



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT POLICY



General Entrance Requirements

Foreign candidates who satisfy the University of Seychelles *general entrance requirements* may be admitted to most of the university undergraduate programmes. However, some programmes have *specific entrance requirements*. For further details regarding entrance requirements, please visit the university website at www.unisey.ac.sc

In order to satisfy the university undergraduate *general* entrance requirements candidates should:

- be at least 17 years old by September of the year of registration, **and**
- hold 3 GCE 'A' levels at grades EED or above; *or* 2 GCE 'A' levels at grade E or above plus 3 GCSE/GCE 'O' levels at grade C or above in different subjects; *or* 2 GCE 'A' levels at grade E or above plus 2 GCE 'AS' levels at grade D or above in different subjects, **and**
- hold GCSE/GCE 'O' level English at grade C or above *or* have passed a recognised English proficiency test within the past 3 years

The university also accepts other, equivalent international qualifications.

English Language Requirements

International students applying to the university must have an appropriate level of English language.

We accept the following tests as evidence of English language proficiency.

TOEFL: Score of 580 or above, plus the Test of Written English with a score of 4.5 or above

IELTS: Grade 6.0 or above

Pearson Test of English (Academic): Score of 54 or above

Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English: Level C1 or above

Applying to the University of Seychelles

Application forms can be downloaded from the University website at www.unisey.ac.sc . Applicants can also request an application form by writing to registrationofficer@unisey.ac.sc

Applications should be submitted well in advance of the application deadline.

For all applications, there is a non-refundable application processing fee of USD75. For University of London programmes there is an additional non-refundable application processing fee of USD205. Payments should be made by bank transfer as follows.

Account Name: University of Seychelles
Account Number: 01002038225006
Bank: Nouvobanq, Seychelles
Branch: Victoria House, Mahé
Swift Code: NOVHSCSC

The following steps should then be followed when submitting applications:

- Complete the application form and send a scanned copy, along with scanned copies of the documents listed below, to registrationofficer@unisey.ac.sc
- Send by mail a hard copy of the application form and originals or certified copies of the documents listed below to:

Student Registration & Admission Office
University of Seychelles
PO Box 1348
Anse Royale
Mahé
Seychelles

Application documents

The following documents must be submitted along with application form. Any applications with missing documents will not be processed. Official documents not in English language must be accompanied by an English translation issued by a school official or by a translation agency that is accredited in the country of origin.

- Proof of payment of application fee.
- Original academic certificates (or certified copies)
- A copy of the data page of applicant passport, clearly showing applicant name, passport number and photograph. If applicant does not have a passport he/she can submit a copy of another identity document, however applicant should make sure that he/she applies for a passport in time to travel to Seychelles.
- Three passport-sized photographs.
- Proof of English language proficiency.

Processing application

As soon as an application has been received by the Student Registration and Admission Office, the applicant will be sent an acknowledgement email. His/her application will then be processed.

If the application is successful, the applicant will receive an offer letter. To secure his/her place at the university, the applicant needs to accept this offer by signing and returning the Annex on the offer document as soon as possible, together with any requested documents.

When the university has received the applicant acceptance of its offer, he/she will be sent a *Confirmation of Enrolment* and other details about his/her chosen programme. At this stage, the applicant will also be required to pay the sum of USD1450 as partial payment of the tuition fee. The remaining amount will need to be paid at Registration, after the applicant has arrived in Seychelles.

As soon as the applicant has received the confirmation of enrolment he/she will be able to apply visa (student permit).

If an application is unsuccessful, the university will write to the applicant outlining why an offer cannot be made at this time. The university will also provide advice on additional qualifications that the applicant might consider in order to meet its entrance requirements or suggest an alternative study programme(s) that the applicant can follow.

Obtaining a Visa

All international students wishing to study in Seychelles must obtain a visa (referred to as a Student Permit) before travelling to Seychelles.

The fee for a Student Permit is USD250 (permit processing fee, plus permit fee) payable to the university

Student Permit application forms can be downloaded from www.unisey.ac.sc

Completed forms plus the documents listed below should be returned to:

***The International Student Unit
University of Seychelles
PO Box 1348
Anse Royale
Mahé
Seychelles***

The following documents must accompany the applicant completed Student Permit Application Form:

- Proof of acceptance on a UniSey programme of study
- Proof that the applicant has enough money to pay his/her tuition fees and to personal support whilst living in Seychelles

- Proof of a guarantee in the form of a security bond from either a bank or an insurance company
- A copy of the data page of his/her passport, clearly showing his/her name, passport number and photograph
- Two passport-sized photographs
- Proof of payment of fee for Student Permit

Student Permits are valid for the duration of the academic programme. Holders of Student Permits are not allowed to take up any work in Seychelles, either paid or unpaid.

It is the responsibility of the international student to maintain lawful immigration status by fully and properly comply with all laws and regulations of the Republic of Seychelles.

Health Insurance

Though not listed as a requirement to obtain a Student Permit, the University encourages all its International students to maintain a health insurance for the duration of his/her stay in the Seychelles.

All registered students of the University of Seychelles are covered by a general Insurance. However, all International students are advised to take additional health and accident insurance to cover their stay in Seychelles.

The University International Student office will provide successful applicants with information on banks and Insurance companies in Seychelles as well as provide supports throughout the applicant Health Insurance application process.

Accommodation

The University gives a lot of importance to where it's foreign students live. There are three main types of accommodation available:

- Living in a house or apartment shared with other students
- Living in a house or apartment not shared with others
- Living in a home-stay (a room in a family house)

As soon as an applicant has accepted a place on a Unisey programme, he/she will be given information about how to apply for accommodation in Seychelles.

Once the university has received an application for accommodation, the International Student Unit will make every effort to arrange accommodation according to the preferences stated on the application form.

Arrival and Welcome Programme

The University gives equal importance to all its international students' smooth integration in Seychelles and in its campus community. To help students settle into their new environment, the university offers a *Welcome Programme for International Students*. As well as providing help and practical information about studying and living in Seychelles, the programme will also give students the opportunity to meet university staff and other students, make friends and have fun before they begin their studies.

Students should aim to arrive in Seychelles on or before **1st September of the calendar year**. As soon as a student has booked his/her flight, he/she should send an email to the International Student Unit providing them with the following information:

- Name
- Date of arrival
- Time of arrival
- Flight number

A representative will come to meet each student at the airport and take him/her to the chosen accommodation. The student will also be given details of the Welcome Programme.

The Welcome Programme will begin three days after arrival, and will take place at the Anse Royale campus.

Prior to the Welcome Programme, the International Student Office and Student Union will take responsibility to ensure that each student is settled comfortably in his/her accommodation and in the community.