

**La Sierra University**  
**ADMISSIONS PROFILE: JAMAICA**

## **ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**

### **For Undergraduate Studies**

If you are applying for admission to La Sierra University for undergraduate studies, you must present:

- ✓ Caribbean Examination Council [CXC] examination results and/or General Certificate of Education O level results
- ✓ General Certificate of Education A levels, if taken.
- ✓ Transcripts from all colleges and universities (post-secondary institutions) attended showing subjects and marks earned.
- ✓ For the other necessary items needed for application review, please visit <http://lasierra.edu/admissions>.

For secondary school completion, must show evidence with CXC and/or GCE O levels of five passes with credit. CXC: grades on the General Proficiency level of I, II [or III if after 1998]. GCE O: passes with credit.

If it is determined that you have college/university credit, a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 on a 4.00-point scale is required on your college/university level record. Admissibility will be determined by converting your school's grading scale to a 4.00-point scale.

### **For Graduate/Post-baccalaureate Studies**

If you are applying for admission to La Sierra University for a graduate/post-baccalaureate program, you must present:

- ✓ Transcripts from all colleges and universities (post-secondary institutions) attended showing subjects and marks earned.
- ✓ Diploma/Certificate of Bachelor's Degree [4 years].
- ✓ For the other necessary items needed for application review, please visit <http://lasierra.edu/admissions>.

For most graduate/post-baccalaureate programs a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00-point scale is required for graduate/post-baccalaureate admission. This is approximately equivalent to a Second Class Honours, Lower Division degree classification or admissibility will be determined by converting your school's grading scale to a 4.00-point scale.

## **ACADEMIC DOCUMENTS**

### **Official Academic Documents**

Unofficial copies of transcripts and academic documents can be used for the initial review and acceptance. Within the first quarter of attendance, official transcripts and academic documents must be received.

In order to be considered official by La Sierra University, all transcripts and academic documents must be mailed directly to the Office of Admissions and Records of La Sierra University from the school or issuing authority. The official documents must be presented in the native language and accompanied by an English translation if applicable.

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### External Credential Evaluation

*For undergraduate applicants*, all college or university transcripts and examination results are required to have an external credential evaluation—a course-by-course evaluation.

*For graduate applicants*, all college or university transcripts from institutions outside the US are required to have an external credit evaluation—a general grade point average evaluation.

The external credential evaluation service currently used by La Sierra University is Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (ECE). A fee is charged by ECE for this service. The ECE website is <http://www.ece.org>. If you wish to use a different service please obtain approval from the Office of Admissions.

Please note that La Sierra University also reserves the right to request additional academic credentials and/or submission of external credential evaluation results on any applicant deemed necessary.

### LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Present TOEFL results showing a score of 550 or higher on the paper-based test or 213 or higher on the computer-based test. Student may also present IELTS score of 6.5 or higher. Any student scoring less than the above scores will be placed in the necessary ESL courses. If a student does not present a TOEFL or IELTS score, placement tests will be given upon arrival and before enrollment. However, those applicants who have taken the GCE O level or equivalent examinations and have received a passing grade with credit in English will be eligible for regular English placement testing rather than ESL testing.

### THE I-20 CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

*This applies to any student who is planning to study at La Sierra University on a Student Visa.*

Once your file has been reviewed and you have been accepted, we will be issuing an I-20 [the form needed to process for your student visa] on your behalf. We recommend that the PreI20 items be submitted along with your application for admission or as soon as possible. We advise that you visit <http://lasierra.edu/f1-orientation/> for detailed information on the PreI20 process. However, here is a brief summary of the PreI20 items:

- ✓ A completed and signed Financial Guarantee Form/Certificate for Issuance I-20.
- ✓ A copy of a bank statement or a letter from a bank (in English) showing that you (or if you are being sponsored, your sponsor) have enough funds to cover the amounts shown in the Financial Guarantee Form/Certificate of Issuance I-20.
- ✓ A copy of your passport.
- ✓ An international deposit of \$1,000. (*Students from some areas may be required to pay the first quarter's tuition*).
- ✓ A processing fee of \$100.

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