

study; why CUI and a specific program is your preferred choice; what are your reasons for graduate study, what is your plan in pursuing this degree, etc. It should state how well you know CUI and justify your reason for studying at CUI.

### **1.5 Visa Requirements**

International students who wish to study in Pakistan need to obtain a Student Visa before traveling to Pakistan. Once you have been issued a provisional admission letter, you should immediately apply for a student visa for Pakistan by sending copies of our admission letter, passport and other relevant documents to the nearest Pakistani High Commission or Embassy in your country of residence or a neighboring country, in case there is no Pakistani diplomatic presence in your country.

## **2. Letters of Reference**

Two reference letters typed in double space may accompany your application dossier. Ideally one letter may be from a current or former employer. Both letters may bring out clearly your suitability for the selected program. Alternatively, both letters could be from your former teachers.

## **3. Data Protection**

International students, who apply to the COMSATS University Islamabad (CUI), may have friends or family in Pakistan who sometimes contact us on your behalf. The University cannot divulge any personal information relating to an application to any third party without the applicant's written consent. If you wish to authorize a friend or family member to request and receive information on your behalf, please contact [int.admissions@comsats.edu.pk](mailto:int.admissions@comsats.edu.pk) for the procedure.

## **4. English Language Proficiency Requirements**

CUI accepts the following evidence as satisfying the English Language requirements for entry to a Bachelor's degree program;

- IELTS minimum 5.0 band or
- TOEFL Internet-based test - overall minimum score 70
- English proficiency certificate from the last attended institution

*Please note that your score may not be more than two years old*

## **5. Program Duration**

The duration of studies for Bachelor's degree program (other than B. Arch) is not less than four years. The typical academic year comprises of two semesters which normally follow the given calendar:

<b>Fall Semester:</b>	September to January (18 weeks)
<b>Spring Semester:</b>	February to June (18 weeks)
<b>Summer Break:</b>	July – August (8 – 10 weeks)