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“There are many opportunities to get involved. Students can accomplish two objectives at the same time: Learn English and make new friends!”

-Wooyeong Jeong

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**PACIFIC**  
Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington

**WEST**  
Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming

**MIDWEST**  
Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Wisconsin

**SOUTHEAST**  
Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee

**NORTHEAST**  
Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia

**APPENDIXES**
August 2013

On behalf of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), I am pleased to present to you the 13th edition of Profiles of U.S. Community Colleges: A Guide for International Students, now in print, digital, and online formats. Profiles is produced annually by AACC to demystify the U.S. higher education system and uncover one of America’s best kept secrets—the U.S. community college. As the national association representing the largest sector of U.S. higher education, AACC is your authoritative and trusted resource for information about U.S. community colleges. Each year, AACC partners with the U.S. Department of State and EducationUSA to spread around the world the good news about our colleges, using accurate and up-to-date information.

Through Profiles, you will discover that U.S. community colleges offer an attractive combination of benefits to international students that cannot be found anywhere else in higher education. Profiles provides you with the most essential information to help guide you in choosing an institution that is right for you. I am confident that the more you know about U.S. community colleges, the more likely you will be to choose a community college as your “Gateway to U.S. Higher Education.”

You can be assured that all the community colleges featured in Profiles have the AACC seal of approval, which means that they are all highly reputable, regionally accredited, and SEVP-approved institutions. All of the community colleges highlighted in Profiles welcome you to their campuses to enjoy the unique experience of studying and living in the United States. Any one of them can provide a great place to begin your U.S. higher education experience. When contacting them, please make sure to mention that you saw their college in AACC’s Profiles.

To order your own copy of Profiles (available in print and digital versions), see the back of this publication for information.

Good luck with your search to find the right college for your study-abroad experience in the United States. On behalf of AACC and all our member colleges, we look forward to seeing you soon as a U.S. community college student.

All the best,

Walter R. Bumphus
President and CEO
United States Department of State

Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs

Washington, D.C. 20520

July 25, 2013

Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for your interest in studying in the United States. Every year, hundreds of thousands of students travel to the United States for academic study, with 765,000 international students studying here during the 2011-2012 school year.

When international students choose to study in the United States, both our country and our world are richer for it. Diversity is a necessary component of a well-rounded education. It exposes students to different views and ideas, expanding the potential for innovation and development. Studying abroad has other benefits as well; international students improve their employment prospects, build friendships across cultural and national boundaries, and bring important perspectives to the American higher education community.

We invite you to get to know our country and our people in a very special way, as a student at one of more than 1,200 outstanding community colleges across the United States. Flexibility is one of the beauties of our U.S. educational system, and community colleges are an economical option for promising young scholars looking to transition to educational life in the United States. Our embassies and consulates around the world give priority to visa appointments for students and exchange visitors, and we look forward to providing visas to qualified applicants.

The United States is a richer and more vibrant place thanks to international students. That is precisely the reason why the Department of State has an unwavering commitment to promoting and supporting study in the United States. I join the 450 EducationUSA Advising Centers around the world and the American Association of Community Colleges in encouraging you to explore the unique experience of life on an American college campus.

Sincerely,

Janice L. Jacobs
The information in Profiles is divided into 2 parts:

The topics covered in the first part of Profiles will answer your basic questions about studying in the United States and direct you to many resources to help you find more information about:

- The kinds of colleges, universities, and degrees available.
- How a community college can help you attain your education goals.
- The costs you need to consider.
- How to apply to a community college.
- How the visa application process works.
- Traveling to and living in the United States.
- Where you can get more information.

The second part of this guide contains profiles of U.S. community colleges, detailed information about what individual community colleges across the country offer to international students. Each featured college offers information on costs, English test requirements, academic programs, application deadlines, support services, and other opportunities. Note that only a sample of the nearly 1,200 U.S. community colleges is featured in Profiles. The colleges highlighted in Profiles may change from year to year. A list of previously featured colleges is provided in the appendix.
COMMUNITY COLLEGE vs. UNIVERSITY

TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS

Community Colleges

These two-year institutions, also known as technical or junior colleges, award associate degrees upon completion of a two-year program of study. There are nearly 1,200 two-year institutions in the United States, serving more than 13 million students. An associate degree enables students to

- Transfer to a four-year college or university to obtain a bachelor’s degree, usually after two additional years of study.
- Begin a career immediately in any one of hundreds of fields that do not require a four-year degree.

Four-Year Colleges and Universities

Four-year colleges and universities award bachelor’s degrees of arts or science (BA or BS) and also may award graduate and professional degrees. Credits earned at community colleges are accepted for transfer into almost all four-year college and university bachelor’s degree programs. Four-year institutions provide a variety of degrees including bachelor’s, master’s, and doctorate, and professional degrees in fields such as law, medicine, and business.

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IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

Accreditation
Regional accreditation agencies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education are responsible for evaluating academic programs at both community colleges and four-year institutions to ensure the quality and acceptability of each institution. Because community colleges and four-year institutions must meet the same accreditation standards for the first two years of a university education, community college students are able to transfer their course credits to four-year colleges or universities.

Progression of Undergraduate Study
An academic year usually lasts nine months, divided into two semesters or three quarters. As a full-time student, you will take four or five courses each semester, or three or four courses each quarter. During the first and second (freshman and sophomore) years, students usually focus on general studies. Community college students are eligible to obtain an associate degree upon completion of their first two years of study. By the third (junior) academic year, students usually begin intensive study in their chosen majors. The fourth (senior) year is the final academic year focused on obtaining a bachelor’s degree. It is common to refer to students by their academic year of study: freshmen, sophomores, juniors, or seniors.

Freedom of Choice
You are free to choose your own courses and class schedules, but this also means that you have more responsibility for making the right choices to meet your own education goals. Community college advisers are readily available to help you.

Course Credits
You will receive a certain number of credits for each course successfully completed. The number is directly related to the number of hours assigned to the course by the college. For example, successful completion of a course that meets for one hour, three times a week equals a total of three credits. The same course with an additional hour of lab work equals four credits.

Course Grades
Grades you receive from your instructors at the end of a course are used to indicate how well you performed and whether you successfully completed the course. Grades range from A to F, with A as the best possible grade. All grades you receive during your course of study are combined to determine your grade point average (GPA). The higher your GPA the better your opportunities for 2+2 transfer to prestigious universities or for meaningful OPT employment.

degrees awarded by colleges and universities

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Awarded by community colleges

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Note. Community colleges also award vocational certificates and licenses upon completion of one- to two-year programs.


The above diagram depicts (1) how the completion of one degree leads to a higher level of education and (2) international student eligibility for Optional Practical Training (OPT). (See pages 13 and 38 for more information about OPT.)
WHY STUDY IN THE UNITED STATES?
THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SEEKING AN UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION IN THE U.S. ENROLL AT COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

Studying at U.S. colleges and universities is no longer just a trend for international students. In 2011–2012, more than 765,000 international students enrolled in more than 3,300 U.S. colleges and universities, nearly 90,000 of those international students enrolled in community colleges throughout the United States.

International students are highly valued on U.S. campuses. Classmates and professors welcome interaction with students from diverse backgrounds and are eager to learn about other countries, cultures, and languages. Living and studying abroad in the United States offers students invaluable experience in an increasingly global society. Almost every career field needs people who understand global issues, appreciate other cultures, and have the skills to work in an international context.

A degree from a U.S. college or university is recognized throughout the world as a significant accomplishment. International students with degrees from the United States are highly marketable in their home countries. In addition, studying and living abroad provides students with the experience of a lifetime. Employers seek and highly value staff who are comfortable in international settings, understand how local and regional issues can have global effects, and can easily work with people from other cultures. Studying abroad in the United States provides the opportunity for students to become globally competent citizens.

THE VALUE OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATION

Quality and Affordability in a Supportive Environment

Community colleges in the United States are higher education institutions that provide the first two years of a university education. Whether they are large or small, located in big cities or rural settings, community colleges have a common mission to promote and support student learning and success. Established more than 100 years ago, U.S. community colleges offer affordable, convenient, and accessible higher education opportunities. The network of nearly 1,200 community colleges in all 50 states serves more than 13 million students.

“Community colleges are one of America’s best-kept secrets.”

- Jill Biden, wife of U.S. Vice President Joe Biden, Community College Professor

45%

Almost half of all undergraduates in the United States begin their higher education studies at community colleges, which are affordable and provide individualized attention.

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THE TOP 10 BENEFITS OF ATTENDING A U.S. COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1. Affordable Cost

U.S. community college tuition and fees are more than 50% lower than those at four-year colleges and universities. If you intend to pursue a bachelor’s degree, you can lower the total cost of earning your degree by taking the first two years of a university program at a community college.

“These are places where young people can continue their education without taking on a lot of debt.”

– President Obama (White House Summit on Community Colleges, 2010)

2. Course Credits Transfer to Universities

Most U.S. community colleges have “articulation” agreements with four-year colleges and universities to assist students to transfer their community college credits to a bachelor’s degree program. State universities often guarantee entry as a third-year student if the student has completed all course requirements for the first two years of study.

3. Flexible English Proficiency Requirements

Because U.S. community colleges offer excellent Intensive English Programs (IEPs) and English as a second language (ESL) courses, they may accept lower scores on English proficiency tests or waive English proficiency requirements altogether. Your community college will have you take its own English placement test after you arrive on campus and before you register for classes.

4. Focus on Teaching

U.S. community college faculty focus primarily on teaching and providing personal attention to students. They are not required, as are most four-year college and university faculty, to spend

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**College and University Average Annual Tuition and Fees Comparison**

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Complete 2 years at a community college plus 2 years at a university and receive a bachelor’s degree.
time away from the classroom to conduct research or publish. At a community college, you will have opportunities to gain a real-world perspective from faculty members who usually have practical work experience in the subjects they teach.

5. Small Class Sizes

Small class sizes at U.S. community colleges provide an atmosphere in which you can easily ask questions and talk to your instructors and classmates, not only to help you grasp concepts but also build relationships. Small classes are especially beneficial for international students, because they make it easier for you to adjust to the pace of academic life and give you additional opportunities to practice your English language skills.

6. Additional Year of Optional Practical Training

You are eligible to receive one year of Optional Practical Training (OPT) in your field of study when you complete your associate degree and an additional one to two-and-a-half years after you complete a bachelor’s degree. OPT can build students’ resumes and be advantageous when seeking a job. (For more information about OPT, see page 9, “The U.S. Higher Education System,” and page 38, “Working in the United States.”)

7. Use of the Latest Technologies

Because U.S. community colleges work closely with local businesses and industries, many are equipped with state-of-the-art technologies, classrooms, and facilities. If you are interested in pursuing a career in a cutting-edge field (e.g., biomedical engineering, renewable energy, robotics, laser optics, and Internet and computer technology), you will find the opportunities and tools at U.S. community colleges.

8. Hundreds of Programs to Choose From

No matter what your interest, you are sure to find a program that fits your needs at one of the nearly 1,200 regionally accredited U.S. community colleges. Community colleges offer programs in all major fields of study—ranging from art to political science to zoology. A few of the most popular programs currently are accounting, business management, computer graphics and design, early childhood education, engineering, environmental conservation, hotel and restaurant management, multimedia, and psychology. Look at the academic programs of the featured colleges in this guide and search for programs of study on the Study in America website (www.aacc.nche.edu/study-in-america). You might be amazed at the variety and range of courses offered.

9. Opportunities to Experience U.S. Culture

Community colleges offer international students a unique opportunity to experience life and culture in the United States—both on and off campus. Art exhibitions, concerts, community forums, health fairs, sporting events, and theatrical productions are examples of educational, recreational, social, and multicultural activities that will be available to you as a community college student in the United States.

10. Excellent Student Support Services

Because one of their primary missions is to ensure that all students achieve their academic goals, U.S. community colleges offer numerous support services including tutoring, study skills workshops, academic advising, counseling, and career planning—many of which are designed specifically for international students. Support services especially for students with disabilities may include adapted software or assistive equipment for people with mobility, vision, learning, or hearing disabilities.
While this guide focuses on the academic transfer function of U.S. community colleges, it is interesting to note that America depends upon community colleges to also fulfill the important role of workforce development—the preparation of a productive and agile workforce to meet business and industry needs in an increasingly competitive global economy.

Today, community colleges are receiving significant attention, both in the United States and internationally. During the last decade, interest in workforce development at community colleges has substantially increased to the point where it is frequently emphasized in U.S. policy decisions and speeches by high-level U.S. government officials, including President Obama’s nationally televised State of the Union addresses. Because of their recognized expertise, community colleges have been approached by many ministries of education around the world, including those in Eastern and Western Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Central and Southeast Asia, the Caribbean and Latin America.

