



## *Statement of Understanding*

**Please read the statements below carefully. You must agree to each of these statements before you will be considered for admission.**

1. I understand that if English is not my native language, I must take the TOEFL or IELTS examination at an official testing center (scores valid for two (2) years). **A)** Applicants for first-time admission at the **undergraduate** level shall be required to present a TOEFL score of 500 paper/173 computer/61 internet based or IELTS of 6.0 or higher. An individual whose score is below 500/6.0 may fulfill the TOEFL/IELTS requirement for admission if he/she presents a TOEFL score of 460 paper/140 computer/48 internet based or IELTS of 5.0 or higher plus proof of subsequent completion of a minimum of 12 weeks study in an ESL program approved by the State Regents. **The exceptions made to the standard listed above are: 1) 24 or more college-level hours transferred from an accredited college or university within the United States with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better and the completion of English Composition I or; 2) successful graduation from a high school in the United States, having completed 4 years of high school English.** **B)** Applicants for first-time admission at the **graduate** level shall be required to present a TOEFL score of 550 paper/213 computer/79 internet based or IELTS of 6.5 or higher or must have completed requirements for a bachelor's degree from an accredited US institution. An individual not scoring 550/6.5 may fulfill the TOEFL/IELTS requirement for admission if he/she presents a TOEFL score of 500 paper/173 computer/61 internet based or IELTS of 5.5 or higher and has subsequently completed a minimum of 12 weeks of study in an ESL program approved by the State Regents.
2. If requesting transfer to **SOSU** from an institution within the United States, I understand that I must be in proper status with the United States Immigration & Customs Enforcement.
3. I understand that as a holder of an F-1 Visa, I am required to be enrolled as a full-time student (12 semester hours undergraduate study, 9 semesters hours graduate study). I further understand that if I am F-1 class, there are visa restrictions which prohibit engaging in off-campus employment. Immigration procedures for employment must be strictly adhered to.
4. Hospitalization policy - with beginning/ending dates and amount of Repatriation Benefit. You might check these sites on the internet: The Harbour Group, LLC at [www.hginsurance.com](http://www.hginsurance.com); Professional Services, Inc at [www.psiservice.com](http://www.psiservice.com); Study USA-HealthCare at [www.travelinsure.com](http://www.travelinsure.com); or International Student Organization at [www.isoa.org](http://www.isoa.org).
5. If I am admitted to **SOSU**, I understand I may be required to take College Placement Testing (CPT) before I will be eligible to enroll in classes. These tests are administered on campus. Forms are made available in the Office of Admissions & Recruitment Services.
6. I understand that I may be required to take the ACT examination before the beginning of the second semester that I am enrolled at **SOSU**. I further understand that if I do not participate in the ACT test, I will not be allowed to continue enrollment at **SOSU**.
7. I understand that I am required by ICE regulations to report any change of address to the University within ten (10) days of my change in location. This is applicable during Optional Practical Training (OPT) also.
8. I understand that I will be required to begin the immunization compliance process once I arrive on campus. I must either be vaccinated against hepatitis-B and measles, mumps and rubella (MMR); complete Certification of Compliance form stating the vaccine conflicts with my moral or religious beliefs; or provide written statement from a licensed physician which indicates a vaccine is medically contraindicated.

If you agree to fulfill all of the requirements stated above, please sign below and submit with your application for admission.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_