ILUNO Advantage Track UNO “AT-UNO” Program
an alternative to the TOEFL & IELTS
“I am planning to attend the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Is AT-UNO the right choice for me?”

- AT-UNO is for students who want to apply for a UNO undergraduate program.
- AT-UNO is NOT for students who want a master’s degree.
- AT-UNO is NOT for students who are majoring in English, engineering, or education.
- Admissions to English, engineering, or education requirements
  - http://www.unomaha.edu/international-studies-and-programs/admissions/english-requirements.php#a
How can I be in the AT-UNO program?

• In order to be in the AT-UNO program, you must fill out an application.

• Eligibility is determined by:
  – Your ILUNO grades (A or B in all classes)
  – Absence hours from previous sessions (under 15 hours)
  – TOEFL score (at least 423 PbT, 38 IbT, 4.5 IELTS)

• If you meet these requirements, you will be admitted to the AT-UNO program!
Advantage Track Application

2016 UNO Advantage Track (AT-UNO) Application

Fill out this application and give it to the front desk in AT 241 (International Programs Office). Applications will be reviewed by members of the AT-UNO Committee.

Name: (Last) ___________________________ (First) ___________________________

What is your major? ___________________________

Home country: ___________________________

What ILINO level classes are you taking now? (circle one) 1500 1600 1700

When do you want to begin UNO classes? _______ Summer 2016 ______ Fall 2016 ______ Spring 2017

The goal of the Advantage Track (AT-UNO) Program is to allow students whose first language is not English to be admitted to UNO as an alternative to (instead of the TOEFL exam). AT-UNO is only for undergraduate students in all majors except English, Engineering, and Education. If you are a graduate (Masters or PhD) student, AT-UNO is not an option.

Students in the AT-UNO Program are highly motivated and hard-working. They become proficient in English through coursework, self-study, and program exams. Before finishing the program, AT-UNO candidates must pass two proficiency exams (reading and an oral interview). Candidates must also pass the EPEP UNO’s English placement exam.

Students should register for both the AT-UNO Program and the TOEFL exam. Application and registration dates are the same for both. Applicants who have already taken the TOEFL exam may be considered. Late applications will not be considered until the following session.

For successful completion of the AT-UNO program, students must earn A’s in all classes. If a student gets a C, or lower in any class, he/she must repeat the class. In addition to grades, students must maintain good attendance while in the program. Advantages must not exceed 15 hours during the 6-week session. Students with a poor academic record or poor attendance may be suspended (put on probation) from the program at any time.

Signature and today’s date. By signing this application, I understand that I must be a student in good standing in the ILINO Program (I must have satisfactory grades and attendance), and that I have filled out this application completely and correctly. (See attached contract)

Signature of applicant _______________ today’s Date (day/month/year)

2016 UNO Advantage Track (AT-UNO) Program
Academic Information / Student Progress

Name: (Last) ___________________________ (First) ___________________________

NU ID #: ___________________________

VISA type: ___________________________

Preferred email address: ___________________________

AT-UNO Required Core Courses Grades

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Absences ___________ TOEFL ___________ GPA ___________

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EPPE #1 ___________ EPPE #2 ___________ GPA ___________

INTERVIEW #1 ___________ INTERVIEW #2 ___________ GPA ___________

READING test #1 ___________ READING test #2 ___________ GPA ___________

Courses completed (date) ________ Adviser signature ___________ ILUNO Asst. Director signature ___________
What happens now?

• After filling out the AT-UNO application:
  – Your application will be processed within 2 weeks. You will be notified by email to tell you if you can be in the program or not.
  – If you are accepted into the program, you will need to meet with your advisor Anne West-Leclou.
**AT-UNO Rules & Weekly Advising**

While in the **AT-UNO program**, you agree to follow the program requirements. If you do not, you may be asked to leave the program. Examples of not following program requirements include:

- excessive absences (15+ hours)
- low grades in classes (C or below)
- Plagiarism (copying someone else’s work)

Regular **AT-UNO advising hours** are every **Tuesday 4:00-5:00pm**. If you have questions, come in to see your advisor Anne West-Leclou during this time.
I am now in the AT-UNO program. How can I get successful completion?

- Get As or Bs in all ILUNO classes
  - Cs are waived if you repeat the class and get A or B 😊

- Have good attendance: ≤ 15 hours / session

- Pass 3 final proficiency exams:
  - Reading: score 72 minimum of 100
  - Speaking: score 5 minimum of 6
  - Writing: 1090 or 1100 placement on the EPPE
The Solution is Simple:

Pass ILUNO classes
+ pass 3 proficiency tests
= get admission to UNO!
“I’m in 1600 now. What are the proficiency tests?”

• If you are taking 1601 Listening/Speaking, you can begin testing.
  – ORAL INTERVIEW
    • Watch a recorded university lecture and take notes
    • Attend the interview - answer questions about the lecture, and questions about how the lecture topic relates to real life.
    • Get a minimum 5 points out of 6 to pass
    • Your score is based on
      – Accuracy of your answers (content)
      – Articulation (pronunciation)
      – Fluency (grammar, complete sentence structure)
“I’m in 1700 ILUNO. What now?”

• More testing!
  – **READING**
    • 4 reading passages followed by multiple choice comprehension questions → 72% minimum score to pass

  – **EPPE (UNO’s English Placement & Proficiency Test)**
    • Register on line [http://testingcenter.unomaha.edu](http://testingcenter.unomaha.edu)
    • On the day of the EPPE exam:
      – write a timed essay (90 minutes)
    • Exam results:
      – It takes at least 2 weeks to get your results
      – A placement score of 1090 or 1100 means you will be enrolled in UNO’s ESL I or ESL II class
**Other Things to Know**

- Every session, meet an AT-UNO advisor to **update** your file and to **discuss** your progress in ILUNO classes.

- If you are on scholarship, keep in contact with your scholarship program administrators. It is important to work with them on your progress and change of status or change of major.
Other Options for UNO

BRIDGE: Students may be eligible for part-time enrollment in the university. TOEFL score ranges:

- 460-474 (48-52 IbT) = One UNO class, 2 ILUNO classes
- 475-486 (53-56 IbT) = Two UNO classes, 1 ILUNO class
- 487 = (57 IbT) full-time UNO classes

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Full-time UNO with IELTS: Students may be eligible for full-time UNO enrollment with a 5.5 IELTS score, if:

- ILUNO absences are LOW and grades are HIGH

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I am in my last session. What should I do?

CONTINUOUS FLOW OF ACTIVITIES:

**START!**
- Complete or Update Undergraduate/Graduate Application

**Apointment with International Student Advising**

**Sign up for PLACEMENT EXAMS**
- Math English Required

**Recieve an admission letter**

**Sign up for ORIENTATION**

**Remove REGISTRATION HOLDS**
- *Health
- *Parking
- *Admissions
- *Library

**Got Questions?**
- We’re here to help!
- International Admissions & Advising
- ASH 241 | 402.554.2293
- world@unomaha.edu

**Congratulations!**
- You are now a UNO Student!

**Register for courses on Mavlink**

**A Note on Advisor Etiquette**
- Please be on time to all appointments. Do not show up too early or late.
- If you cannot attend your appointment, please call early to reschedule.
- Also, please remember to be polite to your advisors and their support staff at all times. These people are here to help you throughout your academic career at UNO.
I have finished the program!!

Certificate of Completion

this certifies that

Perfect O. Student

has completed all the requirements for the Advantage Track at UNO Program. This student is proficient in the English language in written and oral communication, and is hereby qualified to enroll in the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Conferred on this 29th day of April 2016

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