



Soka University of America

Freshman Profile and Admission Information

2011-2012

Fall 2011 Entering Freshman Class

New Freshman	115
Global Merit recipients (full-ride)	5
Soka Opportunity Scholarships (Free tuition)	57

Gender

Male	35%
Female	65%

Citizenship

Domestic	67%
International	33%

Race/Ethnicity (Domestic)

African American	12%
American Indian	1%
Asian/Asian American	35%
Caucasian	24%
Latino/Hispanic	18%
Not indicated	10%

Public Schools Represented in Class (Domestic)

Advanced Technologies Academy; Las Vegas, NV
 Chandler High School; Chandler, AZ
 High Tech High School; San Diego, CA
 Palos Verde High School; Palos Verde, CA

Independent/Private Schools Represented in Class (Domestic)

Emerson High School; Orange, CA
 Fairmont High School; Anaheim, CA
 Francis Parker High School; San Diego, CA
 The Taft School; Watertown, CT

Top non-California States and Countries

<u>U.S. States</u>	<u>Outside U.S.</u>
Arizona	Canada
Illinois	India
New York	Japan
South Carolina	Taiwan
Texas	United Kingdom

Success after Soka: Where our graduates are going for graduate school:

Boston U, Carnegie Mellon, Chicago, Columbia, Cornell, Duke, George Mason, Harvard, London School of Economics, NYU, Oxford, Penn, Stanford, UC Berkley, UCLA, UCSD, USC, University of Hawaii Law School, Yale
 ...just to name a few.

Fall Freshman Statistics

Applicants	506
Admits	166 (33% admit rate)
Matriculated	115 (69% yield rate)

Average GPA (weighted) 3.74

Average SAT Critical Reading	579
Average SAT Math	584
Average SAT Writing	583
Average SAT Essay	8
Average ACT Composite	25
Average ACT Essay	8

Cost and Financial Aid

Meeting the costs of an education represents a significant investment for most families. At Soka University of America, however, we are committed to providing comprehensive merit and need-based financial aid programs that make it possible for admitted students who meet specific requirements and deadlines to attend Soka University.

In 2010-11 academic year approximately 90% of Soka's students, both domestic and international, received financial aid totaling nearly 11.5 million dollars; which included nearly 5 million dollars in need-based grants and 4 million dollars in merit-based scholarships. So, as you can see, Soka is committed to investing its resources to ensure the success of our students.

Also, in an effort to promote greater diversity and access to higher education for both domestic and international students, Soka University has implemented a new tuition policy. Beginning in the 2008-2009 academic year, all admitted students to the BA in Liberal Arts program whose annual earned family income is \$60,000, or less, and who have neither graduated from college nor completed more than 3/4 of their required coursework towards their first undergraduate degree (e.g., BA/BS) at the time of application to SUA, will receive free tuition (room and board fees will still apply).

Although federal and state aid may only be available to U.S. citizens and permanent residents, international students are eligible to apply for Soka merit and need-based scholarships and loans.

Information Used to Determine Soka Aid Eligibility

- FAFSA or International Application
- 2011 parents' and student's tax returns
- Parents' and student's bank statements
- Other specific information may be required, depending upon a family's situation.

2012-2013 Student Cost of Attendance

Tuition	\$27,214
Room and board	\$10,628
Books and supplies	\$ 1,000
Transportation	\$ 500
Health Insurance Fee	\$ 932
Personal Expenses	\$ 568
Annual Total	\$40,842

2012 Freshman Application Process

Soka offers both an Early Action and Regular Admission application period.

Required Application Materials

- Application fee (\$30 electronic/\$45 paper)
- Completed application (electronic or paper)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Two personal essays
- SAT and/or ACT examination scores
- Transcripts
- List of extracurricular activities

Important Dates and Deadlines

October 15th

- Early Action application deadline
- Early Action document deadline

December 1st

- Early Action decisions announced

January 15th

- Regular Admission application deadline
- Regular Admission document deadline

March 2nd

- Financial Aid application deadline

March 1st

- Regular Admission decisions announced

May 1st

- Financial Aid document deadline
- Admission deposit deadline