

To the Senate Council: You may recall that, during the Fall 2023 semester (see <https://universitysenate.uky.edu/council/2023-11-06>), the Senate Council did not approve but referred back to the Calendar Committee a request for an international students' application deadline for matriculation to graduate programs in a summer session. The Senate Council wanted the International Center to weigh in on the matter.

I have since received an updated request from Padraic Kenney (Dean of the Graduate School). The updated request is shown below and was carbon copied to Elizabeth Leibach (Executive Director of International Student and Scholar Services), Christine Harper (Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management), Martha Peterson (former Acting Dean of the Graduate School), Susan McGinnis (Director of Graduate Admissions and Recruitment), and Susan Roberts (Associate Provost for Internationalization). So, I think that the right people have been looped in.

Clearly, we are well past 3 months preceding April 13, 2024. Therefore, this updated request can at earliest apply to international students seeking admission to cohort-based graduate programs beginning with the 2025 summer session.

The Calendar Committee has allowed this updated request to pass to the Senate Council via unanimous consent.

Title: Establishing an application deadline for summer admission for international students in cohort based programs with only a summer start.

Rationale: While there are separate deadlines for domestic and international applications established for Fall and Spring semesters, for Summer semester, there is only one deadline for domestic students (and it is stated that international applications are not accepted for summer). However, there are several programs that are growing and that admit only for summer and are cohort based. Some of these programs want to admit international applicants.

General Description: Admissions would like to have the current deadline remain for domestic students but to establish an international student deadline that is 3 months earlier, which would be consistent with the Fall and Spring timing between international and domestic deadlines. Currently, April 13, 2024 is the deadline for domestic applications to be submitted to the Graduate School for the Summer 2024 Semester with the Summer Semester starting in early May.