

THE ACADEMY OF MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE AT FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY

Hays, Kansas – USA



Founded in 1902, Fort Hays State University (FHSU) is a liberal arts, state-assisted institution in western Kansas with a total enrollment of more than 10,000 students. It has four colleges (Arts and Sciences, Education and Technology, Business and Leadership, and Health and Life Sciences) and a Graduate School. It also has a Virtual College that delivers courses electronically throughout Kansas and beyond. Students at FHSU can select a major field of study from 30 departments and study in an electronic environment throughout the campus. The university is fully accredited by several national agencies and is one of six state-assisted institutions of higher education governed by a Board of Regents appointed by the governor of the state of Kansas. Learn more at: <http://www.fhsu.edu>

International Education Agency Information

Effective January 17, 2020, students who are current primary citizen of China or South Korea are **required** to utilize the services of one of our established partnering educational agencies. Effective October 25, 2021, students who are current primary citizens of Georgia, Kuwait, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates are **required** to utilize the services of our established partnering educational agency. Contact information for an agency can be found by visiting www.fhsu.edu/ams.

Diversity & International Students at FHSU

Quality multicultural experiences are essential for functioning effectively in a global society. Through the living, learning, and working experiences at FHSU, we celebrate diversity as an opportunity to broaden our cultural experiences, enhance understanding of our cultural perspectives, and value each person's heritage.

Throughout the year, a variety of organizations contribute to bring international events to campus and to the larger Hays community. Annual program and events include welcoming celebrations, Oktoberfest, International Spice, Friendship Family Program, International Education Week, International Thanksgiving Dinner, Speakers Bureau Program, and the Department of Geosciences Travelogue Series. Additionally, a number of student organizations exist on campus to further understanding and cooperation. For more information about FHSU's international student population, please visit: <http://www.fhsu.edu/international/>

Several FHSU and community clubs and organizations will be available to international students. Examples of these clubs include: International Student Union, Model United Nations, Black Student Union, Chinese Student Association, FHSU Anime Club, Aikido Club, German Club, Hispanic American Leadership Organization, French Table, and many others.

FHSU's Office of Diversity Affairs provides recommendations to enhance a campus community environment that promotes diversity of thought and culture. Additionally, they provide conscious and sensitive educational opportunities for students and employees in conjunction with a shared understanding of diversity to be inclusive of, but not limited to, racial equity, ethnicity, religious belief, sexual orientation, gender, disability, socioeconomic status, national origin and age. The Office of Diversity Affairs is committed to helping Fort Hays State University be an organization that welcomes, celebrates and promotes respect for all individuals.

Diversity Affairs:

- develops and maintains administrative policies which encourage multiculturalism and prohibit intolerance and discrimination;
- develops a Campus-wide Action Plan for Diversity that welcomes people from all backgrounds, and seeks to include their knowledge and values into the fabric of life in our community;
- provides a shared vision of diversity which fosters the value of open and free exchange of ideas;
- provides and maintains funding and resources to support the implementation of the Diversity Plan;
- establishes policies and procedures to measure the effort of the Diversity Plan and requires accountability to the Plan; and
- incorporates the dimensions of diversity into every aspect of the University's activities.



ADMISSION OVERVIEW

ACADEMY OF MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE (AMS) AT FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY

It is understood and assumed that applicants are currently enrolled in school in a grade equivalent to the U.S. tenth grade. Students enrolling at the Academy are expected to complete our two-year program, leading to a high school diploma issued by Thomas More Prep-Marian High School and completion documents from AMS. Students also have the opportunity to complete an Associate's degree from Fort Hays State University.

Timeline

Early Fall	October - April	April 1	April-July	April-July
Application materials available	International recruitment	Suggested Application Deadline	- Applications reviewed - Virtual interviews	Students notified of admission status

Academic Preparedness & Minimum Requirements to Apply:

- Completion of 10th grade of high school (required)
- Completion of high school-level Algebra II and Geometry (required)
- Completion of an official English test score is required for all international students applying to Fort Hays State University and Academy of Mathematics and Science. Candidates must have **ONE** of the following minimum English test scores for admission to FHSU:
 - TOEFL score 70
 - TOEFL iBT score of 78
 - IELTS (International English Language Testing System) score of 6.0
 - iTEP score of 3.8
 - Duolingo score of 95
 - *International students enrolled in an accredited US high school are eligible to waive the language requirement if they have a 2.5 GPA and have taken academically required courses, including two years of English.*
- Complete pre-calculus and/or other science and math courses (recommended, not required)

