



Vocabulary

- **EARLY ACTION:** An option to submit your applications before the regular deadlines and receive results early
- **EARLY DECISION:** Similar to early application, but this is binding.
- **ROLLING ADMISSION:** An admission policy of considering each application as soon as all required information has been received, rather than setting an application deadline
- **DEFERRED:** A postponed application result; not a denial or an acceptance



Vocabulary

- **LEGACY APPLICANT:** A college applicant with a relative who graduated from that college
- **NEED-BLIND ADMISSION:** A policy of making admission decisions without considering the financial circumstances of applicants
- **OPEN ADMISSION:** A policy of accepting any high school graduate, no matter what his or her grades are, until all spaces in the incoming class are filled
- **WEIGHTED V. UNWEIGHTED GPA:** Unweighted GPA is your regular 4.0-scale grade point average. Weight GPA can look different based on your school.

Types of International Studies



Exchange Programs: Switch places with a student from another country

Study Abroad Programs: Through your university or a 3rd party program, study at a university outside of your home country

The difference: Exchange students do not pay tuition fees to the exchange institution, whereas study abroad students pay tuition fees to the host university. Also, exchange sometimes doesn't affect GPA while study abroad usually does.

This also depends on your program.

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Apply Directly as an international applicant: Apply to the university as normal, it's just not within your home country. Pay attention to application requirements as an international applicant, like having a passport or visa.

Field Research: Conduct research on the ground at a site related to your major. For example, a marine biologist may conduct field research in Guam and a archaeologist may go to Malaysia.