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Introduction

University of Science and Technology of China (USTC) is under the leadership of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS). As a key university of the nation, it is noted for its advanced science and high technology programs, unique management studies and well-tailored disciplines in the humanities.

USTC offers 32 undergraduate programs in 12 disciplines as Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Materials Science, Life Science, Engineering Science, Electronic Information, Computer Science, Geophysics, Environmental Science, Economic Management and Nuclear Engineering.

The undergraduate programs in USTC are 4-year full-time study and mainly delivered in Chinese, with part of the courses taught in English or bilingually. Bachelor's degree and graduation certificate will be awarded if the students finish all the required course work and pass the thesis defense.

Schools and Programs

[Schools & Programs - International College of University of Science and Technology of China \(ustc.edu.cn\)](http://ustc.edu.cn)

Application Guideline

1. Eligibility

1.1 Non-Chinese citizens with a valid passport, in good physical and mental health, and awarded a graduation certificate from senior high school

1.2 Having passed new HSK Level 5 or above; applicants whose native language is Chinese, or can provide proof of studying at a high school where the teaching language is Chinese, can apply for HSK test exemption.

1.3 Emigrants from mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan applying as international students must have obtained their current foreign citizenship before April 30, 2016. In addition, the applicant must have lived abroad for at least 2 years during the period between April 30, 2016 and April 30, 2021 (more than 9 months of residence abroad per year may be considered as one year).

1.4 The conditions set by the [Document No. 12 \(2020\) of Ministry of Education of the PRC \(Annex I\)](#) should be met.

2. Application Procedure

1. Online Application	December 1st, 2020--March 31st, 2021
2. Entrance Examination & Interview	Aprli or May
3. Admission	June

2.1 Online application

2.1.1 Create your account on the online application system website.

2.1.2 Fill in all the information and upload the necessary documents as required.

Application materials required:

- Application Form for International Students (Undergraduate Program) (Annex II)
- Photocopy of passport (Including pages with Chinese visa or residence permit, if applicable)

- Notarized photocopies of senior high school graduation certificate and transcripts; applicants who will be graduating from senior high school before July 2021 should provide Pre-graduation Certificate issued by senior high school (Original senior high school graduation certificate and transcripts are required upon registration if admitted)
- Photocopies of Certificate of new HSK Level 5 and transcripts (Original certificate and transcripts are required upon registration if admitted); or a proof of studying at a high school where classes are taught in Chinese
- Foreigner Physical Examination Form
- Recommendation letter from senior high school (Original copy in Chinese or English)
- Applicants under 18 by Sept. 1st, 2021 should submit a Guardian Statement (Annex IV). The guardian of the applicant must stay in Hefei during the period of applicant's studying at USTC, and it is the guardian's responsibility to have a stable source of living.
- Emigrants from mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan who are applying as international students should submit the following documents: ① Immigration certificate; ② Proof of cancellation of the original Chinese citizenship; ③ Photocopy of the passport pages with customs stamps (Exit and entry) from April 30, 2016 to March 15th, 2021; ④ Proof of living abroad from April 30, 2016 to March 15th, 2021
- In addition to the application materials above, USTC may require applicants to provide supplementary materials, and applicants should provide any upon request.

2.2 Entrance Examination & Interview

2.2.1 Entrance Examination

Applicants who passed the review of the application documents will be informed to participate in the entrance examination, which covers the subjects of Chinese, Mathematics, English and Science (comprehensive test of Physics, Chemistry and Biology). The time and venue for entrance examination will be notified later (usually held in April or May).

Applicants who pass the review of the application documents and meet the following requirements can be exempted from taking the entrance examination:

Type of Certification	SAT	IB	GCE A-Level	ACT
Requirements	SAT I \geq 1300, and at least three SAT II subjects, including Math (level 2) (\geq 650) and two other subjects relevant to the program applied.	IB certification obtained, and at least 3 HL and 3 SL subjects relevant to the program applied. HL subjects must include Math \geq 6, and a total score \geq 35.	at least 3 A-level courses (minimum three Bs), including Math and two other courses relevant to the program applied.	Courses studied must be relevant to the program applied, And an ACT score \geq 27.

2.2.2 Interview

Applicants who pass the entrance examination or meet the examination waiver requirements are to attend the interview. Time, venue and method of interview will be notified later.

3. Admission

The admission decision is based on a comprehensive evaluation of applicants' academic performance (entrance examination or SAT/IB/GCE A-Level/ACT results), interview performance, qualifications, certificates and other related materials.

Admission Notice and Visa Application Form for Study in China (JW202) will be sent out to the admitted applicants. The admitted applicants should take their ordinary passport, Admission Notice, Visa Application Form (JW202), and original Foreigner Physical Examination Form as well as other original documents of physical examination to the Chinese Embassy or Consulate in their home countries, and apply for student visa (X1 visa).

The admitted applicants shall come to USTC for registration during the dates indicated on the Admission Notice with the aforementioned documents. The admitted applicants must enter China with ordinary passport and X1 visa.