Evaluation & Selection to AMS

Evaluation and Selection are based on the following (not limited to):

- Grade point average
- Grades in core level classes
- Class rank
- ACT or SAT score
- Math proficiency exam
- Official English Language Proficiency Requirement score
- Application materials
- Interview

Application Check List

- ☐ Complete application Sections 1-6 and ship by April 1 to AMS with required supporting documentation. Submit all documents with original signatures. Please keep a copy for your records.
- ☐ Send official transcripts from all schools attended in last two years.
- ☐ Send official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended, if applicable.
- ☐ Complete Algebra II & Geometry (or the equivalent) before attending AMS.
- ☐ Send ACT and/or SAT scores to AMS (recommended, not required).
- ☐ Send English Language Proficiency Requirement scores sent by the testing agency to Fort Hays State University by April 1.
- ☐ Apply for your student VISA at your earliest convenience.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATION

Academy of Mathematics & Science

Instructions

The required application materials and information described in this packet include:

- SECTION 1: Personal Data
- SECTION 2: Academic Information
- SECTION 3: Financial Requirements
- SECTION 4: Statement of Financial Support
- SECTION 5: Copy of Passport
- SECTION 6: Certification of Accuracy of Information Provided

For your records, please retain a photocopy of your application & materials upon completion.

Deadline

All applications and supporting material must be completed in English and shipped by the suggested day of April 1.

Shipping

We request that you ship all materials via FedEx or UPS to this address (we do not recommend sending applications or materials via postal mail):

**Fort Hays State University
Academy of Mathematics and Science
420 Custer Drive
Custer Hall Room 241
Hays, KS 67601**

SECTION 1: Personal Data

Questions 1 – 7 must be completed by student and/or parent/guardian.
PLEASE TYPE INFORMATION ON FORM

1. **Applicant's Name:** _____
Last name (family or surname) First name Middle Name

Preferred Name
2. **Date of Birth:** _____
Month / Day / Year
3. **Birthplace:** _____
City Country
4. **Country/Countries of Citizenship:** _____
5. **Is English your native language?**
☐ Yes ☐ No* *If no, how long have you spoken English? _____
6. **What other languages do you speak (i.e., at school, home, etc.)?** _____
7. **Permanent International Home Address (please do not include a P.O. Box address):**

Number and Street

City Province/State Country/Country Code/Postal Code

International Home Phone Number Email Address

SECTION 1: Personal Data – Continued –

Questions 8 – 11 must be completed by student and/or parent/guardian.
PLEASE TYPE INFORMATION ON FORM

8. **United States Address (If applicable. Please do not include a P.O. Box address):**

Number and Street

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

9. **Please list the adults (parents or guardians) with whom live with you and who have responsibility over your affairs, including care of your legal, health, financial, and other needs:**

Parent / Guardian #1:

Last name (family or surname)

First name

Relationship to you (i.e., Mother, Father, Aunt, Grandparent, etc.):

Occupation:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Parent / Guardian #2:

Last name (family or surname)

First name

Relationship to you (i.e., Mother, Father, Aunt, Grandparent, etc.):

Occupation:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

10. **Please provide the contact information for an adult in your home country that we may contact on your behalf, in case of emergency:**

Last Name / Surname

First Name

Street Address

City

Province / State

Country / Country Code

International Home Phone Number

Email Address

If available, please provide the contact information for an adult in the United States that we may contact on your behalf, in case of emergency:

Last Name / Surname

First Name

Street Address

City

Province / State

Country / Country Code

SECTION 2: Academic Information

Questions 12 – 17 must be completed by student or parent/guardian.