Economic Engines for the Nation

Throughout U.S. history, community colleges have played a vital role in breaking down financial and social barriers for millions of Americans, having a direct impact on the nation’s economic development and growth of the U.S. middle class. Today, the value of an associate degree keeps pace with that of a four-year degree in the job market. One current trend in U.S. higher education is that of working professionals, with master’s degrees and PhDs, enrolling at community colleges to either update their skills or learn applied skills in their fields. A 2012 U.S. Department of Labor study points out that employment for Americans with an associate degree increased to 35.2 million jobs.

At last count, community colleges have prepared over half of the nation’s registered nurses and the majority of other health-care workers, over 80% of first responders...
(paramedics, EMTs, firefighters, and police officers), and a growing percentage of the nation’s technological workforce in everything from finance to the auto industry to healthcare. In many fields, two-year graduates are typically more work-ready than university graduates. Community colleges have also become the institutions of choice for workers displaced during the recent global economic downturn and preparing to reenter the workforce.

Responding to local workforce and economic needs, some community colleges have increased the number of students achieving industry-recognized credentials in high demand renewable energy sectors. Others have advanced energy-efficient technological innovations through small business partnerships. In collaboration with the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) Advanced Technological Education (ATE) program, community colleges lead programs that involve universities, secondary schools, and business to prepare and strengthen the skills of the nation’s technological workforce. ATE program strategic areas include agriculture, environmental technology, biotechnology, engineering technology, manufacturing, information technology, telecommunications, and cybersecurity. ATE has produced significant research and development that has greatly benefited the nation.

Globalization of the U.S. Community College Model

In other countries, American-style community colleges are increasingly seen as vehicles to improve skills and to expand educational opportunity. In 2009 at the UNESCO World Conference on Higher Education in Paris, Dr. Jill Biden, wife of the U.S. Vice President and a community college professor, encouraged leaders of developing countries to consider the U.S. community college model. Community colleges based on the American model have now been established in Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Vietnam, Thailand, and the Republic of Georgia. Representatives from the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, and China have sent delegations to the United States to study the U.S. community college model. Representatives from U.S. community colleges have been invited to India, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, South Africa, Colombia, and Ukraine to explain the American model and how it might be adapted to fit the cultures of other countries.

Benefits to International Students in the U.S.

By choosing to start your U.S. higher education at a community college, you can benefit from the community college mission of economic and workforce development. In the U.S., there is a dynamic relationship between higher education and industry. This close relationship provides benefits to students in the form of state-of-the-art classrooms and terrific internship and service learning opportunities with prospective employers and local communities.

The Community College Initiative (CCI) program, created and funded by the U.S. Department of State, supports study at U.S. community colleges by J-1 visa students. The program provides an opportunity to underserved international student populations to complete a professional certificate in one academic year. In addition, students have many opportunities for cultural enrichment, community engagement, volunteerism and service-learning activities. Many students have participated from numerous nations, including Brazil, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, and South Africa.

“I am a teacher. My experience with community colleges is personal. People sometimes ask why I choose to teach at a community college. The answer is simple: It’s the students.”

– Jill Biden (UNESCO World Conference on Higher Education 2009)
Many students who began their higher education at a U.S. community college have continued on to make significant contributions and achieve high recognition in a variety of fields. Community college alumni include renowned astronauts, doctors, business leaders, artists, government leaders, athletes, and scientists. The education and experience they received at a U.S. community college prepared them and enabled them to contribute to the changing world in which we live today. Here we describe the achievements of but a few people for whom community colleges played an important role in their education and future success. (See the Study in America website, www.aacc.nche.edu/study-in-america, for a more complete list of notable community college alumni.)
Eileen Collins  
**Pilot and U.S. Space Shuttle Commander**  
After graduating from community college in 1976, Collins went on to earn a bachelor’s and a master’s degree. She made history as the first female pilot and then first female commander of a U.S. space shuttle. Among the awards she has received are the Distinguished Flying Cross and the National Space Trophy. She was inducted into the National Women’s Hall of Fame in 1995, and the Encyclopedia Britannica recognized her as one of the top 300 women in history who changed the world. In 2006, the New York State Legislature passed a resolution honoring her.

Oscar Hijuelos  
**Author, 1990 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction**  
Hijuelos is the first Hispanic American to win the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for his novel, *The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love*. After receiving an associate degree, he transferred to the City College of New York, where he earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees. Hijuelos has said that because of growing up poor and being a lifelong resident of New York City, he did not have the money to travel abroad as had many of the famous authors he admired. But, he said, education, no matter where it takes place, can expand people’s minds and help them realize new possibilities. His novels have been translated into more than 25 languages.

R. Bruce Merrifield  
**1984 Nobel Prize in Chemistry**  
Merrifield began his higher education at a community college, where he learned the basics of his field. He has said of his community college that “the undergraduate teaching was better than at the big university.” After completing his associate degree, he transferred to a university, where he earned a PhD. Merrifield is best known in the scientific community for his solid-phase peptide synthesis, for which he was awarded the Nobel Prize. The Royal Swedish Academy of Science described Merrifield’s method as “ingenious” and “a completely new approach to organic synthesis.”

Bola Ahmed Tinubu  
**Governor, State of Lagos, Nigeria**  
Tinubu is the former governor of the State of Lagos, location of the largest city in the most populous country in West Africa. He began his higher education at a U.S. community college. As a founding member of the pro-democracy National Democratic Coalition in Nigeria, Tinubu said that he learned about democratic principles while living in the United States. After graduating from community college, he transferred to a university, where he graduated summa cum laude. In 1983, he returned to Nigeria to work for Mobil Oil, eventually becoming the company’s treasurer before his election to the Nigerian Senate in 1992.

Junki Yoshida  
**Entrepreneur/Corporate CEO**  
Yoshida is founder and CEO of Yoshida Group, a multinational conglomerate with 18 companies in the United States. In 2003, his company was inducted into the U.S. Small Business Administration’s Hall of Fame. Yoshida grew up poor in Japan. At 19, he traveled to the United States to pursue the American Dream. When he was refused admission to a four-year university because of his poor English skills, he enrolled at a community college. Reflecting on his community college experience, Yoshida explains that it “provided the significant turning point in my life that eventually determined my career path and was responsible for my business success.” When traveling the country as a motivational speaker, he encourages young listeners: “Don’t give up your dreams.”

“I know many students have come out of those colleges and gone on to do extraordinary things, and many of them have been able to use it as a bridge to go on to a full four-year or longer term or even to graduate education beyond that.”

– Secretary of State John Kerry, U.S.-India Higher Education Dialogue, June 2013
SELECTING THE RIGHT COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR YOU

DETERMINE YOUR HIGHER EDUCATION GOALS

Before you begin to explore specific colleges, spend some time thinking about what you want to achieve and make a list of your goals. The following are some questions to consider.

Which Fields of Study Interest You?

If you are undecided on a college major or future career, you are not alone. Most students in the U.S. spend their first two years of higher education taking different classes to explore interests and opportunities. Although you can choose a major at any time, most students wait to make a decision at the end of their second year of study. If you already know what career you want to pursue, you should consider a college that has a good reputation in that field. U.S. community colleges offer programs in nearly all fields of study, have close ties to many industries, and are well respected in many fields. Many community colleges also have service learning, volunteer, and apprenticeship programs.

Do You Want to Earn a Bachelor’s Degree?

You can begin your higher education studies at a community college and transfer to a four-year college or university to earn a bachelor’s degree. In fact, nearly 50% of students in the United States begin their studies at a community college. If you intend to pursue a bachelor’s degree after earning an associate degree, you will want to focus on community colleges that have 2+2 transfer (articulation) agreements with four-year colleges and universities. These agreements make transfer seamless and easy.

Do You Want to Improve Your English?

Studying in the United States will provide extensive exposure to the English language. Many community colleges offer ESL or Intensive English Programs, through which you can improve or enhance your English skills before beginning an academic program.
Are You Interested in U.S. Culture?

U.S. community colleges offer you extensive opportunities to interact with members of the local community and to experience U.S. culture. Many community colleges plan local trips and cultural activities specifically for their international students.

Where Do You Want to Live?

Would you prefer to live in a city, a small town, or a rural area? Do you want to live in a particular region of the United States? If so, which cities or states are you considering? Community colleges are in all of the 50 states, some in big cities and some in smaller towns and rural areas. If your desired program of study is available at several community colleges, you may decide which college to attend based on a state or region of the United States in which you would like to live. Read the descriptions of regions and states provided on pages 40–109 and the featured college profiles that follow to get a better sense of where you might want to live and study.

Are You Interested in Athletics?

Whether you play only for fun or aspire to be an Olympic or professional athlete, community colleges have a lot to offer. More than 500 U.S. community colleges have excellent athletic facilities and offer students access to training, coaching, and a large variety of playing opportunities. The National Junior College Athletic Association organizes student athletic competitions in 17 sports: baseball, basketball, bowling, cross country, diving, American football, golf, half marathon, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling. The California Community College Athletic Association organizes competitions in the same sports, plus water polo and badminton. The National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association organizes rodeo competitions at both community colleges and four-year college and university member institutions. Many Olympic and professional athletes have studied and trained at U.S. community colleges. See the list of notable alumni on the Study in America website.

Do You Need Disability Support Services?

Community colleges are smart choices for students with disabilities. They offer unique learning environments with smaller classes, more individualized attention, and a supportive atmosphere. Tutoring centers and mentoring programs are often provided to teach students with learning disabilities (such as dyslexia) the study strategies needed to succeed in college. Accommodations may be made for sign language interpreters, accessible classrooms, note-takers in classes, Braille materials, and extended time for taking tests. Adapted software or assistive equipment for people with mobility, vision, learning, or hearing disabilities are usually available. For example, a blind student might have the option to use a computer with speech synthesis that can read textbooks aloud. However, personal care attendants, hearing aids, and wheelchairs are not typically provided. To learn more about services available at a particular college, contact the college’s international or disability office.

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ESTIMATE EXPENSES AND IDENTIFY FINANCIAL RESOURCES

When you apply to a college (and for a student visa), you will be required to show that you have existing financial resources necessary to cover your expenses for at least one year of study in the United States. Because there are employment restrictions on international students, you will not be able to rely on working in the United States to help pay for your education (see “Working in the United States” on page 38).

Costs vary depending on college location, but, in general, you should expect to spend between US$10,000 and US$25,000 each year. Financial resources may come from any dependable source, including family funds, your own finances, sponsorships, and scholarships.

Community colleges may award students small scholarships after the first year of study based on their academic achievements. Some community colleges offer scholarships (grant-in-aid) to outstanding athletes. Scholarship sports for men are baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, outdoor track and field, soccer, and tennis. Scholarship sports for women are basketball, cross country, fast-pitch softball, outdoor track and field, soccer, tennis, and volleyball. To determine whether the colleges to which you are applying award athletic scholarships, check the featured college profiles later in this guide.

You should also check the college website for the athletic department or coaches’ contact information. Let the college contact person know of your interest in athletic scholarship opportunities, and provide him or her with information about your talents and experience.

Note: All community colleges profiled in this guide are both regionally accredited and SEVP-approved institutions.
OTHER IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

Regional Accreditation

You want to make sure that the community college you plan to attend is regionally accredited. Universities accept transferred course credits only from other accredited institutions. Furthermore, most ministries of education around the world will recognize a degree only if it is awarded by an accredited higher education institution. See the Council for Higher Education Accreditation website (www.chea.org) for a list of accredited colleges and universities. Note: All community colleges profiled in this guide are regionally accredited institutions.

SEVP-Approved Colleges

International students are eligible to attend only U.S. colleges and universities that are approved by the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP). Note: All community colleges profiled in this guide are SEVP-approved institutions. See the digital version of Profiles or the Study in America website for a complete list of SEVP-approved community colleges.

WHERE TO LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

Applying to a U.S. college can initially seem overwhelming, but many resources are available to help you in the process. In addition to Profiles, reliable resources for information and assistance include the following:

Study in America Website

Your first stop should be AACC’s Study in America website (www.aacc.nche.edu/study-in-america). Here you will find an online version of Profiles, including detailed profiles of the featured colleges in this guide and other information for international students who are interested in studying in the United States. The Study in America website allows you to

- Search for colleges by name, location, or academic programs.
- Access the international student pages of featured college websites.
- E-mail the college’s primary contact person for prospective international students.
- Read information translated into your native language.
- View additional information not provided in this printed publication, including a complete list of all regionally accredited and SEVP-approved community colleges, and a complete list of community colleges with on-campus housing.

EducationUSA

EducationUSA is a worldwide network of more than 400 advising centers affiliated with the U.S. Department of State. Its purpose is to help students find out about U.S. higher education institutions. Their services are free. Centers are located at U.S. embassies and consulates, Fulbright commissions, binational centers, nongovernmental organizations, universities, and public libraries. EducationUSA centers are staffed by professional advisers, many of whom have studied in the United States or have received U.S. Department of State-approved training for higher education advising. Visit the website at www.EducationUSA.info.

EducationUSA advising centers offer FREE

- College catalogs.
- Online tours of colleges.
- Test schedules (TOEFL, IELTS).
- Information on study-abroad fairs.
- Workshops and seminars on studying in the United States.
- Visa information.
- Publications available in PDF format (see the box on the next page).