4. Fees & Scholarships

1. Tuition fee: 26,000 RMB per academic year
2. Insurance fee: 800 RMB per academic year
3. Accommodation fee for on-campus dormitories varying from 500--1,000 RMB per month depending on room type and size
4. Excellent applicants may apply for USTC Fellowship, which covers tuition fee, insurance fee, monthly stipend of 2,500 RMB and accommodation subsidy. Applicants can apply through the Online Application System. Please refer to the following link for details: USTC Fellowship Program in USTC 2021: http://ic.ustc.edu.cn/en/v7info.php?Nav_x=17
5. Excellent applicants may also apply through the Chinese Embassy or Consulate General in their home country for Chinese Government Scholarship. After having obtained the Award Letter from the Chinese Embassy or Consulate General, applicants can apply to USTC for pre-acceptance (Send the award letter to isa@ustc.edu.cn). Official admission documents will be sent out after the applicants have been awarded the Chinese Government Scholarship. Please consult the Chinese Embassy or Consulate General, or refer to the following link for details: <http://campuschina.org/>

FAQ

Q1. If I'm a Chinese citizen with permanent residence of a foreign country, am I eligible to apply?

A: Sorry, you are not eligible. Only non-Chinese citizens with a valid passport is eligible.

Q2. If I have given up my original Chinese citizenship and become a foreign citizen, may I apply for the undergraduate programs?

A: For those who have given up their original Chinese citizenship and become foreign citizens, the conditions set by the Document No. 12 (2020) of Ministry of Education of the PRC should be met.

Q3. Is there any age requirement?

A: There is no age limit but for those who are under 18 (by September 1, 2021), they must provide a certificate identifying a legal guardian in China. The guardian of the applicant has to stay in Hefei during the period of applicant's studying at USTC. Whatever the guardian's nationality is, he or she must have a stable source of living.

Q4. Is there any requirement for the average scores of applicants in high school?

A: There is no requirement for the average scores of applicants in high school but all applicants need to submit high school/university (if applicable) transcripts (in Chinese or English) and their scores in high school will be considered while USTC evaluate each applicant.

Q5. Is there any requirement for Chinese language proficiency?

A: Chinese language proficiency of HSK Level 5 or above, with each subject scored over 60 points. Applicants whose native language is Chinese, or can provide proof of studying at a high school where the teaching language is Chinese, can apply for HSK test exemption.

Q6. Where can I check the HSK Test Centers?

A: HSK Test is held by Center for Language Education and Cooperation (CLEC). The test centers are all over the world. Test takers can check the nearest test center at

<http://www.chinesetest.cn/ChangeLan.do?language=en&t=1563436128335>.

Q7. Is there any requirement for English language proficiency?

A: There is no requirement for English language proficiency. But for those whose mother tongue is not English, they are supposed to provide some supporting documents of their English language proficiency, such as TOEFL/IELTS scores, or proof of studying at a high school where the teaching language is English.

Q8. What subjects are contained in the entrance examination?

A: The entrance examination covers the subjects of Chinese, Mathematics, and Science (comprehensive test of Physics, Chemistry and Biology). The Chinese test is all in Chinese while the Mathematics and Science tests are both in Chinese and English.

Q9. How can I take the entrance examination? Will there be online test?

There will be both online and in site examination and the detail information will be sent to applicants who pass the application review later via email.

Q10. When will the entrance examination be held?

A: The time and venue for entrance examination will be notified later (usually held in April or May).

Q11. When will the interview be held? Is it online or in site?

A: The time and arrangement for interview will be notified later (usually held in April or May). There will be both online and in site interviews.

Q12. Is there any application fee?

A: No, there is no application fee.

Q13. How much is the tuition fee and other cost?

A: Tuition fee: 26,000 RMB per academic year, Insurance fee: 800 RMB per academic year, Accommodation fee for on-campus dormitories varying from 500--1,000 RMB per month depending on room type and size

Q14. How will the admission decision be made?

A: The admission decision is based on a comprehensive evaluation of applicants' academic performance (entrance examination or SAT/IB/GCE A-Level/ACT results), interview performance, qualifications, certificates and other related materials.

Q15. Is it necessary to have graduation certificate of high school when I apply?

A: Applicants who will be graduating from high school before July 2021 should provide Pre-graduation Certificate (the expected graduation time should be indicated) issued by the high school. Original graduation certificate is required upon registration if get admitted.

Q16. Do applicants need to provide the original documents? When to provide them?

A: Yes, all the original copies of the documents provided in the Online Application System should be presented at the time of entrance examination and registration. USTC will check all the documents. If any certificate provided proves to be fake, the qualification for entrance examination and admission will be terminated.

Q17. What is the study mode for international undergraduate students?

A: International undergraduate students take the classes together with Chinese students.

Q18. Are there any kind of entrance tutorial class in USTC?

A: No, USTC doesn't hold any kind of entrance tutorial class in any form. USTC never holds or cooperates with any individual, company or institution to organize any form of profitable training activities related to application issues.

Q19. How to apply for visa and dormitory?

A: The formal Admission Notice and the entrance guidance documents (including the information about visa and dormitory) will be sent to the admitted applicants via email.

Q20. Is there any scholarship for undergraduate programs?

A: Undergraduate applicants can apply for Chinese Government Scholarship or USTC Fellowship. USTC Fellowship Level A covers tuition fee, insurance fee, monthly stipend of 2,500 RMB and accommodation subsidy. USTC Fellowship Level B covers tuition fee. For further details, please refer to the website: USTC Fellowship Program in USTC 2021:

http://ic.ustc.edu.cn/en/v7info.php?Nav_x=17

Q21. How to apply for scholarships?

A: Applicants can apply for Chinese Government Scholarship or USTC Fellowship.

For Chinese Government Scholarship, please refer to the official website of China Scholarship Council (Study in China: <http://campuschina.org/>);

For USTC Fellowship, it can be applied via the International Student (Undergraduate) Application system of USTC. There is no need to create new account for applying USTC fellowship if applicants have finished their online application. Applicants just need to choose the type of programs (self-financed or scholarship program) while applying in the application system.