PLEASE TYPE INFORMATION ON FORM

11. **Current high school information:**

Name of High School _____

Street Address _____

City _____

Province / State _____

Country / Country Code _____

School Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

12. **What is your current grade level?** _____

13. **Please provide the start date and end date of the duration of your current school year:**

Start Date: _____ End date: _____

14. **List other schools you have attended over the past two years, if applicable. *You must contact your current school, as well as the other schools you have attended over the last two years to request official transcripts. These transcripts need to have grading scales from the school included. If one is not available, Fort Hays State University's grading scale will be used. Please send the documents directly to the Academy of Mathematics & Science:***

Name of School _____

City and Country _____

Dates Attended _____

Grade Level _____

15. **Have you ever been dismissed or suspended from school?**

☐ Yes* ☐ No

*If yes, when was it and for what reason? _____

English Language Proficiency

An official English proficiency language test is required for all international students applying to Fort Hays State University and the Academy of Mathematics & Science. Candidates must have **ONE** of the following minimum English Language proficiency requirement scores for admission to AMS:

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- IELTS (International English Language Testing System) score of 6.0
- iTEP score of 3.8
- Duolingo score of 95
 - *International students enrolled in an accredited US high school are eligible to waive the language requirement if they have a 2.5 GPA and have taken academically required courses, including two years of English.*

Your score must be reported directly to Fort Hays State University from the testing agency. You may also send a screenshot of your score of our office for application consideration, but the official score must be sent to Fort Hays State University as well before an I-20 can be created.

16. **Please select which version of the acceptable English tests you have taken and provide your score and the date taken:**

☐ Duolingo, score: _____ ☐ TOEFL, score: _____ ☐ TOEFL iBT, score: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

☐ IELTS, score: _____

☐ iTEP, score: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

SECTION 2: Academic Information – Continued –
Questions 18 – 26 must be completed by student or parent/guardian.
PLEASE TYPE INFORMATION ON FORM

OPTIONAL ACT or SAT

Your ACT or SAT score must be reported directly to Fort Hays State University from the testing agency . Please go to <http://www.act.org> to contact ACT or <http://www.collegeboard.com> to contact SAT.

17. **Please provide either your ACT or SAT score and the date taken.**

☐ ACT composite score: _____

☐ SAT score: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

18. **How did you first hear about AMS?** _____

19. **When did you become interested in applying to AMS, and who encouraged you to apply?**

20. **Extracurricular Activities:** On a separate sheet of paper, list organized and individual extracurricular activities (i.e., music, high school clubs, or other school, community and religious activities), specifically those related to mathematics, science and technology for grades 6 through 10. List memberships in any organizations, offices you may have held, and the year of your participation. Also, include out-of-school activities such as Talent Search programs, computer workshops, and others.

21. **Awards and Honors:** On a separate sheet of paper, list individual or team honors, both in and out of school, that you have received in the last five years, such as academic, musical, or athletic honors. Indicate grade (6-10) and whether it was at the local, regional or national level. AMS reserves the right to verify awards received. Do not send copies of the awards at this time.

22. **Courses:** List all honors, accelerated, dual enrollment or college courses you have taken or have in progress. If your classes are not honors or accelerated, please include an explanation (examples: not offered, limited enrollment, schedule conflict or personal choice). If you have earned college credit, please furnish an official transcript from the institution. Honors, dual enrollment, IC or AP courses are not prerequisites to admission, since availability and quality vary widely.

The information in #24 – 26 is optional and is requested for purposes of reporting to federal compliance agencies in the United States only. It will not be used in determining admission.

23. ☐ Female ☐ Male

24. **Religious Preference:** _____

25. **Ethnic Origin:** ☐ African American ☐ Hispanic
☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ White / Caucasian
☐ Asian or Pacific Islander

SECTION 3: Financial Requirements

Must be reviewed by student, parent/guardian, and student's sponsor.

PLEASE TYPE INFORMATION ON FORM

The following information will help you plan for your study in and travel to/from the U.S. at the Academy of Mathematics & Science at Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas.

Cost Worksheet

Estimated AMS Financial Requirements Per Year for International Students:

\$15,072	Tuition and Fees (students will take approximately 30 credit hours each year.)
\$700	Books & Supplies
\$9,400	Room & Board (9 months, double occupancy, open-access meal plan)
\$3,000	Health Insurance (required)
\$40	Housing Contract Fee (yearly)
\$110	FHSU Application Fee, Registration Fee, & International Orientation Fee (one-time payment)
\$1,000	Personal Expenses (local travel, laundry, groceries, entertainment, phone, etc.)