EducationUSA advisers personally assist students with how to

- Research colleges and universities.
- Identify financial aid opportunities.
- Understand the admissions process.
- Apply for a student visa.
- Prepare for a visa interview.
- Obtain specialized services (e.g., essay-writing workshops or document verification).
College Websites and E-Mail

College websites offer a wide range of information about degree programs, application procedures, academic departments, facilities on campus, and other topics. Some institutions may also give e-mail addresses for current students, including international students, who may be willing to answer questions about the college and living in the United States. Once you have decided which colleges you are interested in, you can e-mail admissions personnel to ask specific questions before you decide where to apply.

Study-Abroad Fairs

U.S. community college representatives may visit your country to participate in study-abroad fairs or speak at specially arranged seminars where you can talk face-to-face with them. A list of upcoming study-abroad fairs in your country can be found on the EducationUSA website or at your local EducationUSA advising center. Many fairs take place in the fall or spring; it is important to start your research at least the year before you intend to start your studies.

Campus Visits

Be sure to visit a community college campus if you are able to travel to the United States before choosing a college. Many colleges organize campus tours led by current students. Check with the admissions office for further information and to schedule a visit. We recommend that you visit the academic and housing facilities, student union, and library to get a good sense of the campus. Speaking with current students on campus is another important part of the visit.

Free Publications
From EducationUSA

If You Want to Study in the United States is a series of booklets with objective and practical advice to prospective international students about studying in the United States.

1. Undergraduate Study
2. Graduate and Professional Study and Research
3. Short-Term Study, English Language Programs, Distance Education, and Accreditation
4. Getting Ready to Go: Practical Information for Living and Studying in the United States

These booklets—in English, Chinese, Spanish, French, Russian, and Arabic—can be found at the EducationUSA website (www.educationusa.info/pages/students/research-references-study.php) or at the advising center near your home.

Additional Sources of Information

- Official college pages on social networking sites, such as Facebook and Twitter.
- Guidance counselors at your current high school can often help. Ask if there is anyone who works with U.S. college and university applications.
- Friends, relatives, or high school alumni who studied in the United States.
APPLYING TO A COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Admission requirements vary, so be sure to learn the specific requirements for the college you want to attend. You must provide everything that the college requests before your application will be considered for admission. Read the application materials carefully and ask questions about anything you do not understand. You may apply for admission to a community college during your final year of secondary school (high school). This chapter describes the items typically required for admission to a community college.

APPLICATION FORMS

Community colleges often have a separate application form for international students, which you can usually find on the college’s website, along with a list of the documents you are required to submit with your completed application form. If you have difficulty locating the application online, send an e-mail to the college admissions office or the international office and ask that application materials be sent to you. Community colleges are flexible; some accept applications shortly before the start of a semester, and others have year-round or rolling admission, which means that you can apply at any time.

TEST SCORES

Community colleges may require that you submit your test scores from English proficiency exams such as TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or IELTS (International English Language Testing System). To learn when and where those tests are administered, contact your local EducationUSA advising center, or visit www.EducationUSA.info.

WHEN CAN YOU APPLY?

Many community colleges accept applications shortly before the start of each semester. Others have rolling admission, which means that you can apply at any time. Students with adequate skill levels will be allowed to begin an academic program immediately.

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Whether or not you take the TOEFL or IELTS, most community colleges will require that you take an English placement test that the college itself administers after you arrive on campus and before you register for classes. If you have adequate skills, you will be allowed to begin an academic program immediately. If your skill levels are below English proficiency requirements, you will be required to complete an Intensive English Program (IEP) before taking academic courses.

**Special Test Arrangements for Students with Disabilities**

Students with disabilities may qualify for special testing arrangements. These may include extended time or additional breaks during an exam, a separate testing room, special editions of the test, or a provision for a reader or scribe. For general information about services for students with disabilities, see the Mobility International USA website at www.miusa.org/ncde.

**ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS AND RECORDS**

You must submit academic transcripts and other documents that show your previous education and grades. Usually, these documents are required in English. Colleges may have them professionally evaluated before offering admission.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

You must submit a statement of financial support, which is a document certifying that you have sufficient assets to cover the costs related to college and living expenses for at least one year while studying in the United States. Expenses include tuition and fees, books and supplies, housing, meals, health insurance, and personal expenses. See the college profiles in this guide for cost estimates for one year of study at individual community colleges. Financial resources may come from any dependable source, including:

- Family funds.
- Your personal funds.
- Sponsorships.
- Scholarships.

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Extracurricular activities are those you pursue outside of your academic studies. These activities do not need to be directly related to your academic course of study or future education goals. They may include:

- Memberships in clubs.
- Volunteer work.
- Personal interests.
- Hobbies.
- Playing a musical instrument.

Let the college know about your extracurricular activities, as well as any prizes, awards, certificates, or medals you have won in competitions. Even if you are not asked specifically on the application form about your extracurricular activities, try to include that information. Colleges regard these kinds of activities highly because they can demonstrate your areas of interest, ability to work with others, and leadership potential.

**PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION**

Most community colleges require that you submit a record of your immunizations, signed by a physician. Contact the college’s international office to find out what is required. U.S. Customs may also require a record of certain immunizations before you are allowed to enter the United States.
WHY TALK ABOUT YOUR NONACADEMIC ACTIVITIES?
Even if you are not asked specifically on your college application form about your extracurricular activities, try to include this information. Colleges regard these activities highly because they show your areas of interest and leadership potential.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
Colleges may ask you for letters of recommendation. Make sure to read each college’s request carefully; some have specific requirements regarding who may submit a letter on your behalf. These letters are usually written by teachers, employers, or others who know you well enough to describe your talents, goals, interests, aptitude, or character. However, family members are not usually allowed to write these letters.

PERSONAL ESSAYS
Colleges may require that you write an essay, either on a specific topic or on a topic of your choice. The essay is often an important part of the application process; if you are asked to write an essay, take the assignment seriously. In your essay, describe yourself in a positive way, answer questions directly, and give specific examples to illustrate what you say about yourself. Ask people who know you to read your essay and give you advice so that the essay presents you, your talents, and your goals accurately. Make sure to check your grammar and spelling so that your essay is easy for an admissions officer to read. You may want to ask someone to proofread it for you.

INTERVIEWS
Most community colleges do not require that you interview with the admissions committee. If you are asked to participate in an interview, the college will give you details about the process and what to expect. You should practice your responses to some common questions prior to the scheduled interview. A teacher or counselor may be able to help by providing sample questions that are similar to interview questions you may be asked.
STUDY IN AMERICA
WEBSITE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- Interactive U.S. map to click through to college profiles
- Contains a complete list of all accredited and SEVP-approved community colleges
- Search college profiles by name of college, state, and/or academic programs
- Profiles link to college websites (and college contact e-mail addresses)
- Contains additional information not found in Profiles of U.S. Community Colleges print publication
- Drop down menus for quickly retrieving specific content
- Information about the 2+2 process
- Translation of information into Chinese, Vietnamese, Japanese, Korean, and Spanish

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OBTAINING AN F-1 STUDENT VISA

Eligibility

F-1 student visas may be granted to students that have been accepted to, and receive a Form I-20 from, an SEVP-approved, degree-granting academic or approved language program. For information about other types of student visas, see the Internet resources listed on page 122. Students seeking an F-1 visa must be able to demonstrate the following:

• Eligibility for the program of study.
• Adequate financial resources for at least one year of studying in the United States.
• Intent to return to your home country after completing your education goals.

Visa Application Process

An F-1 student visa can be issued up to 120 days before the program start date as stated on your Form I-20. Because visa processing times can vary widely, apply for a visa as early as possible to begin the process. Most of the requirements and application procedures for F-1 student visas are standardized, although some procedures can vary from country to country. For more details on applying for a student visa, visit the website of the U.S. embassy or consulate in your home country or the U.S. Department of State website. Four steps are required to apply for an F-1 visa:

1. Obtain a SEVIS Form I-20
   Once you have been accepted by a college, the college will give you a Form I-20 from that institution. The Form I-20 is required to apply for a visa but does not guarantee that one will be granted. (See page 32 for information about U.S. entry and customs requirements.)

   IMPORTANT!
   Make sure the name written on your SEVIS Form I-20 is spelled identically to the name on your passport. If it is not, you will be denied entry to the United States.

VISA INTERVIEW CHECKLIST

IMPORTANT:

1. Your name on your passport and all your forms must be spelled exactly the same way.
2. Your passport must be valid for at least six months beyond the proposed period of stay in the United States.

WHAT TO BRING TO YOUR VISA INTERVIEW

- SEVIS Form I-20.
- I-901 SEVIS payment receipt.
- Nonimmigrant Visa Electronic Application Form DS-160 confirmation page.
- Passport.
- Proof of financial ability to pay expenses for at least one year of study in the United States.
- High school diploma (or equivalent).
- Test scores (such as TOEFL and IELTS), if required by your college.
- Receipt for the Machine Readable Visa (MRV) surcharge fee.
2. Pay the SEVIS I-901 Fee

All F-1 visa students must pay a SEVIS I-901 fee, currently US$200, and show the payment receipt when applying for a visa. You pay the I-901 fee once, regardless of the number of acceptances you receive. The fee must be paid and fully processed before you arrive at the U.S. embassy or consulate for a visa interview. For information on how to pay the I-901 fee, go to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security website at https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee.

3. Submit the Nonimmigrant Visa Application

To obtain information and assistance with the visa application process, visit the EducationUSA website or an EducationUSA advising center close to your home. Advisers can explain the visa process and how to assemble and submit your application materials. Visa application forms can be found on the U.S. Department of State website at http://travel.state.gov/visa.

4. Schedule and Attend a Visa Interview

You are required to have a brief face-to-face interview at the U.S. embassy or consulate that has jurisdiction over the area where you live. It may take several days to schedule an interview, so plan ahead. The interview is very important in determining whether you will be issued a visa. You should dress professionally and answer questions as specifically as possible. Be prepared to explain why you want to study at a community college in the United States, your planned program of study, and how your choice of a community college will help you achieve your education goals. Be on time for the interview and remember to bring all items identified in the checklist.

### MAINTAINING F-1 STUDENT VISA STATUS

As long as you remain a full-time student attending the college that issued your Form I-20, you will legally maintain your student status, even if your student visa in your passport expires. You also need to:

- Make ongoing progress toward completing your course of study.
- Maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or better.
- Report any change of address to your college’s international office within 10 days of the change.
- Obey federal, state, and local laws.
- Engage in employment only when specifically authorized under visa regulations.

### DURATION OF STATUS (D/S)

F-1 visa students are permitted to remain in the United States for a D/S that includes:

- The time you are enrolled in college.
- Any additional period of Optional Practical Training (OPT).
- An additional 60 days after you complete your studies or OPT to prepare for departure from the United States.

### WHERE TO GO FOR MORE INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

Go to www.EducationUSA.info or visit an EducationUSA advising center to obtain information about:

- Applying for a visa.
- Assembling application materials.
- Preparing for an interview.

### Possible Visa Interview Questions

Q: Why do you want to study at a community college in the United States?

Q: What is your planned program of study?

Q: How do you plan to pay for your education?

Q: Where will you live while you are studying in the United States?

Q: How does your choice of a community college help you achieve your education goals?

Q: What do you plan to do after you have finished your education?
This chapter includes important information about what you need to do once you have been admitted to a college and have obtained your F-1 student visa. To help guide you through all the steps, we have created a checklist for your use.

ARRANGE FOR HOUSING

- Find a place to live before you pack your bags to attend college in the United States. Contact your college’s international office for assistance and make sure to confirm your housing arrangements before you arrive. (For a description of different types of housing, see page 35, “Living in the America.”)

MAKE MEDICAL PREPARATIONS

- Visit your doctor and ask about any vaccinations required for your trip. You can also check the U.S. Center for Disease Control website for requirements at www.cdc.gov/travel. In addition, contact your college’s international office to find out about any special vaccination requirements.

- Obtain from your doctor signed prescriptions of any medications you use, particularly those that contain narcotics or are administered by syringe. Penalties for smuggling narcotics into the United States are severe.

- Obtain an updated prescription from your eye doctor if you wear glasses or contact lenses in case you need a replacement while in the United States.

- Call the airline to learn the rules for carrying liquids or gel medications in your carry-on luggage. If not allowed, place these items in your checked baggage.

SCHEDULE YOUR ARRIVAL CAREFULLY

- Before scheduling your arrival date, pay special attention to visa and customs requirements for entering the United States. Your student visa does not guarantee entry into the United States; it allows you to travel only so far as the port of entry (airport or border crossing). For example, you may be refused entry into the United States if you arrive more than 30 days before or after the program start date, as stated on your Form I-20. Your college’s international office can confirm your compliance with all entry and customs requirements.
COPY IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

☐ Make three copies of your Form I-20 and the passport pages containing your photograph, passport number, expiration date, and the U.S. visa stamp.

