



Stony Brook University

Undergraduate Programs

★ **#59 National Ranking**
U.S. News & World Report, 2026



Stony Brook University, founded in 1957, is a public research university located in New York State. It is the top-ranked campus within the State University of New York (SUNY) system and is recognized as a "Public Ivy."

Distinguished Reputation

- Ranked #59 among National Universities U.S. News & World Report 2026
- Ranked #1 Public University in New York U.S. News & World Report 2026;
- Ranked #26 among Top Public Schools nationally U.S. News & World Report 2026
- Member of the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU).

Location

- Situated on Long Island, New York, offering a comfortable and safe living environment.
- Just one hour from New York City, providing abundant internship and employment opportunities.

Exceptional Faculty & Research Strength

- Faculty includes over 30 National Academy of Sciences members and 8 Nobel Laureates, including C.N. Yang.
- Collaborations with premier national laboratories such as Brookhaven National Laboratory and Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory.

Career Outcomes

- 95% Success Rate for undergraduate graduates (2020-2022 cohorts), with 61% employed within six months and 34% pursuing further education.

- 75% of graduates are employed within New York State.

International Student Support

- Comprehensive support services including visa advising, language support, and cultural orientation.
- Dedicated International Student Services office to assist with academic and personal matters.
- Events like international student mixers foster integration between international and domestic students.

Campus Life & Culture

- Over 400 student clubs and organizations.
- International students comprise 16% of the student body, representing over 100 countries, with activities promoting multicultural exchange.

Value & Financial Support

- Recognized as one of the best-value public research universities in the U.S.
- Various scholarship and financial aid opportunities are available.

Partnership offerings include

Undergraduate Direct Admission; University Preparation Program (UP); IEC Academic English; University FLY Program.

Both direct and conditional admission are available for Freshmen and Transfer applicants.

The FLY Program is for Direct Admission Freshmen only.

Spring

Freshman & Transfer Application Deadline: November 1

Fall

Freshman Early Action Deadline: November 1

Freshman Regular decision Admission Deadline: January 15

Transfer Application Deadline: May 1

FLY Program Application Deadline: July 31

For specific partnership majors, please visit:

<https://shorelight.com/universities/undergraduate/stony-brook-university#academics>

Note: Applications are strongly suggested to be submitted to Shorelight Admissions Portal at least three business days prior to the actual deadline to allow sufficient time for pre-review and avoid missed deadlines.

Admission Requirements

Academic	Freshman: Minimum GPA 3.0 IB Diploma: Overall Score 26, HL subjects 5 A-Level: Minimum 96 UCAS Points Canada: BC 73% OSSD 70% Transfer: Minimum GPA 2.8
English Proficiency	English Language Minimum Requirements for Shorelight Admission System: Direct Admission: TOEFL 80 (Home Edition accepted; MyBest Score Not accepted) IELTS 6.5, Duolingo 105, Gaokao English 125, IB HL English 5; SAT Reading 480; ACT English 19 University Preparation Program(UP) UP2: TOEFL 72, IELTS 6.0, Duolingo 100, Gaokao English 115 UP1: TOEFL 65, IELTS 5.5, Duolingo 90, Gaokao English 105 IEC Academic English: TOEFL 55, IELTS 4.5, Duolingo 80 Notes: *Conditional Admission does not accept SAT/ACT/IB English for language requirement. *English Test Codes: TOEFL/SAT: 2548 ACT: 2952 English Test Waiver Eligibility: 1. At least three years of study in a U.S. high school at time of application (subject to university review). 2. Citizenship from an approved English-speaking country.
Other Requirements	At least 1 Letter of Recommendation (Required for Freshmen; Optional for Transfers) from a school counselor or teacher. Personal Essay (Required for Freshmen; Optional for Transfers). Suggested length 250~650 words. Choose an Essay Topic:

Program Offering and Important Dates for 2026 Academic Year
(Undergraduate Program Only-On Campus/Full Time)

Other Requirements	○ Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story. ○ The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience? ○ Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome? ○ Describe a problem you’ve solved or a problem you’d like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma – anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution. ○ Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others. ○ Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more? ○ Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you’ve already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.
Specific requirements varied by major	College of Music, Creative Writing (B.F.A.) require additional materials. Refer to University website Restricted Majors section: https://www.stonybrook.edu/undergraduate-admissions/apply/international.php

Estimate Tuition and Cost

(Final information is subject to change by the university)

Undergraduate Direct Admission (2025/26 Academic Year)

Tuition: \$31,046 per year

Undergraduate Conditional Admission (2025/26 Academic Year)

IEC Academic English: \$5,700 (per semester)

UP Pathway:

3-Credit Course: \$3,609 | 6-Credit Course: \$7,218

UP1 (typically 2 semesters): Estimated Total Tuition ~\$22,227

UP2 (typically 1 semester): Estimated Total Tuition ~\$12,918

*Please refer to the latest official university publications for the most current tuition.