\$29,322* *Approximate Subtotal*

+ _____ **Travel Costs** (airline flights & transportation to/from AMS at start and end of school year & for any breaks)

\$_____ *Estimated Total Financial Requirements*

* Note: these are 2025 estimates. Costs are subject to change and/or increase each year.



Financial Requirements for Undergraduate International Students

Fort Hays State University welcomes applications for admission from qualified international students.

****Application Fee to apply to Fort Hays State University is \$50 non-refundable****

International students must certify the necessary funds are available to cover all necessary living and educational expenses for the entire period of proposed study. Projected educational costs for the 2025-2026 calendar year are \$29,272 based on 12 credit hours per semester. Additional credits will increase this cost. A breakdown of costs is listed below.

2025-2026 Undergraduate Estimated Expenses

EXPENSE TYPE	PROJECTED/ESTIMATED EXPENSE	FINAL EXPENSE (to be determined in July)
Tuition and Fees , 12 credits per semester and subject to change at any time by the Kansas Board of Regents Prior to July 1: (\$628 per credit x 12 credits per semester = \$7,536 per semester) July 1 (per credit hour cost to be determined 7/1/2025)	\$15,072	
Orientation/Registration fee	\$60	
Room & Board (2025-2026 figure): McMIndes Hall Room and Board - 9 months double occupancy and open access meal plan (<u>Other residence hall</u> prices will vary)	\$9,400	
Housing Contact Application Fee	\$40	
Health Insurance - Mandatory	\$3,000	
Miscellaneous: laundry, clothing, personal expenses	\$1,000	
Other: Books and School Supplies	\$700	
ESTIMATED TOTAL	\$29, 272	

Additional dependent costs:

Spouse maintenance \$4,000
 Child maintenance \$2,000

Subject to yearly increase

*Estimated figures for the 2025-2026 are subject to change. The figures in the first column are **estimates** and will be updated in the finalized column at the start of the fiscal year in July. Figures are subject to change based on the Kansas Board of Regents and academic year for the 2025-2026.



I-20 Request Form

THIS FORM MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH AN ORIGINAL
AND CURRENT CERTIFIED BANK STATEMENT

Applicant (Student) Name: _____ FHSU ID: _____
(As on passport) Last (Family) First (Given) Middle (If available)

ESTIMATED COST TO ATTEND FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY FOR **ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026**

Undergraduate (2 semesters) 12 credit hours per semester (Not Including Summer)	
Non-resident Tuition & Fees for 2 semesters	\$15,072
Orientation/Registration fee	\$60
Medical Insurance – Mandatory	\$3,000
Living Expenses – McMindes Hall Room & Board + \$40 application fee (9 months double room & open access meal plan) <i>[Other residence halls prices will vary]</i>	\$9,440
Miscellaneous (laundry, clothing, personal expenses)	\$1,000
Other: Books and School Supplies	\$700
ESTIMATED TOTAL (*Subject to change at any time by the Kansas Board of Regents)	\$29,272*

- Applicants with spouse and/or children must show additional certified funds: at least \$4,000 for spouse per year, and \$2,000 per child per year. Immediate family members must also purchase health insurance for an additional cost.

Liquid funds are defined as money that is immediately accessible for withdrawal for use in U.S. dollars to pay a U.S. institution.

- Examples of accepted liquid funds: Cash in an individual savings bank account / Cash in an individual checking bank account / Certificates of Deposits and Time Deposits / A U.S. based Money Market account that can be withdrawn immediately as cash in U.S. Dollars
- NOT** acceptable examples of liquid funds for the purposes of this financial statement: Investment accounts and portfolios / Stocks and Bonds / Mutual funds outside the U.S. / Property and tax records / Retirement funds / 401K or similar accounts / IRA accounts / Salary or employer letters / Accountant's letters / Banks accounts listed in a company or business name.

Fill out the chart below to show the total amount of funds available to you in U.S. Dollars

- Attach a separate certified bank statement(s)** indicating account(s) with adequate funds.
 - These should be **original documents**, not screenshots.
 - Documents submitted in their native language must be accompanied by an official translation.
- The parent/sponsor must complete the lower portion if providing funds for the student.

