



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS LEGAL DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS

International students (IS) are defined as foreigners who belong or owe allegiance to a country other than the Philippines, staying either temporarily or permanently and are studying in any educational institution authorized by the Philippine Government to accept them.

In general, only IS applicants who, in addition to the required educational attainment, meet the level of academic achievement that implies a developed ability for advance study and independent scholarship, will be admitted to the undergraduate or the graduate programs of De La Salle University Manila (DLSU Manila). IS applicants for admission to the different programs must comply with the academic and documentary requirements set by the [College Admissions Office](#) (for undergraduate students) and the [Graduate Admissions Office](#) (for graduate students) as well as providing necessary legal documents to DLSU Manila through the Office of Student LIFE as prescribed by current Philippine Immigration laws.

Philippine Admission Status Requirements

In order for an international student (IS) to study at DLSU Manila, he/she must be admitted first to the programs and must have a valid visa, usually a student visa. The student may either apply for this from their country of origin or from the Philippines. There are cases, however, in which the IS applicant will have a valid visa through their parents/principals under a special visa arrangement.

The following are those undergraduate and graduate IS applicants who are not required to have student visas from the following admission status categories:

NonImmigrants

- 1 Diplomat Visa 9(e)
- 2 PreArranged Employment Visa (e.g. Working permits/ Missionary Visa)9(g)
- 3 Special Investors Resident Visa (SIRV) 47(a)(2)
- 4 Special Retirement Residence Visa (SRRV) (under the Philippine Retirement Authority (PRA))

Immigrants or Permanent Residents

- 1 Special Circumstances Sec 13(a) to (g)
- 2 Dual Citizenship Sec 14 (provided that applicant submits a Certificate of recognition as a Filipino ¹)
- 3 Native Born – Born in the Philippines but carries a foreign passport
- 4 Refugee's Visa 47(b)
- 5 Alien Social Integration Act of 1995 Republic Act No. 7919
- 6 Order to waive passport requirements/Omnibus Investment Code – Executive Order 324/226
- 7 The Administrative Naturalization Law of 2000 – Republic Act No. 9139

Securing Student Visa (based on the Philippine Immigration policies and procedures)

There are two ways in securing student visas, either through the student's country of origin (<http://www.dlsu.edu.ph/students/international/requirements/visacountryoforigin.pdf>) or through visa conversion procedure (<http://www.dlsu.edu.ph/students/international/requirements/studentvisa.pdf>). In either case, international student (IS) applicants must have the documentary requirements for this before applying at DLSU Manila.

All IS applicants who enter the Philippines under a tourist visa and dependents of principals under the 9e; 9g and 47a2 who have turned 21 years old ² (undergraduate students) will need to secure student visas through conversion.

¹For undergraduate international students having dual citizenship, a Certificate of Recognition has a Filipino is required and student will have to take the National Service Training Program (NSTP). Should he/she declare otherwise, a student visa is required. ²Children of diplomats who have turned 21 years old are exempted from securing student visa provided their parents or principals do not lose their admission category. In the event they lose their diplomatic status, they must secure student visas.