

SOKA
UNIVERSITY



FALL 2021 APPLICATION

**UNDERGRADUATE
ADMISSION**

Fall 2021

Welcome to Soka University of America's application process!

Instructions

Soka University of America (Soka) seeks students of intelligence and commitment who will provide leadership in the promotion of peace and human rights. Soka is open to highly motivated students of all backgrounds and beliefs who have excelled in a range of academic courses. Admission to Soka is competitive and selective. Soka carefully considers a number of criteria without a rigid emphasis on any one factor. All required checklist items will be considered during the review process. Late, incomplete, faxed and emailed documents will not be accepted. The Office of Admission must receive all checklist items by the deadlines listed below.

Admission Deadlines

Important Admission Dates	Early Action	Regular Admission
Application and Document Deadline	November 1, 2020	January 15, 2021
Admission Decision Announced	December 1, 2020	March 1, 2021

All application requirements must be received by SUA by **November 1st, 2020** for Early Action and **January 15th, 2021** for Regular Admission in order to be considered for admission. Materials should be mailed to the address given below. Emailed and faxed documents will not be accepted.

An electronic pdf checklist of all application requirements can be downloaded at www.soka.edu/admission/undergraduate-admission/how-apply.

Soka University of America employs both an Early Action period and a Regular Admission period. Early Action is non-binding and suggested for those applicants who would like to receive an early admission decision. Qualified applicants who are not admitted in the Early Action period will be re-assessed with the applicant pool for Regular Admission.

Once you have submitted your application, you will receive an email connecting you with your GoSoka! Account. Please login and use this account to manage your application and checklist.

Contact Us

Please contact the Office of Admission with any questions regarding the application process.

By Email: admission@soka.edu

By Phone: 866-600-SOKA (toll free)
949-480-4150

Paper application and materials can be mailed to:

Soka University of America
Office of Admission
1 University Drive
Aliso Viejo, CA 92656

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General Information

Select One: Early Action: Deadline for submission November 1, 2020
 Regular Admission: Deadline for submission January 15, 2021

Name (required) _____
 Prefix First (Given) Last (Family) Middle Suffix
 Preferred First Other Last Names Used

Permanent Legal Home Address _____
 Number Street Apartment No.
 City State / Province Postal Code Country

Current Mailing Address (if different from the above) _____
 Number Street Apartment No.
 City State / Province Postal Code Country
 Valid From (Optional) Month / Date / Year Valid Until (Optional) Month / Date / Year

Email Home Phone Cell Phone
 Date of Birth (required) _____ Social Security Number (optional) _____
 Month Day Year

Demographic Information

Please select the option below that best describes your citizenship. Read all options carefully before choosing and **only select one option**. Answer the corresponding questions to your initial choice when applicable.

- 1) I am a United States citizen
- 2) I hold dual citizenship with the United States and another country
- 3) I am a United States permanent resident
- 4) I am not a United States citizen or permanent resident
- 2b) My other country of citizenship is _____
- 3b) My country of citizenship is _____
- 4b) My country of citizenship is _____

4c) If you hold dual citizenship with another country (neither country being the United States) please indicate country here _____

4d) If you currently hold a status or U.S. visa, please indicate your status or visa type here _____

4e) If you currently hold a U.S. visa other than an F-1 visa, are you planning to change your status to an F-1 visa? Yes No

Please Note: Soka University assumes no responsibility for the adverse consequences regarding a student's U.S. immigration status that may result from fulfillment of our study abroad requirement. Please review the Internship/Study Abroad Program section of our academic catalog.

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Background Information

Sex Female Intersex Male

If you would like the opportunity, we invite you to share more about your gender identity below:

Colleges and universities are asked by many groups, including the federal government, accrediting associations, college guides, and newspapers, to describe the ethnic/racial backgrounds of their students and employees. In order to respond to these requests, we ask you to answer the following two questions. You are not required to provide a response.

Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic or Latino? Yes No

How are you most comfortable describing yourself? (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> African American / Black	<input type="checkbox"/> Native American
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic / Hispanic American	<input type="checkbox"/> White / Caucasian
<input type="checkbox"/> Other ethnicity	

What is your religious preference? _____

What is your U.S. Armed forces status? None Previously Served Currently Serving Current Dependent

Geography and Language

What was your country of birth? _____

Number of years you have lived in the United States? _____

Number of years you have lived outside of the United States? _____

How many languages are you proficient in? _____

Language 1 _____

Language Proficiency First Language Read Speak
 Spoken at Home Write

Language 2 _____

Language Proficiency First Language Read Speak
 Spoken at Home Write

Language 3 _____

Language Proficiency First Language Read Speak
 Spoken at Home Write

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Parent / Legal Guardian Information

Parent / Legal Guardian #1

Name	_____			
	Last (Family)	First		
Home Address	_____			
	Number	Street	Apartment No.	