Source:	Amount:
A. From Family/Parent	\$ _____
B. From Student Banks/Account(s)	\$ _____
C. From Government or Sponsor	\$ _____
D. From Other Source (specify:)	\$ _____
TOTAL (Must be equal or more than estimated total above)	\$ _____

Another F-1 or J-1 student in the U.S. may not serve as a sponsor. Applicants are advised to obtain a second set of bank documents for use by the embassy issuing visa. On-campus employment is not guaranteed and therefore should not be relied on as a means of support.

I/We certify that I/we will provide financial support in the amount shown above for the applicant.

Sponsor/Parent's Name: _____ Relationship to the applicant: _____

Address: _____

Sponsor/Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

I certify the information on this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am fully aware that any false or misleading statements may result in denial of admission or cancellation of registration.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

I-20 Request Information (must be completed to receive I-20)

Foreign Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Territory Postal Code: _____

Country: _____ Email address: _____

SECTION 4: Statement of Financial Support

Must be completed by the person who is the student's sponsor & provider of financial support.
PLEASE TYPE INFORMATION ON FORM

Applicants must submit evidence of adequate financial support to cover the cost of study and residence at AMS. This form should be filled out by the person who is the student's sponsor and owner of the bank account that will support the student. Tuition may be paid after registration has been paid. Sponsors can pay by debit/credit card online.

Name of Student

Name of Sponsor (Owner of Bank Account)

Sponsor's Relationship to Student

Student's permanent home address:

Number and Street

City

Province / State

Country / Country Code

International Home Phone Number

Email Address

I (the Sponsor), understand that, if accepted, this student will travel to, live, and study at the Academy of Mathematics & Science (AMS) at Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas, USA. I will provide the minimum amount of \$30,000.00 per year (an estimate which is subject to yearly fee increases) for a period of two years for the support of this student to study at AMS. I promise that the student will not ask for funds from the University or the U.S. government. I will also make certain this student has adequate funds to travel to/from the United States.

Sponsor's Signature

Date

Sponsor's Street Address

Sponsor's City

Sponsor's Province / State

Sponsor's Country & Country Code

Sponsor's Home Phone Number

Email Address

Sponsor's Cell Phone Number

Sponsor's Fax Number

Important - ONE of the following documents must be attached:

- **original copy of the bank account statement showing total funds; or**
- **a certified original letter by your financial institution or accountant stating you have the ability to pay**

SECTION 5: Copy of Passport

Must be completed by student or parent/guardian.

As proof of citizenship, please provide us with a copy of the first page of the applicant's passport. This is the page with the student's name, date of birth, passport number, and expiration date.

SECTION 6: Certification of Accuracy of Information Provided

Must be completed by student and parent/guardian.

Our signatures below indicate the following, with regards to the Academy of Mathematics & Science:

- that ALL information contained in this application is true, accurate and complete, and that giving false information will make this application ineligible for admission or enrollment at AMS (AMS reserves the right to check and verify the accuracy of all data and information that it receives);
- that we understand that it is our responsibility to request official transcripts from each school that the applicant has attended be submitted to AMS;
- that we realize that the purpose of providing AMS with our financial data is to ensure that the applicant will not have financial difficulties while at AMS and that AMS or the U.S. government will not be expected to provide the candidate with financial assistance;
- that we understand that the applicant will be required to purchase Health Insurance provided by Fort Hays State University;
- that we understand that the applicant must meet all entry requirements, including English Language Proficiency Requirement test score minimums, and completion of Algebra II and Geometry prior to beginning the first semester at AMS;
- that we understand that all applications and supporting material must be submitted in a timely manner and that it is the applicant's responsibility to confirm receipt by contacting AMS at 785-628-4690 or ams@fhsu.edu;
- that if the applicant is accepted for admission to AMS, we agree to adhere to the rules and regulations now in existence and those that may be established by the school in the future and that, if admitted, this student may be assigned to specific courses or sections.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Applicant's Printed Name

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

Sponsor's Signature

Date

Sponsor's Printed Name

Statement of Non-Discrimination:

The Academy of Mathematics and Science and Fort Hays State University do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age or disability in admission, access to, or employment in their programs and activities. Any person having inquiries concerning compliance with the regulations implementing Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines is directed to contact the President's Office, Fort Hays State University, 600 Park Street, Hays, KS 67601, (785) 628-4231