☐ Keep these copies separate from your original documents. Put one copy in your carry-on luggage and one in your checked luggage. Leave one at home with your family.

PREPARE FOR YOUR FLIGHT

☐ Check the airline’s baggage allowances before packing your bags. You may have to pay extra for bags that exceed maximum weight and size allowances.

☐ Pack a change of clothing in your carry-on bag in case your checked luggage is delayed or lost.

☐ Label your luggage inside and outside with your name, your college’s name, and the address where you will be living. If your luggage is delayed or lost, this information will help the airline return it to you.

☐ Reconfirm your flights 72 hours before departure, and arrive at the airport at least two hours before departure.

For more information about U.S. entry and customs

☐ Read page 32, “Your Guide to a Smooth U.S. Entry”

☐ Obtain a fact sheet online at www.ice.gov/doclib/sevis/pdf/sevis_related_forms.pdf

☐ Contact the nearest U.S. embassy, consulate, or EducationUSA advising center.

DECIDE HOW MUCH MONEY TO CARRY

☐ Carry credit cards and traveler’s checks instead of large amounts of cash. However, be sure to exchange enough money for U.S. currency before departure or upon arrival at the airport to pay for your immediate expenses.

APPLIANCES

☐ Plan to buy small appliances (such as a hair dryer, electric razor, electric clock, and iron) in the United States. Those purchased in your home country may not operate in the United States because of the difference in voltage and electrical outlets.

IMPORTANT!

Appliances purchased in your home country may not operate in the United States because of the difference in voltage and electrical outlets.

ARRANGE FOR TRANSPORTATION

☐ You should contact your college’s international office to assist you with ground transportation to the college upon your arrival. Many community colleges provide free airport pick-up upon your initial arrival. Make sure to provide the college with a copy of your travel itinerary in advance.
YOUR GUIDE TO A SMOOTH U.S. ENTRY

Be sure you are in compliance with U.S. regulations to ensure that you will be allowed to enter the United States. Note that your student visa does not guarantee entry into the United States; it allows you to travel to the United States only as far as the port of entry. The immigration and customs officers make the final decision to allow or deny entry based on compliance with customs and immigration regulations. Check current U.S. entry and customs requirements again before your departure, because rules are subject to change. (Visit http://www.ice.gov/doclib/sevis/pdf/sevis_related_forms.pdf for additional information.)

BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY

Upon arriving in the United States and before claiming your luggage, you will first need to answer questions from U.S. customs officials and present required documentation. Customs officials will check that the following basic requirements are satisfied:

- You must be healthy.
- You must provide proof of vaccination if you were recently in a country with epidemics such as cholera or yellow fever.
- You must show statement of financial support.
- You must state your intent to leave the United States upon completion of your studies and after any OPT in which you participate.

WHAT NOT TO BRING INTO THE UNITED STATES

- Drugs or medications without a doctor’s prescription.
- Fruits and vegetables.
- Living plants, seeds, or soil.
- Meat and meat products.
- Firearms and ammunition.
- Products made from certain protected animals.

The sample questions and checklist of required documents provided in this chapter will help guide you in your preparations for entry and the customs interview.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY U.S. CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION

- Passport, valid for at least six months beyond the proposed period of stay in the United States.
- F-1 student visa.
- Form I-20.
- College acceptance letter.
- Evidence of financial resources.
- Paper receipt for the SEVIS fee, Form I-797.
- Completed Customs Declaration Forms (CF-6059).*
- Completed Arrival/Departure Record Form (I-94).*
- Name and contact information for your designated school official (DSO), including a 24-hour emergency contact number at the college.

* The CF-6059 and I-94 forms will be available from your flight attendant or at the port of entry.
Questions U.S. Customs Officials May Ask

Keep your answers simple and direct.

Q: What is your purpose for entering the United States?

Q: What is the name of the college you plan to attend? (Note: You must provide the name of the college that issued your SEVIS Form I-20 and is listed on your visa.)

Q: Where will you be living while in the United States?

Q: Are you bringing any prescriptions or narcotics, such as barbiturates, amphetamines, or marijuana, into the United States? (Note: These are illegal in the United States unless you have a prescription from your physician.)

Q: Do you have anything of value (not for your own personal use) to declare?

Q: Are you bringing any money into the United States with you? How much?

Q: Are you bringing any plants, fruits, meats, vegetables, clothing made from the skins of endangered animals, ivory, lottery tickets, obscene articles or publications, or switchblade knives into the United States? (Note: These are all prohibited.)

Note: Visit your International Student Office immediately after your arrival.
LIVING IN AMERICA

The best source for information, advice, and support about living in the United States is the international office at the college you will be attending. This office will be able to provide you with the answers you need or refer you to a person or office that can. It is also a good idea to purchase a travel guide for the region of the United States where you will be living. Such books offer general information about living in the United States and detailed information about specific regions and states.
HOUSING

You should plan to make housing arrangements through your college before you arrive. There are several options for consideration, whether you choose to live on or off campus.

Dormitories

More than 400 U.S. community colleges have campus dormitories (dorms)—buildings with rooms for students attending that college. See the digital version of Profiles for a list of community colleges with on-campus housing. Living in a dorm allows you to interact with fellow students and experience the camaraderie that is typical of college life. Most dorms provide meals in a common dining hall so that you can eat with other students and do not have to cook.

 Depending on the college, dorms may be all female, all male, or coed (female and male students living in the same building). If you have a preference for a particular type of dorm, inform your college’s international office and note your preference on the housing request form. Dorms usually consist of single rooms, shared rooms, or suites (bedrooms joined by a common living area).

 Bathrooms in dorms are often shared with other students. If you are admitted to a college that has dorms and you prefer to be housed in one, contact your college as soon as possible to request dorm housing. If it is unclear how to make the request, the international office can guide you.

Homestays

Homestay arrangements are designed to provide a rich intercultural experience. Living with a host family will provide you with excellent opportunities to practice English and experience U.S. life and culture firsthand. Many community colleges arrange homestays for a semester, a year, or other time period. Some host families provide meals, family activities, and transportation to the college. Host families often treat students as family members and spend time showing them around the local community.

“The community college provided dorms for students and was reasonably priced. I have never regretted my decision in choosing a community college and it is a great opportunity for anyone wanting to improve themselves and get a good education.”

- Varvara, Russia

Apartments

Apartments near the college campus provide you with opportunities to live on your own or with other students. Living with other students is a good way to make new friends and share expenses for rent and utilities. The college’s international office may keep a bulletin board with announcements of available apartments and other students who seek roommates. You can e-mail the college in advance of your departure so you can contact potential roommates before arriving. There are two types of apartments for rent:

- Furnished apartments include essential furniture such as beds, sofas, chairs, and tables.
- Unfurnished apartments may have only kitchen appliances, such as a refrigerator and stove.

Rooms for Rent

Your college’s international office may maintain a list of families and individuals in the local community who rent bedrooms in their homes. Usually, these rentals offer kitchen privileges. When choosing a room to rent, you should find out how far the home is from the college and make the necessary arrangements for transportation to and from the campus.
U.S. Currency

Paper money (also referred to as bills or cash) is all the same size and mostly green in color. Common U.S. denominations are $1, $5, $10, $20, $50, and $100. Larger denominations are not circulated.

Checking and Savings Accounts

It is a good idea to open a checking account to pay bills such as rent and utilities. You can deposit cash or traveler’s checks to open and maintain the account or have money wired from a bank in your home country for an additional fee.

MOST COMMONLY USED U.S. Bills and Coins

- **Penny:** copper colored, valued at $0.01 (1 cent)
- **Nickel:** silver colored, valued at $0.05 (5 cents)
- **Dime:** silver colored, valued at $0.10 (10 cents)
- **Quarter:** silver colored, valued at $0.25 (25 cents)
can deposit and withdraw money from a checking account at any time. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insures all U.S. bank accounts against loss up to US$250,000. If you want to keep money for future use and have it earn interest, you may want to also open a savings account. You can transfer money from a savings to a checking account, and you can withdraw savings at any time; however, you cannot write checks from a savings account.

**ATM, Debit, and Credit Cards**

Your bank will give you an automated teller machine (ATM) card to let you withdraw money from your checking or savings account at any time, even when the bank is closed. Some ATM cards are also debit cards that you can use like a credit card to make purchases. If you have an ATM card from a non-U.S. bank, ask the bank whether your personal identification number (PIN) will work in the United States. If you already have a major credit card (MasterCard, Eurocard, Access, Chargex, VISA, Barclaycard, Carte Bleue, or American Express), bring the card with you. This will allow U.S. banks to check your credit limit and help you obtain a credit card in the United States.

**Traveler’s Checks**

Traveler’s checks are a safe way to transport money. Do not countersign or date the checks until you are ready to use them. If unsigned traveler’s checks are lost or stolen, you can get them replaced easily.

**Exchanging Money**

You can exchange foreign currency at most banks, airports, major hotels, Travelex, and American Express offices. A fee may be charged. Daily exchange rates are available on the OANDA website at www.oanda.com and on the XE website at www.xe.com/ucc/.

**GETTING AROUND**

**Driving**

If you want to drive or buy a car in the United States, contact your college’s international office for information about the laws that apply in your state. Once you satisfy the legal requirements, you can drive in any state. Be aware that it is illegal to drive without a license or vehicle insurance.

**Public Transportation**

Many U.S. cities have public transportation such as subways, buses, or commuter trains. If you choose to live off campus, you may want to find out which forms of public transportation are available to get you from your residence to the college and obtain route maps, timetables, and fare information. Often this information is available online.
ACCLIMATING TO U.S. CULTURE

Cultural Differences

Because it is natural to miss your family, friends, and home country, you may experience some culture shock at the beginning of your stay in the United States. Culture shock is the process of adjusting to differences you may experience in a new country and culture. These differences include types of food, climate, lifestyle, scenery, and the pressure and fast pace of U.S. academic life. Be sure to ask both international and U.S. students to explain things that are unfamiliar to you. College counselors are available to talk with you about issues or problems you may experience. As you begin adjusting to U.S. culture and start knowing your way around, it will seem easier to adapt to and understand your new way of life and surroundings.

You can find more information about U.S. culture on the website of the U.S. embassy or consulate in your home country. Also talk to friends, family, or advisers that may have traveled to, or studied in, the United States. We offer a few basic tips on the next page.

WORKING IN THE UNITED STATES

While studying in the United States, you will not be allowed to undertake paid work except under the following circumstances:

- F-1 visa students may be eligible to work for the college where they are enrolled. Prior to starting work, you must obtain a Social Security number and complete a Form I-9 (Employment Eligibility Verification). On-campus student employment is limited to 20 hours per week while college is in session, but you may be able to work full time on campus during vacation or break periods as long as you are registered for classes in the following semester.

- F-1 visa students completing an associate degree can work for up to one year through an Optional Practical Training (OPT) program in their fields of study. OPT may be available on or off campus both during and after completion of your program of study. You do not need to change your visa status if you obtain OPT, but you will need written authorization from your college’s international student adviser.
Attire
- Casual attire—jeans, t-shirts, and sneakers or flip-flops are considered everyday casual wear by most young people. Casual attire is acceptable in classrooms.
- Business attire—suits, ties, and dress shirts and shoes are usually worn to job interviews, business offices, and sometimes to special events like weddings, funerals, or receptions.

Greetings
- People shake hands in formal settings or when meeting someone for the first time.
- Friends often greet each other with a hug or a kiss on the cheek.
Each state in the Pacific region borders the Pacific Ocean. Due to its large longitudinal span, the Pacific is arguably the most geographically diverse region, with mountain ranges to the north and California beaches to the south. The climate also changes drastically from the extreme cold of northern Alaska to the tropical weather of southern California or Hawaii.

See the Appendix for a complete list of all SEVP-approved community colleges in this region.
Alaska (AK)
Alaska is the largest but also the least densely populated state. It is well known for a naturally occurring phenomenon called the Aurora Borealis. Students studying in Alaska can observe this natural light show from August through April. Alaska is also known for its abundance of glaciers (large mountains of snow and ice jutting out of the ocean), which attract tourists throughout the year.

California (CA)
California offers students many opportunities to dive into U.S. culture and explore the American landscape through its beautiful beaches, magnificent mountains, world-renown vineyards, and giant redwood forests. Special adventures include visiting Disneyland and Hollywood, camping in the Muir Woods, and shopping on Rodeo Drive.

Hawaii (HI)
Hawaii is called the “Aloha State” because of the warm welcome it gives to visitors and tourists. The state consists of a series of beautiful and lush tropical islands in the Pacific Ocean, far away from the U.S. mainland. Students in Hawaii can spend their free time sunbathing on beautiful beaches, surfing, hiking through a rainforest, or learning about the unique Hawaiian culture.