	City	State / Province	Postal Code	Country

	Email	Home Phone	Cell Phone	

Parent / Legal Guardian #2

Name	_____			
	Last (Family)	First		
Home Address	_____			
	Number	Street	Apartment No.	

	City	State / Province	Postal Code	Country

	Email	Home Phone	Cell Phone	

Educational History

Please add all high schools and colleges you have attended. Soka requires official transcripts for all schools attended and courses taken; transcripts are required for college coursework in progress and/or completed while in high school.

All coursework completed outside of the United States must be sent to IERF (International Education Research Foundation) for conversion to the U.S. grade equivalent. Please go to www.ierf.org for instructions on obtaining the IERF Detail Report.

High School / Secondary

School Information (Please list the last high school attended)	_____	
	Most recent secondary / high school	City, State, Country

	Dates attended (from - to)	Graduation Date (date, diploma earned)

	Other secondary / high school	Dates attended (from - to)

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- I received a GED / HSE You must submit official score reports from the GED or HSE test and a copy of the GED or HSE certificate.
- I am / was home-schooled. In addition to receipt of all other admission requirements, applicants before enrolling must have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent by completing successfully a college preparatory curriculum associated with an institution, such as a college or unified school district, which is accredited by a regional, state or national agency. Please contact the Office of Admission if you have any questions about this policy.

College / University Information Applicants must list all colleges and universities previously attended, in chronological order. Use additional paper if necessary. Official transcripts from all schools listed must be sent to SUA.

A. _____
 Name of college or university City, State and Country

Dates attended (from – to) Graduation (dates, degree) Major

B. _____
 Name of college or university City, State and Country

Dates attended (from – to) Graduation (dates, degree) Major

Extracurricular Activities

Please submit a list of your significant school and/or community activities, full-time or part-time employment or military experience, including length of time dedicated. Please also list any honors, awards and leadership roles that you have earned. To assist you with this requirement an optional Extracurricular Activities form is available at:
www.soka.edu/admission/undergraduate-admission/how-apply

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Additional Information

What academic concentration at SUA interests you most?	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> International Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> Social and Behavioral Sciences
	<input type="checkbox"/> Humanities	<input type="checkbox"/> Life Sciences	<input type="checkbox"/> Undecided
What language would you like to study at SUA?	<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese	<input type="checkbox"/> Undecided
	<input type="checkbox"/> French	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish	
Have you previously applied to SUA?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Are you the first generation in your family to attend college?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
	<input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> No
Have any family member ever worked at Soka University of America?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
	<input type="checkbox"/> No		

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Application Fee Waiver

Soka University accepts application fee waivers from NACAC and The College Board. You will need to mail an original hard copy or have a school official upload a scanned version to a secure e-document service (ie: Scoir, Parchment, Slate.org, etc).

Will you be sending a fee waiver from one of these sources?

Yes No

Please sign your name:

Signature of Applicant

Disciplinary Record

Have you ever been suspended or expelled from school or convicted of a felony? Yes
 No

If yes, please give the approximate date(s) of each incident, explain the circumstances and reflect on what you learned from the experience.

Writing Supplement

Learning more about YOU: We will use what you tell us on your essays to complement the information you have provided in your application. Please complete both mandatory essays; it is important that you write in a way that reveals to the Admissions Committee your passions, your strengths and your individuality. Each essay should be between 500-750 words.

Your essays do not need to be submitted with your application; you will have the ability to upload your essays at a later time if needed. This said, your application will not be considered complete until both mandatory essays are submitted; your essays must arrive by the application deadline. You cannot change or edit your essays once submitted.

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Mandatory Essay Question 1: During January block, Soka students participate in a Learning Cluster or research seminar where students work in teams with faculty to propose, research, and model constructive approaches to local, regional and/or global issues. What question would you investigate during a Learning Cluster? Describe why this topic is one you are passionate about and how you envision solving or supporting this particular issue.

Mandatory Essay Question 2: In today's world, what is your purpose in seeking a liberal arts education? Among the many fine colleges and universities you might attend, how do you think SUA could help you fulfill that purpose?

Optional Question: Do you have any special circumstances that you would like SUA to take into consideration when reviewing your application? Your response should not be more than a paragraph in length; please be concise.

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Application Fee

A non-refundable application processing fee of \$45 USD must accompany this application. Your application fee can be paid through your GoSoka! Account (admissions.soka.edu/status). Within 3 business days of receiving your application, Soka University will send you a username and password via email with instructions for logging into our GoSoka! system.

If you are sending a payment through physical mail, SUA only accepts checks drawn from a US bank or an international money order. Please make your check or money order payable to Soka University of America.

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Statement of Agreement

I understand that misrepresentation of facts in this application will invalidate my application. I certify that I have completed this application by myself and that the information I have provided is complete and truthful. I acknowledge that I am aware that all of my supporting documents are due by November 1st for Early Action, January 15th for Regular Admission and that Soka University does not accept faxed, scanned, emailed or late documents.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Soka University of America does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, national origin, ancestry, marital status, disability, age or citizenship.