The Application Guidance: Through the Shorelight Admissions Portal

STEP 1 | Submit via Shorelight Admissions Portal

- Go to the Shorelight admission portal: <https://admissions.shorelight.com/login>
- Click "Apply Now" in the top right corner to start your application.
- Begin filling in your basic information. (For the email address, please be sure to provide an accurate address that belongs to the student. This email must be consistent with the one used for the official university application.)
- Select Stony Brook University, then choose your desired program and the correct start term.

Please complete the Shorelight admission portal application step by step, providing accurate application information and materials. Shorelight will conduct an initial review upon receipt of the application.

Materials Required for Shorelight Portal

- Copy of Official Transcripts: Secondary school transcripts (grades 9–present); University transcripts (if applicable).
- If graduated, English copy of official high school diploma
- If requesting an English waiver, complete and upload the English Waiver Form

<https://shorelight.widen.net/s/cgmfv6czs/english-waiver-form>

- Essay (Required for Freshmen; Optional for Transfers).
- Recommendation Letter(s) (Required: 1 for Freshmen; Optional for Transfers).

Submission Methods:

- 1) PDF Format: Upload to 'Miscellaneous' section in Shorelight Checklist; include recommender's name, signature, and contact details.
- 2) Email: Upload the completed 'Recommendation Letter Information Collection Form' (signed by student) to 'Miscellaneous'. After receiving "application submitted to Stony Brook University" confirmation, the recommender emails the letter directly to ugprocessing@stonybrook.edu

Notes:

- A-Level/IB: Official or predicted scores required. If not taking final exams, a signed student statement is needed.
- Transfer application generally does not require third-party credential evaluation, but may be requested to do the WES evaluation for international transcripts case by case.
- Music majors must complete a separate application to the College of Music: https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/music/academics/_undergraduate/application.php
- Creative Writing (B.F.A.) requires a writing sample uploaded to the 'Miscellaneous' section. Requirements: <https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/bfa/prospective-students/writing-sample>

STEP 2 | Await University Decision

1. After Shorelight submission, when the portal status changes to 'Final Review' and you see the message "Your application has been submitted to Stony Brook University" (or receive a confirmation email), the application has been successfully submitted.
2. Students will receive an email notification from Stony Brook University in their student inbox and must activate the Stony Brook Application Portal as instructed. They can then check their application status and results through the university portal.

*If already submitted materials are not shown as received in the SBU Portal, or if no email notification from Stony Brook University is received within two weeks, please contact the university's international admissions office directly at enrollintl@stonybrook.edu.

The application fee is \$50 (waived for applications submitted between October 20 and November 3, subject to the timestamp when Shorelight flips the application to Stony Brook University).

Tuition deposit: \$150

On-campus housing deposit: \$200

New student fee (includes Orientation, etc.): \$325

Important Notes

1. Applicants can select only one major via the Shorelight Admissions Portal.
2. For an undeclared major, select 'General/Undeclared'.
3. The application fee typically appears on the Stony Brook University Portal checklist. If not, it may be billed upon enrollment and does not hinder application review.
4. Students conditionally admitted who later meet Direct Admission language requirements should contact the Stony Brook Admissions Office to request an update, subject to availability.
5. Transfer Credit: Direct Admission students are evaluated after depositing. Conditional Admission students are evaluated upon completion of IEC, prior to matriculation into Direct Admission programs.
6. Final official transcripts must be sent directly from the school/counselor to the Stony Brook University Admissions Office.

7.The Pathway and English programs are university-administered. The Students can progress into the bachelor degree program upon the success completion of IEC or UP program.

IEC Program usually takes 2 semesters to complete IEC 103 and 104

UP 1 Program usually takes 2 semesters to complete with 9 credits and IEC 103 & 104

UP 2 Program usually takes 1 semesters to complete with 6 credits and IEC 104

For more details: <https://www.stonybrook.edu/iecweb>

8.The FLY Program is managed by the SBU Study Abroad Office. For details:

<https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/studyabroad/fly/about/about-fly.php>



Official Contacts of Shorelight and Stony Brook University

Shorelight Contacts

For questions before submitting the Shorelight application, please contact the regional email based on your location:

· China, North Asia (China/Korea/Japan, etc.), Southeast Asia (excluding Vietnam and Myanmar):

Alina.wan@shorelight.com

· South Asia (India/Pakistan/Bangladesh, etc.), Middle East, Africa & Europe:

tissa.chandrasekera@shorelight.com

· North America, Latin America, Vietnam and Myanmar:

linh.nguyen@shorelight.com

University Contacts

Applicants can reach out the university after completion of Shorelight Admissions Portal submission for any inquiries

Admissions Office -inquiry about admissions status , update transcripts, English ect.

enrollintl@stonybrook.edu

International Student Success -inquiry about I-20 and pre-arrival questions

iss@stonybrook.edu