Oregon (OR)
Oregon has majestic mountains and more than 360 miles of public coastline. Students in Oregon can experience the Columbia River gorge, world renowned for windsurfing; Crater Lake, the deepest lake in the U.S. that is located inside the remains of a dormant volcano; and Sea Lion Caves, the world’s largest sea cave.

Washington (WA)
Washington, well known for its incredible salmon fisheries, is home to several large international corporations, including Amazon.com, Microsoft, and Starbucks. With its numerous museums, galleries, festivals, mountain ranges, and vineyards, students have a wide choice of unique and diverse opportunities.
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International Students in the Pacific Region

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Coming to community college for my first two years was one of the best decisions I have made in my entire life.

- Mayu Inose

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My instructors are very helpful. Also, I receive a lot of help from the international center staff. They treat me as family, so it feels like I have another home here. Now I am moving forward to UCLA.

- Sherry Qin

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I was able to go to many great places and see amazing things. It was truly wonderful to get an outstanding education, transfer to a prestigious school, and have the most fun I could imagine.

- Hirotoshi Matsua

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I like the intimate sizes of each class, and the instructors seem happy to answer questions. I’ve expanded my capabilities and met a lot of friends. This experience will never be forgotten.

- Miho Kawamura
Bellevue College is located in a highly desirable, affluent metropolitan area of Seattle. We are the largest community college in the state of Washington attracting 38,000 students including over 1,000 international students from 65 different countries each year. Our beautiful park-like, safe campus is an excellent study environment. We offer university transfer, Bachelor’s degrees, an Intensive English Language Program, International Business Professions Program, associate of art degrees, associate of science degrees, and professional/technical specialty programs. We also offer a rich college life outside of class with over 80 student clubs, leadership and work opportunities on campus.

Bellevue College
Bellevue, Washington (WA)
www.bellevuecollege.edu

Number 1 for transfer rate to University of Washington among Washington community colleges. We offer comprehensive personal service to assist students in transferring to top U.S. universities.

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Accounting
- Business Management
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Environmental Sciences
- Interior Design
- International Business
- Music
- Nursing
- Pre-Medicine

Special Study Options
- ESL/Intensive English programs

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfers
- Counseling on visa/immigration matters
- Tutoring and study skills workshops

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- Volunteer programs

HOUSING SERVICES

- Homestays/Host families
- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
No deadlines, applications accepted year-round.

Minimum Test Scores Required
iBT TOEFL ...................................... 61
IELTS ............................................ 6

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
Tuition ...................................... $9,235
Rooms/Meals .............................. $9,000
Health Insurance .............................. $777
Books/Supplies ............................... $972
Other Expenses ............................. $1,224
TOTAL .................................... $21,208

Top 5 Transfer Universities
University of California - Berkeley (CA)
University of California - Los Angeles (CA)
University of Southern California (CA)
University of Washington (WA)
Washington State University (WA)

Popular Athletic Programs
Baseball
Basketball
Soccer
Tennis
Volleyball

Student Population
Total Students .............................. 37,000
Full-time Students ........................... 22,530
International Students .................... 1,027
Number of Countries Represented .......... 65

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Founded in 1883, Chaffey College is one of the oldest California community colleges. Fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, the college offers more than 100 academic programs. Students may complete an associate degree or the first two years of a baccalaureate program and then transfer to a public or private university. Students enjoy an exceptional educational experience including an excellent faculty, state-of-the-art facilities, small classes, and academic support programs. The college is located 10 miles north of the Ontario Airport and about an hour’s drive from beautiful beaches and mountains, Disneyland, Hollywood/LA, and Palm Springs.

Chaffey College
Rancho Cucamonga, California (CA)

www.chaffey.edu/international

The International Student Center welcomes new students and provides ongoing services to address the unique needs of international students for information, guidance and social connections.

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Accounting
- Aviation Maintenance Technology
- Biology
- Business Management
- Chemistry
- Computer Information System
- Culinary Arts
- Engineering
- Hospitality/Tourism
- Nursing

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Health center
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfers
- Counseling on visa/immigration matters
- Tutoring and study skills workshops

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- Volunteer programs

HOUSING SERVICES

- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus
- Referrals to housing assistance providers

Rancho Cucamonga Population: 165,269
Location Type: Suburban
Nearest International Airport: ONT

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
Spring: October 15, 2013
Summer: Not Applicable
Fall: May 15, 2014
Winter: Not Applicable

Minimum Test Scores Required
iBT TOEFL: 42
IELTS: 4.5

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
Tuition: $6,500
Rooms/Meals: $10,000
Health Insurance: $1,000
Books/Supplies: $1,000
Other Expenses: $500
TOTAL: $19,000

Top 5 Transfer Universities
- California Polytechnic State University - Pomona (CA)
- California State University - San Bernardino (CA)
- University of California - Berkeley (CA)
- University of California - Los Angeles (CA)
- University of California - Riverside (CA)

Popular Athletic Programs
- American Football
- Baseball
- Water Polo
- Basketball

Student Population
Total Students: 19,000
Full-time Students: 6,000
International Students: 225
Number of Countries Represented: 40

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* See college website for additional information
Chemeketa means “Place of Peace.” Personal service, individual advising, small classrooms, and excellent faculty create academic success. Our students study English, earn certificates and associate degrees, transfer to four-year universities, and prepare for graduate studies. We offer more than 80 academic majors as well as our Intensive English program. Explore your future with us. Come discover Chemeketa!

Chemeketa Community College
Salem, Oregon (OR)

www.international.chemeketa.edu

Student success is our goal. In fact 70% of our international students earn academic honor awards for their achievement. Discover your academic potential. Discover Chemeketa.

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Accounting
- Business Management
- Computer Science
- Early Childhood Education
- Engineering
- English as a Second Language (ESL)/Intensive English
- Nursing
- Visual and Performing Arts
- Web Programming and Design
- Wine Studies: Viticulture, Onology, Wine Marketing

Special Study Options
- ESL/Intensive English programs
- Summer programs

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfers
- Counseling on visa/immigration matters
- Free tutoring and study skills workshop
- Career development and Optional Practical Training advising

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- International Club, International Representative on student government
- Social and cultural activities off campus and at our Multicultural Center
- Volunteer and community service programs
- Cooperative Work Experience program

HOUSING SERVICES

- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus
- Homestays/Host families
- Referrals to housing assistance providers

* See college website for additional information

Salem Population: 154,510
Location Type: Urban
Nearest International Airport: PDX

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
Spring ..................... February 1, 2014
Summer ..................... May 1, 2014
Fall ..................... August 1, 2014
Winter ..................... November 1, 2013

Minimum Test Scores Required
iBT TOEFL ..................... Not Applicable
IELTS ..................... Not Applicable

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
Tuition ..................... $9,000
Rooms/Meals ..................... $6,000
Health Insurance ..................... $1,100
Books/Supplies ..................... $1,200
Other Expenses ..................... $700
TOTAL ..................... $18,000

Top 5 Transfer Universities
Oregon State University (OR)
Portland State University (OR)
University of Oregon (OR)
Western Oregon University (OR)
Willamette University (OR)

Popular Athletic Programs
Baseball
Basketball
Soccer
Softball
Volleyball

Student Population
Total Students ..................... 18,000
Full-time Students ..................... 7,000
International Students ..................... 150
Number of Countries Represented ..................... 28

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College of the Desert (COD) is a fully accredited college in Palm Springs, CA. COD prepares students for successful transfer to universities throughout the U.S. in a variety of majors in both the liberal arts and the sciences. The International Student Office offers services to assist our 220 international students including academic and immigration advising, housing, university transfer assistance, and activities. Students can also study English at our Intensive English Academy (IEA). The IEA offers 25 hours per week of instruction. Classes are offered from beginning to advanced levels and students who complete the IEA can enter COD without the TOEFL.

**ACADEMICS**

**Academic Programs of Interest**
- Architectural Design
- Business Management
- Biology
- Communication Studies
- Computer Science
- Culinary Arts
- Early Childhood Education
- Hospitality/Tourism
- Liberal Arts
- Visual and Performing Arts

**Special Study Options**
- ESL/Intensive English programs
- Summer programs

**SUPPORT SERVICES**
- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjusting to college life and U.S. culture
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfers
- Tutoring and study skills workshops
- Health Center
- Counseling on visa/immigration matters

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS**
- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs

**HOUSING SERVICES**
- Homestays/Host families
- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus

* See college website for additional information

**APPLICATION DEADLINES**

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**TOP 5 TRANSFER UNIVERSITIES**

1. California State University - Long Beach (CA)
2. California State University - San Bernardino (CA)
3. San Diego State University (CA)
4. University of California - Los Angeles (CA)
5. University of California - Riverside (CA)

**POPULAR ATHLETIC PROGRAMS**

- American Football
- Golf
- Baseball
- Tennis
- Basketball

**STUDENT POPULATION**

- Total Students: 10,000
- Full-time Students: 6,000
- International Students: 220
- Number of Countries Represented: 40

**INTERNATIONAL OFFICE**

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Evergreen Valley College is a California community college that offers international students the opportunity to complete courses for transfer, obtain AA and AS degrees and certificates, and improve their English skills. Our college is in Silicon Valley, nestled in the beautiful foothills. For qualified students, we offer internships with some of the most renowned companies in Silicon Valley. San Jose offers shopping, museums, international film festivals, theaters, clubs, and sports activities. We are a short drive to the Santa Cruz beach and the heart of San Francisco.

Evergreen Valley College
San Jose, California (CA)
www.evc.edu

Evergreen Valley College is located in Silicon Valley in the foothills of the mountains. We warmly welcome international students from around the world!

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Accounting
- Biology
- Business Management
- Chemistry
- Engineering
- Mathematics
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Surveying and Geomatics

Special Study Options
- Summer programs

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjusting to college life and U.S. culture
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Health Center
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfers
- Counseling on visa/immigration matters
- Tutoring and study skills workshops

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- Volunteer programs

HOUSING SERVICES

- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus
- Homestays/Host families

San Jose Population: 982,765
Location Type: Suburban
Nearest International Airport: SJC or SFO

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
No deadlines, applications accepted year-round.

Minimum Test Scores Required
- iBT TOEFL: 54
- IELTS: 6.5

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
- Tuition: $3,550
- Rooms/Meals: $12,000
- Health Insurance: $1,200
- Books/Supplies: $700
- Other Expenses: Included in other costs
- TOTAL: $17,450

Top 5 Transfer Universities
- East Bay Hayward State University (CA)
- San Jose State University (CA)
- Santa Clara University (CA)
- University of California - Berkeley (CA)
- University of California - Santa Cruz (CA)

Popular Athletic Programs
- Badminton
- Volleyball
- Soccer

Student Population
- Total Students: 16,531
- Full-time Students: 7,067
- International Students: 45
- Number of Countries Represented: 17

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Over the past 50 years, Foothill and De Anza Colleges, located in California’s world-famous Silicon Valley, have ranked among the top two-year colleges in the USA. With such distinctions as Export Achievement Award by U.S. Department of Commerce, California Professor of the Year, “the most beautiful community college” and former Chancellor Kanter’s appointment as the Undersecretary of the Department of Education, we are famous for outstanding academics and successful transfer to world-class universities. One of the largest college districts, we enroll 55,000 students, including 4,300 international students from 100 countries.

Foothill and De Anza Colleges

Los Altos Hills/Cupertino, California (CA)

www.international.fhda.edu

Foothill and De Anza Colleges have a stellar transfer reputation: #1 for transfer to University of California, and ranked #1 and #2 for transfer success among all community colleges in California.

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Accounting
- Adaptive Fitness Therapy
- Animation
- Anthropology
- Art History
- Athletic Injury Care
- Biological Sciences
- Business Management
- Chemistry
- Child Development

Special Study Options
- Summer programs

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Health Center
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfer
- Counseling on visa/immigration matters
- Tutoring and study skills workshops

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- Volunteer programs
- International Night celebration, Celebrity Forum tickets, Thanksgiving dinner

HOUSING SERVICES

- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus
- Homestays/Host families

Application Deadlines
- Spring: January 30, 2014
- Summer: Not Applicable
- Fall: June 30, 2014
- Winter: October 31, 2013

Minimum Test Scores Required
- iBT TOEFL: 61
- IELTS: 6.0

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
- Tuition: $6,300
- Rooms/Meals: $9,250
- Health Insurance: $1,452
- Books/Supplies: $1,500
- Other Expenses: $2,500
- TOTAL: $21,002

Top 5 Transfer Universities
- University of California - Berkeley (CA)
- University of California - Davis (CA)
- University of California - Los Angeles (CA)
- University of California - San Diego (CA)
- University of Southern California (CA)

Popular Athletic Programs
- American Football
- Soccer
- Badminton
- Tennis
- Basketball

Student Population
- Total Students: 55,000
- Full-time Students: 38,000
- International Students: 3,700
- Number of Countries Represented: 110

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

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Lane Community College is located in Eugene, OR, in the beautiful Willamette Valley of the Pacific Northwest, 90 minutes away from mountain ski slopes and a 60-mile drive from the Pacific Ocean. With the second-largest community college internship program in the U.S., students have the opportunity to graduate from top transfer universities with work experience on their resumes. Students live together in sustainable, intercultural communities in new eco-friendly housing and learn in small classes taught by nationally recognized faculty. Lane is also a member of the prestigious League for Innovation.

