTS score?

• Great! [Apply for direct admission](#) to one of our undergraduate programs.

**Course Selection**

Pathway students will be required to sign a learning agreement with their Pathway academic advisor that ensure students are taking the required courses to complete the Pathway program as quickly as possible.

**Admission Process**

Students must complete the attached application and collect the supporting documents as listed in the application checklist by the posted application deadlines.

If accepted, students will be provided comprehensive instructions on how to confirm their admission, register for on-campus housing, and receive a university I-20.
Application Checklist

- Completed Application and $100 fee (check or money order)
- High School/Secondary School Transcript in a sealed envelope

These items must be submitted directly from the testing organization; applications will not be reviewed until the official results have been received:

- English Proficiency Test Score (must be sent directly from testing organization)
- Proof of Mathematics Proficiency (such as UC Math Placement Test, SAT I math, etc.).

Pathway Application

Which Pathway program are you applying for (check one):

- Business Pathway
- Health Sciences Pathway
- Information Technology Pathway
- Natural Science (such as Astrophysics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Neuroscience and Mathematics)
- Social Science (such as History, Journalism, Sociology)

I wish to begin at the University of Cincinnati:

- Fall Semester (August intake)  
- Spring Semester (January intake)

Biographical Information

Name: _____________________________________________  
Last Name(s)  First/Given Name  Middle Initial

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year) _____________________________  
Male  Female  Marital Status

Country and City of Birth  Country of Permanent Residence

Permanent Address: ________________________________________

Street Address 1 __________________________________________

Street Address 2 __________________________________________

City  Postal Code  Country
Email: _______________________________  Telephone: _______________________________

Whom should we contact in case of an emergency?
Name: _______________________________  Telephone: _______________________________
Relationship: _________________________  Email: ________________________________

**Educational Background (REQUIRED)**

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