Lane Community College is nationally recognized for innovation and excellence in education. Attending Lane means unique experiences in a college-friendly city where you will achieve your dreams.

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Accounting
- Aviation Maintenance Technology
- Biology
- Business Management
- Computer Science
- Culinary Arts
- Economics
- Engineering
- Hospitality/Tourism
- Liberal Arts

Special Study Options
- ESL/Intensive English programs
- Summer programs

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Health Center
- Tutoring and study skills workshops
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfer

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- Volunteer programs
- Student government opportunities

HOUSING SERVICES

- On-campus housing
- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus
- Homestays/Host families

Eugene Population: 156,929
Location Type: Suburban
Nearest International Airport: EUG

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
Spring: March 1, 2014
Summer: June 1, 2014
Fall: August 1, 2014
Winter: December 1, 2013

Minimum Test Scores Required
iBT TOEFL: Not Applicable
IELTS: Not Applicable

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
Tuition: $9,000
Rooms/Meals: $7,000
Health Insurance: $900
Books/Supplies: $1,000
Other Expenses: $1,000
TOTAL: $18,900

Top 5 Transfer Universities
- Montana State University (MT)
- Oregon State University (OR)
- Portland State University (OR)
- University of Oregon (OR)
- University of Washington (WA)

Popular Athletic Programs
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Track and Field

Student Population
- Total Students: 20,000
- Full-time Students: 10,000
- International Students: 250
- Number of Countries Represented: 27

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Mt. San Antonio College (Mt. SAC) is one of the best and largest colleges in the U.S. with over 35,000 students pursuing degrees and certificates. We invite you to join our growing international student population, as we offer special services and programs that meet your academic and cultural needs. It’s the best place to start college and transfer to top American universities. Many international students enjoy their college experience here. Beyond academics, we offer a full range of student life activities, as well as award-winning performing arts and athletics, and top-ranking academic teams that compete across the U.S. Mt. SAC is where you belong!

Mt. San Antonio College
Walnut, California (CA)  
www.mtsac.edu

Mt. SAC’s 425-acre campus is located 25 miles east of Los Angeles. We’re next door to California Polytechnic University (Cal Poly) and close to lots of entertainment and cultural attractions.

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Accounting
- Architectural Design
- Aviation Maintenance Technology
- Biology
- Computer Information Systems
- Culinary Arts
- Engineering
- Film and TV Production
- Liberal Arts
- Nursing

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Tutoring and study skills workshops
- Health Center
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfer

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- Student Leadership Opportunities
- Performing arts and athletics

HOUSING SERVICES

- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus
- Referrals to housing assistance providers

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
Spring ........................................... November 4, 2013
Summer ........................................ April 7, 2014
Fall .................................................. June 2, 2014
Winter .......................................... Not Applicable

Minimum Test Scores Required
iBT TOEFL ........................................... 45
IELTS ............................................... 5

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
Tuition .................................................. $5,672
Rooms/Meals ...................................... $11,920
Health Insurance ................................. $1,434
Books/Supplies .................................. $1,200
Other Expenses ...................................
TOTAL ........................................... $20,226

Top 5 Transfer Universities
California Polytechnic University (CA)
California State University - Fullerton (CA)
University of California - Berkeley (CA)
University of California - Los Angeles (CA)
University of Southern California (CA)

Popular Athletic Programs
American Football  Soccer
Baseball  Softball
Basketball

Student Population
Total Students .................................... 60,000
Full-time Students ............................... 34,700
International Students ......................... 533
Number of Countries Represented ............ 35

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Walnut Population: ......................... 30,607
Location Type: .............................. Suburban
Nearest International Airport: ............. ONT

* See college website for additional information
North Seattle Community College

Seattle, Washington (WA)
http://ip.northseattle.edu

North Seattle Community College (NSCC) is a two-year, public college known for the breadth of its educational choices, the support it provides its students, and the excellence of its instruction. Established in 1970, NSCC has enabled more than 180,000 students to pursue their educational goals. NSCC is located five miles north of the Seattle city center in a quiet residential neighborhood. Its modern campus occupies 62 acres, including 11 acres of environmentally sensitive wetlands.

**ACADEMICS**

**Academic Programs of Interest**
- Accounting
- Biology
- Business Management
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Early Childhood Education
- Economics
- Engineering
- English as a Second Language (ESL)/Intensive English
- Physics

**Special Study Options**
- High school enrollment programs
- Summer programs

**SUPPORT SERVICES**

- Orientation and resident life activities
- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Counseling on visa/immigration matters
- Tutoring and study skills workshops
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfer
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS**

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- Volunteer programs

**HOUSING SERVICES**

- Special dormitory-style housing near campus
- Homestays/Host families
- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus

**A QUICK LOOK**

**Application Deadlines**
No deadlines, applications accepted year-round.

**Minimum Test Scores Required**
- iBT TOEFL: Not Applicable
- IELTS: Not Applicable

**Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)**
- Tuition: $10,324
- Rooms/Meals: $6,996
- Health Insurance: $567
- Books/Supplies: $900
- Other Expenses: $500
- TOTAL: $19,287

**Top 5 Transfer Universities**
- Purdue University (IN)
- Seattle University (WA)
- University of California - Berkeley (CA)
- University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign (IL)
- University of Washington (WA)

**Popular Athletic Programs**
No Athletic Programs

**Student Population**
- Total Students: 13,000
- Full-time Students: 8,000
- International Students: 1,000
- Number of Countries Represented: 50

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*See college website for additional information*
Olympic College is a two-year public college in Washington State that offers more than 65 different degrees and certificates in academic transfer and professional-technical programs. The campus in Bremerton is located on a 33-acre site framed by views of the Olympic Mountains, Mt. Rainier, saltwater inlets, and the Cascade Mountains. The city of Bremerton is a safe community and the ideal home base from which to explore and experience the West Coast. With regular ferry service to Seattle, which is less than an hour away, Bremerton offers the perfect opportunity to enjoy the small town atmosphere with all of the excitement and perks of the culturally diverse city of Seattle.

### ACADEMICS

**Academic Programs of Interest**
- Biology
- Business Management
- Chemistry
- Communication Studies
- Computer Information Systems
- Engineering
- Mathematics
- Nursing
- Political Science
- Psychology

**Special Study Options**
- ESL/Intensive English programs
- High school enrollment programs
- Summer programs

### SUPPORT SERVICES

- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfer
- Tutoring and study skills workshops
- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy

### STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- Volunteer programs
- Professional sporting events off campus

### HOUSING SERVICES

- On-campus housing
- Homestays/Host families
- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus

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Intensive English and High School Completion classes count as dual credit towards transfer associate degrees. Also guaranteed transfer with select universities and residential hall on campus.

### A QUICK LOOK

**Application Deadlines**
No deadlines, applications accepted year-round.

**Minimum Test Scores Required**
- iBT TOEFL: Not Applicable
- IELTS: Not Applicable

**Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)**
- Tuition: $9,430
- Rooms/Meals: $5,500
- Health Insurance: $666
- Books/Supplies: $600
- Other Expenses: $1,560
- TOTAL: $17,756

**Top 5 Transfer Universities**
- Pacific Lutheran University (WA)
- University of Oregon (OR)
- University of Southern California (CA)
- University of Washington (WA)
- Washington State University (WA)

**Popular Athletic Programs**
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Golf
- Soccer
- Softball

**Student Population**
- Total Students: 14,500
- Full-time Students: 7,700
- International Students: 110
- Number of Countries Represented: 23

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* See college website for additional information
Orange Coast College (OCC), a part of the Coast Community College District, is a two-year community college located just a few minutes from beautiful Southern California beaches. OCC offers more than 130 academic and career programs that lead to associate of arts and science degrees, Certificates of Achievement, as well as transfer to four-year universities. The college’s expansive 164-acre campus includes state-of-the-art facilities including a spacious library, modern learning labs, and a student health center. OCC ranks as one of the leading transfer schools in California for sending graduates to the University of California and California State University systems.

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**ACADEMICS**

**Academic Programs of Interest**
- Accounting
- Architectural Design
- Business Management
- Computer Information Systems
- Culinary Arts
- Engineering
- Fashion Design
- Film and TV Production
- Graphic Design
- Hospitality/Tourism

**Special Study Options**
- Summer programs

**SUPPORT SERVICES**
- Advising on F-1 Visa regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Health Center
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfers
- Free tutoring, study skills workshops, and computer labs

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS**
- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations
- 50 active on-campus organizations and clubs
- Student government and leadership programs

**HOUSING SERVICES**
- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus
- Referrals to housing assistance providers
- Homestay information and referrals

**INFORMATION**

Costa Mesa Population: ..................... 109,960
Location Type: .................... Suburban
Nearest International Airport: ........ SNA

**A QUICK LOOK**

**Application Deadlines**
- Spring: December 6, 2013
- Summer: April 18, 2014
- Fall: July 11, 2014
- Winter: Not Applicable

**Minimum Test Scores Required**
- iBT TOEFL: 61
- IELTS: 5.5

**Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)**
- Tuition: $6,360
- Rooms/Meals: $10,800
- Health Insurance: $1,152
- Books/Supplies: $1,600
- Other Expenses: Included in other costs
- TOTAL: $19,912

**Top 5 Transfer Universities**
- California State University - Fullerton (CA)
- California State University - Long Beach (CA)
- University of California - Berkeley (CA)
- University of California - Irvine (CA)
- University of California - Los Angeles (CA)

**Popular Athletic Programs**
- Golf
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track and Field

**Student Population**
- Total Students: 24,000
- Full-time Students: 18,000
- International Students: 700
- Number of Countries Represented: 60

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Founded in 1929, Santa Monica College (SMC) is a California state public institution regionally accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Recognized as one of the best community colleges in California and the nation, SMC provides the first two years of an American university education. SMC is recognized as being number one in transfers to the University of California, Los Angeles, and the University of Southern California. About 32,000 students, 10% of whom are international students from more than 100 countries, attend SMC.

**ACADEMICS**

**Academic Programs of Interest**
- Accounting
- Biology
- Business Management
- Communication Studies
- Computer Information Systems
- Early Childhood Education
- Fashion Design
- Film and TV Production
- Fine and Applied Arts
- Visual and Performing Arts

**Special Study Options**
- ESL/Intensive English programs
- Summer programs

**SUPPORT SERVICES**

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Health center
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfers
- Counseling on visa/immigration matters
- Tutoring and study skills workshops

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS**

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- Volunteer programs

**HOUSING SERVICES**

- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus
- Homestays/Host families
- Referrals to housing assistance providers

**A QUICK LOOK**

**Application Deadlines**
- Spring: November 15, 2013
- Summer: April 15, 2014
- Fall: June 15, 2014
- Winter: October 15, 2013

**Minimum Test Scores Required**
- iBT TOEFL: 45
- IELTS: 5.0

**Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)**
- Tuition: $7,560
- Rooms/Meals: $11,809
- Health Insurance: $588
- Books/Supplies: $1,650
- Other Expenses: $4,893
- TOTAL: $26,500

**Top 5 Transfer Universities**
- California State University - Northridge (CA)
- Loyola Marymount University (CA)
- University of California - Berkeley (CA)
- University of California - Los Angeles (CA)
- University of Southern California (CA)

**Popular Athletic Programs**
- American Football
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Tennis

**Student Population**
- Total Students: 32,000
- Full-time Students: 8,000
- International Students: 3,200
- Number of Countries Represented: 120

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Why do 1,700 international students attend Seattle Central every year? Our two-year college transfer ("2+2") degree comes with a guaranteed transfer to many universities, including the prestigious Johns Hopkins University Carey Business School. Also, if you are at least 16, you can join FAST TRACK, earning your high school diploma and college transfer degree at the same time. Or, if you're interested in a second career, we offer 20 professional and technical programs in high-demand fields. Seattle Central awards $85,000 a year in international student scholarships, and provides on-campus housing and extra-curricular activities, all in an exciting downtown Seattle location!

Seattle Central is located in beautiful, safe, downtown Seattle. We offer the college transfer ("2+2") degree, technical certificates/degrees, high school completion, and short-term certificates.

ACADEMIICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Accounting
- Biology
- Business Management
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Graphic Design
- Hospitality/Tourism
- Pre-Medicine
- Psychology

Special Study Options
- ESL/Intensive English programs
- High School/College dual degree program
- Summer programs

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfer
- Counseling on visa/immigration matters
- Tutoring and study skills workshops

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- Volunteer programs

HOUSING SERVICES

- On-campus housing
- Homestays/Host families
- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
Spring ........................................ February 15, 2014
Summer ....................................... May 10, 2014
Fall ........................................ August 1, 2014
Winter ....................................... November 15, 2013

Minimum Test Scores Required
iBT TOEFL ........................................... 52
IELTS ........................................... 5

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
Tuition ............................................. $9,500
Rooms/Meals .................................... $7,000
Health Insurance ................................. $600
Books/Supplies ................................ $900
Other Expenses ................................ $1,500
TOTAL ........................................... $19,500

Top 5 Transfer Universities
Johns Hopkins University Carey Business School (DC)
University of Washington (WA)
San Francisco State University (CA)
Seattle University (WA)
Washington State University (WA)

Popular Athletic Programs
Badminton  Soccer
Basketball  Volleyball

Student Population
Total Students ................................... 10,000
Full-time Students ................................ 6,000
International Students ............................ 1,700
Number of Countries Represented ............. 70

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Established in 1964, Shoreline Community College is a 15-minute drive to downtown Seattle. We offer a beautiful campus in a safe, quiet location; excellent student services; comprehensive English as a second language classes; and a high-quality yet affordable program to transfer easily to universities throughout the United States. Seattle is also a culturally rich, friendly, and dynamic city. Concerts, theater, skiing, sailing, and hiking are all nearby. Shoreline’s international students enjoy a comfortable, friendly campus with free tutoring services, over 45 student clubs, and personalized academic advising.

Shoreline Community College
Seattle, Washington (WA)
www.shoreline.edu

Shoreline Community College’s international student graduates have an average GPA of 3.54. Free tutoring services, a beautiful campus, and small classes make Shoreline an excellent choice.

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Biology
- Business Management
- Chemistry
- Communication Studies
- Computer Information Systems
- Engineering
- Graphic Design
- Fine and Applied Arts
- Pre-MBA
- Psychology

Special Study Options
- ESL/Intensive English programs
- High school enrollment programs
- Summer programs

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfer
- Counseling on visa/immigration matters
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Tutoring and study skills workshops
- International Peer Mentors
- Conditional Guaranteed Transfer Admission

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- Over 50 clubs on campus
- Student Government

HOUSING SERVICES

- Homestays/Host families
- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus

Seattle Population: ........................................ 608,660
Location Type: ............................................ Urban
Nearest International Airport: ......................... SEA

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
No deadlines, applications accepted year-round.

Minimum Test Scores Required
- iBT TOEFL ........................................ Not Applicable
- IELTS ................................................ Not Applicable

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
- Tuition .................................................. $9,720
- Rooms/Meals ....................................... $5,625
- Health Insurance .................................. $777
- Books/Supplies .................................... $750
- Other Expenses ...................................... $1,050
- TOTAL ................................................ $17,922

Top 5 Transfer Universities
- Seattle University (WA)
- University of California (CA)
- University of Indiana (IN)
- University of Oregon (OR)
- University of Washington (WA)

Popular Athletic Programs
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Soccer

Student Population
- Total Students ......................................... 10,000
- Full-time Students .................................. 5,500
- International Students ......................... 750
- Number of Countries Represented .............. 37

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The West is more mountainous and wide open than the other regions of the United States, with small towns scattered across large sections of grazing land, mountain, or desert. The climate is typically quite hot and dry in the summers, with temperatures often reaching more than 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 Celsius). The Rocky Mountains and the Great Basin are located in the West, which plays a significant part in American folklore and many popular movies, known as “westerns,” that feature gunfighters, cowboys, and saloons.

See the Appendix for a complete list of all SEVP-approved community colleges in this region.
Arizona (AZ)
Arizona has limitless options that make it an ideal setting for students to study and explore, both indoors and outside. The yearlong summer environment offers miles of trails for hiking, biking, and horseback riding. The Grand Canyon, one of the natural wonders of the world, is located in Arizona, as is the world’s largest Ponderosa pine tree forest.

Colorado (CO)
Situated in the Rocky Mountain region of the United States, Colorado offers the charms of mountain living and outstanding winter sports activities. Home to wild rivers and plains and famous mountain resorts such as Aspen and Vail, Colorado offers an excellent environment for students wishing to study and enjoy the great outdoors at the same time.

Idaho (ID)
Idaho is home to one of North America’s oldest ski resorts, Sun Valley, where the world’s first chairlift was installed. Snow sports are popular here. During the warmer months, whitewater rafting and kayaking are major pastimes. Hell’s Canyon and the Salmon River boast some of North America’s finest whitewater. The state motto is “Esto Perpetua,” Latin for, “Let it be forever.”

Montana (MT)
Montana, the “Big Sky” state, offers breathtaking panoramic views and bountiful opportunities for snow skiing and phenomenal trout fishing. Students in Montana can also visit the historic location of General Custer’s Battle of Little Bighorn; retrace the footsteps of Lewis and Clark, two famous explorers of the American Frontier; or visit Yellowstone National Park and Glacier National Park.

Nevada (NV)
Called the gambling capital of the United States, Nevada is also the largest producer of gold in the country. Nevada boasts of short, chilly winters that provide a perfect climate to experience a variety of activities. Students can enjoy Nevada’s world-renown golf courses, mountain trails, and ski resorts, as well as visit Las Vegas and the Hoover Dam.
Students in New Mexico can experience a unique U.S. culture with strong Hispanic and Native American influences. The state also has a large number of national parks and many picturesque national monuments for students to explore, as well as beautiful scenic deserts, forested mountain wildernesses, vast mesas, and snow-capped mountains.

Utah is well known for its unique environment with 14 alpine ski resorts, 5 national parks, 7 national monuments, and 6 national forests. Mormon pioneers, who traveled across the U.S. desert to what they believed to be the Promised Land, settled the state. Students in Utah can visit the Great Salt Lake and Rainbow Bridge and listen to the famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

Wyoming offers the allure and fascination traditionally associated with the American West. Many small towns have retained their old western atmosphere and proximity to working ranches. Students can experience the wonders of both Yellowstone and the Grand Teton National Parks and enjoy outdoor activities such as boating, fishing, and hiking.
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International Students in the West Region

I like how the faculty and staff here take care of students. They don’t just want to know our grades. They want to know what we want to do when classes are finished, so they can help guide us to it.

- Vanessa Ferreira

I learned determination, character, ambition, and pride.

- Rabia Jama

The International Student Center was a huge help. I like the fact that the faculty and staff here want to get to know you.

- Steve Lawson

My experience has been great! If a problem ever arose, the staff was willing to go above and beyond to get it resolved. I have also had the pleasure of meeting several wonderful people, who will be lifelong friends.

- Ryan Lujan
Colorado is a beautiful place and Arapahoe Community College is the perfect place to study. Do you want to transfer to a university to get a bachelor’s degree? Then start here and take your general education classes and then transfer whenever you are ready. Classes are small and the instructors are here to help you. We also have 130 different degrees and certificates in areas such as graphic design, automotive, medical lab technology, and many others.

Arapahoe Community College

Littleton, Colorado (CO)

www.arapahoe.edu

We are two hours from the best skiing in America. We will also offer you the best education you can ask for, including a person who can help with immigration questions.

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Accounting
- Architectural Design
- Automotive Technology
- Business Management
- Computer Information Systems
- Early Childhood Education
- Graphic Design
- Interior Design
- Lab Technician
- Physical Therapy

SUPPORT SERVICES
- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfers
- Counseling on visa/immigration matters
- Tutoring and study skills workshops

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS
- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs

HOUSING SERVICES
- Homestays/Host families

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
No deadlines, applications accepted year-round.

Minimum Test Scores Required
- iBT TOEFL: 57
- IELTS: 5.5

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
- Tuition: $11,000
- Rooms/Meals: $13,000
- Health Insurance: $4,000
- Books/Supplies: $1,200
- Other Expenses: Included in other costs
- TOTAL: $29,200

Top 5 Transfer Universities
- Colorado State University (CO)
- Metropolitan State College - Denver (CO)
- Regis University (CO)
- University of Colorado - Denver (CO)
- University of Denver (CO)

Popular Athletic Programs
- No athletic programs

Student Population
- Total Students: 8,500
- Full-time Students: 6,000
- International Students: 50
- Number of Countries Represented: 25

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Glendale Community College (GCC) offers international students superior academic opportunities, unique cultural experiences, and an attractive campus environment. Students who complete a program here can transfer easily to Arizona State University—listed in the top 100 universities in the world. GCC is a fully accredited two-year institution of higher education located in Glendale, a suburb of Phoenix, AZ.

Glendale Community College
Glendale, Arizona (AZ)

www.gccaz.edu/international

Glendale Community College - AZ (or GCC-AZ) has the look and feel of a university campus with the student support and services of community college.

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Accounting
- Animation
- Anthropology
- Astronomy
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Communication Studies
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice

Special Study Options
- ESL/Intensive English programs

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfers
- Counseling on visa/immigration matters
- Tutoring and study skills workshops

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- Volunteer programs

HOUSING SERVICES

- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus
- Homestays/Host families
- Referrals to housing assistance providers

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
Spring .................................................. November 1, 2013
Summer ................................................ Not Applicable
Fall .......................................................... July 1, 2014
Winter .................................................... Not Applicable

Minimum Test Scores Required
iBT TOEFL ............................................... Not Applicable
IELTS ..................................................... Not Applicable

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
Tuition .................................................. $7,810
Rooms/Meals ........................................ $10,140
Health Insurance .................................. $1,100
Books/Supplies ..................................... $1,100
Other Expenses .................................... Included in other costs
TOTAL ................................................ $20,150

Top 5 Transfer Universities
Arizona State University (AZ)
Grand Canyon University (AZ)
Northern Arizona University (AZ)
University of Arizona (AZ)
Western International University (AZ)

Popular Athletic Programs
American Football  Soccer
Baseball  Softball
Basketball

Student Population
Total Students ...................................... 20,000
Full-time Students ................................... 10,000
International Students ............................. 140
Number of Countries Represented ............. 50

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NWC is a residential community college in the town of Powell, WY, just 90 minutes from Yellowstone Park. Students enjoy our affordable tuition, flexible application and excellent academics.

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ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Agriculture
- Biology
- Business Management
- Communication Studies
- Criminal Justice
- Engineering
- Film and TV Production
- Graphic Design
- Journalism
- Visual and Performing Arts

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Health Center
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfers
- Counseling on visa/immigration matters
- Tutoring and study skills workshops

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- Volunteer programs

HOUSING SERVICES

- On-campus housing
- Special dormitory-style housing near campus

Application Deadlines
No deadlines, applications accepted year-round.

Minimum Test Scores Required
- iBT TOEFL: Not Applicable
- IELTS: Not Applicable

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
- Tuition: $6,448
- Rooms/Meals: $4,890
- Health Insurance: $900
- Books/Supplies: $1,000
- Other Expenses: $2,110
- TOTAL: $15,348

Top 5 Transfer Universities
- Montana State University - Billings (MT)
- Montana State University - Bozeman (MT)
- University of Montana (MT)
- University of Wyoming (WY)
- Valley City State University (ND)

Popular Athletic Programs
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Soccer

Student Population
- Total Students: 1,900
- Full-time Students: 1,000
- International Students: 80
- Number of Countries Represented: 33

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Phoenix College (PC) offers more than 200 programs of study for university transfer, career training, and personal development on a campus lined with beautiful trees and historic red brick buildings. Our student body reflects the diverse, multicultural city it serves—more than 12,500 students originating from the U.S. and 102 additional countries. Small, personalized classes, a vibrant campus life, outstanding student support services, and a multicultural student body combine to create a college experience that is second to none. Browse our International Student Guide at www.phoenixcollege.edu/international-guide.

Phoenix College
Phoenix, Arizona (AZ)

www.phoenixcollege.edu/international

A rich history and a cutting-edge learning environment coexist at Phoenix College, providing students with a world-class educational experience tailored to fit their needs.

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Accounting
- Business (Administration, Management)
- Computer Information Systems
- Engineering
- English
- Fashion Merchandising
- Forensic Science
- General Studies/University Transfer
- Health Information Management
- Nursing

Special Study Options
- High school enrollment programs

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfers
- Orientation and international student services
- ESL and foreign student advisement
- Student visa application information and processing
- Tutoring and study skills workshops

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- More than 25 student clubs
- Student government
- Model United Nations
- Honors program

HOUSING SERVICES

- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus
- Homestays/Host families
- Referrals to housing assistance providers

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
Spring ............... November 1, 2013
Summer ....................... Not Applicable
Fall ....................... July 1, 2014
Winter ............... Not Applicable

Minimum Test Scores Required
iBT TOEFL ......................... 61
IELTS ......................... 5.5

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
Tuition ....................... $7,810
Rooms/Meals ....................... $10,140
Health Insurance ....................... $1,100
Books/Supplies ....................... $1,100
Other Expenses ....................... Included in other costs
TOTAL ....................... $20,150

Top 5 Transfer Universities
Arizona State University (AZ)
Grand Canyon University (AZ)
Northern Arizona University (AZ)
University of Arizona (AZ)
Western International University (AZ)

Popular Athletic Programs
American Football
Basketball
Softball
Volleyball
Soccer

Student Population
Total Students ....................... 12,565
Full-time Students ....................... 7,137
International Students ....................... 102
Number of Countries Represented ....................... 47

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Location Type: ...................... Urban
Nearest International Airport: .................. PHX

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Phoenix Population: ...................... 1,445,632
Location Type: ...................... Urban
Nearest International Airport: .................. PHX
Set in the beautiful Sonoran Desert in Tucson, AZ, Pima Community College is a cultural and educational oasis for international students. As one of the largest community colleges in the U.S., we offer over 100 programs on six campuses and more than 140 off-campus teaching sites. PCC welcomes hundreds of international students to learn with award-winning faculty in outstanding facilities. PCC meets the needs of the community by offering instruction when and how our students want it: evenings, weekends, year-round, in traditional classroom settings, online, in web-classroom hybrids, and in semester-long or accelerated formats.

Pima Community College
Tucson, Arizona (AZ)

www.pima.edu/current-students/international-students/

Pima Community College offers extensive English-language instruction, small classes, outstanding faculty, state-of-the-art facilities, affordable tuition, easy transfer and beautiful location.

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Biology
- Business Management
- Computer Information Systems
- Engineering
- Graphic Design
- Liberal Arts
- Mathematics
- Nursing
- Physics
- Translation and Interpretation Studies

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfer
- Tutoring and study skills workshops

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs

HOUSING SERVICES

- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus

Tucson Population: 525,796
Location Type: Urban
Nearest International Airport: TUS

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
Spring: October 1, 2014
Summer: April 1, 2014
Fall: June 1, 2014
Winter: Not Applicable

Minimum Test Scores Required
iBT TOEFL: 61
IELTS: Not Applicable

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
Tuition: $8,048
Rooms/Meals: $9,400
Health Insurance: $948
Books/Supplies: $1,600
TOTAL: $19,996

Top 5 Transfer Universities
- Arizona State University (AZ)
- Eastern New Mexico University (NM)
- Northern Arizona University (AZ)
- University of Arizona (AZ)
- University of Phoenix (AZ)

Popular Athletic Programs
- American Football
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Softball
- Track and Field

Student Population
Total Students: 62,000
Full-time Students: 19,200
International Students: 300
Number of Countries Represented: 37

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AQUICKLOOK

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PROFILES OF U.S. COMMUNITY COLLEGES www.aacc.nche.edu/study-in-america
Welcome to Western Wyoming Community College. We are located in Rock Springs, WY, a safe, rural environment in the least-populated (but ninth-largest!) state in the United States. With a population of 22,000, Rock Springs is the fourth-largest town in Wyoming. Wyoming is known as the “Equality State” and the “Cowboy State.” The closest cities are Salt Lake City, UT, (180 miles or 290 kilometers) and Denver, CO, (350 miles or 560 kilometers).

Western Wyoming Community College is starting a Mustang Mentor program designed to help international students get connected with U.S. students and the surrounding area.

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Anthropology
- Biology
- Business Management
- Communication Studies
- Diesel Technology
- Electronics
- Engineering
- Geology
- Marketing/Advertising
- Visual and Performing Arts

Special Study Options
- ESL/Intensive English programs

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfers
- Tutoring and study skills workshops

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- Volunteer programs

HOUSING SERVICES

- On-campus housing

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
Spring .................................................. November 1, 2013
Summer ........................................ Not Applicable
Fall ...................................................... June 15, 2014
Winter .............................................. Not Applicable

Minimum Test Scores Required
iBT TOEFL .............................................. 32
IELTS .................................................. 4

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
Tuition .................................................. $5,786
Rooms/Meals ....................................... $4,275
Health Insurance ................................ $750
Books/Supplies ................................... $3,760
Other Expenses ................................... $500
TOTAL .............................................. $15,071

Top 5 Transfer Universities
Colorado State University (CO)
University of Northern Colorado (CO)
University of Utah (UT)
University of Wyoming (WY)
Utah State University (UT)

Popular Athletic Programs
Basketball
Soccer
Volleyball
Wrestling

Student Population
Total Students ...................................... 4,013
Full-time Students ................................ 1,310
International Students ........................... 35

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

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The Midwest is often referred to as “America’s Heartland” and covers the geographic center of the United States. The states of the Midwest are relatively flat, consisting of either plains or small hills with rich farmland. The Great Lakes are an important network of waterways bordering the northern part of the Midwest. Climate varies significantly from summer to winter, and it gets both hot and quite cold in most of the region. Large snowfalls are common in the northern parts of the Midwest.

See the Appendix for a complete list of all SEVP-approved community colleges in this region.
Illinois (IL)
Home to Chicago, the third most densely populated city in the United States, Illinois is a major hub for transportation and commerce. Students studying in Illinois can experience the culture and benefits of living in a major metropolitan area or in a vast countryside of farmland on the interior plains. Illinois is also the home of the 44th U.S. president, Barack Obama.

Indiana (IN)
Indiana, the “Hoosier State,” is located in the Great Lakes region, a center for mass marketing and manufacturing. Students studying here can rejuvenate in mineral springs; explore Wyandotte Cave, one of the largest caves in the nation; and enjoy major sports teams and athletic events that include the NBA’s Indiana Pacers, the Indianapolis 500 motor race, and the Hilly Hundred bicycle tour.

Iowa (IA)
Iowa is often called “Food Capital of the World” because of its extensive agricultural history. Today, Iowa has a diversified economy that includes manufacturing, financial services, and biotechnology. Tourist attractions include U.S. President Herbert Hoover’s birthplace and library and Effigy Mounds, a prehistoric Native American burial site.

Kansas (KS)
Centrally located in the U.S. heartland, Kansas provides many examples of small-town America. The state is home to historic western towns, the Eisenhower Presidential Library, and the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center. Students studying in Kansas can experience life on the prairie, where the American bison still dwell, while engaging in a wide variety of educational offerings.

Kentucky (KY)
Kentucky, the “Bluegrass State,” is known for its racehorses, musical traditions, local cuisine, and American folk heritage. The state boasts more miles of running water than any other state except Alaska. Students can explore Mammoth Cave, Cumberland Falls, and Lost River Cave, as well as attend the Kentucky Derby and Louisville Shakespeare Festival.
Michigan (MI)
As the center of U.S. automobile production, Michigan is one of the most important manufacturing areas in the world. Bordering four of the five Great Lakes, Michigan has excellent fishing and water sports opportunities. Home to the Henry Ford Museum, Detroit Institute of the Arts, and Detroit Zoo, Michigan offers students a historic perspective of U.S. industry and culture.

Minnesota (MN)
Nicknamed the “Land of 10,000 Lakes” and home to more than 100 state parks and forests, Minnesota offers students opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. Ranked as one of the healthiest states and also having a high level of literacy, Minnesota is conducive to student learning. Some of the largest corporations in the U.S., including 3M and General Mills, are headquartered in Minnesota.

Missouri (MO)
Missouri is known for its unique barbeque flavors and the St. Louis World’s Fair where the ice cream cone was invented. Students can visit the Gateway Arch, Titanic Museum, and numerous underground caverns. Bordering nine other states, Missouri offers students the opportunity to learn and experience a diversity of U.S. culture.

Nebraska (NE)
Nebraska is the headquarters for several large investment and insurance companies, including Berkshire Hathaway, Mutual of Omaha, and TD Ameritrade. Students studying in Nebraska can explore the Agate Fossil Beds and the picturesque Niobrara National Scenic River, Chimney Rock National Historic Site, and Scotts Bluff National Monument.

North Dakota (ND)
North Dakota is made up of open prairies, plains, plateaus, and lakes. Hot summers and cold winters dominate the seasons, in which students can enjoy a variety of outdoor activities, including fishing, biking, hunting, and attending various festivals and events. Tourist attractions include the Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Knife River Indian Villages, and Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park.
Ohio (OH)

Home to 29 of the largest companies in the United States, Ohio is a leader in machine-tool manufacturing and rubber tire production. The state is also a large producer of comic books and Chinese food products and home to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Students in Ohio can enjoy a variety of educational opportunities and outdoor activities—state parks, wildlife preserves, lakes, and rivers.

Oklahoma (OK)

A major producer of natural gas, oil, and agriculture, Oklahoma’s primary industries include aviation, energy, telecommunications, and biotechnology. With small mountain ranges, prairies, and forests, most of Oklahoma lies in the Great Plains. Students can learn how western ranchers, Native American tribes, southern settlers, and eastern oil barons have created the state’s distinct identity.

South Dakota (SD)

South Dakota is the location of one of America’s most famous landmarks, Mount Rushmore, which features mountain-sized portraits of four U.S. presidents. The great outdoors dominate the lives of many living in South Dakota. Plains, grasslands, and forests provide students in South Dakota with an abundance of opportunities to hunt, fish, run, and bike.

Texas (TX)

Sharing a border with Mexico, Texas is one of the largest U.S. states, featuring several major cities, large ranches, and rugged plains. This state has more farmland, heads of cattle, and wool produced than any other state. With its well-known barbeque and Tex-Mex cuisines, cowboy fashions, and live music concerts, Texas offers students an American southwestern experience.

Wisconsin (WI)

Bordering two of the five Great Lakes, Wisconsin is well known for its pristine forests and beautiful lakes, where students can enjoy a diversity of outdoor activities. Wisconsin cheeses and breweries are highly acclaimed. The state has the distinction of having been the hideout for famous Great Depression-era gangsters such as Al Capone and John Dillinger.
Look who’s talking about U.S. Community Colleges...

International Students in the Midwest Region

My experience has been more than wonderful. The faculty, staff, and even the college president look out for me and have helped me.

– Jean Yves Molin

There are many opportunities to get involved. Students can accomplish two objectives at the same time: Learn English and make new friends!

– Wooyeong Jeong

I was so surprised—there are so many resources available to the students—labs, Internet access. The facilities in the library are so impressive. There are so many more resources than at the university in the Dominican Republic.

– Jose Faña Liriano

The application process was really fast and simple. The ESL department and the admissions office were really helpful to me and guided me through a lot in my integration. A college experience in the U.S. could not have started better than this.

– Mame Ndiaye
College of Lake County (CLC) is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and offers 50 associate degree programs and university transfer through our 2 + 2 programs. We also offer intensive English language training from beginner to advanced. Tuition is affordable and there are small class sizes with an average of 21 students per class. We do not charge application fees and no TOEFL is required. Located 72 kilometers from Chicago, the third largest city in the United States, you can enjoy the four seasons of Illinois through recreational opportunities including walking, biking, hiking, ice skating, and skiing. Students receive personalized attention on a safe and beautiful campus.

Grayslake, Illinois (IL)

www.clcillinois.edu/international

College of Lake County is a two-year public community college, located one hour from Chicago offering 50 associate degree programs and university transfer through our 2 + 2 programs.

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Accounting
- Automotive Technology
- Biology
- Business Management
- Computer Information Systems

Special Study Options
- ESL/Intensive English programs
- Summer programs

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Health center
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfers
- Counseling on visa/immigration matters
- Tutoring and study skills workshops

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- Volunteer programs

HOUSING SERVICES

- Special dormitory-style housing near campus
- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
Spring . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . November 1, 2013
Summer . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . March 15, 2014
Fall . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . July 1, 2014
Winter . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Not Applicable

Minimum Test Scores Required
iBT TOEFL . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 71
IELTS . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 6.0

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
Tuition . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $8,220
Rooms/Meals. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $8,232
Health Insurance . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $1,000
Books/Supplies . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $1,540
Other Expenses . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Included in other costs
TOTAL . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $18,992

Top 5 Transfer Universities
DePaul University (IL)
Lake Forest College (IL)
Loyola University - Chicago (IL)
Northern Illinois University (IL)
University of Illinois - Chicago (IL)

Popular Athletic Programs
Baseball
Basketball
Golf
Soccer
Cross-Country

Student Population
Total Students . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 18,756
Full-time Students . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 9,869
International Students . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 150
Number of Countries Represented . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 43

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

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Fox Valley Technical College

Appleton, Wisconsin (WI)

www.fvtc.edu/asso

Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) offers an Intensive English Program (IEP) as well as more than 200 associate’s degree, certificate, and technical diploma options. This state-of-the-art facility offers a variety of student services, such as: computer labs, student activity center, exercise facility, library, tutoring center, bookstore, financial institution, and a large cafe/cafeteria. The Global Education and Services Department welcomes students from more than 60 countries around the world. Many international students participate in a variety of over 50 on-campus student clubs or professional organizations. Join FVTC today to start your academic journey.

Upon completion of our Intensive English Program, TOEFL is often waived for admission to FVTC and many transfer universities and colleges. The campus is centrally located in a safe and clean city.

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Agriculture, Horticulture and Natural Resources
- Business, Management and Finance
- Culinary and Hospitality
- Engineering and Electronic Related Technologies
- Health Sciences

Special Study Options
- ESL/Intensive English programs
- Summer programs

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfer
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Tutoring and study skills workshops
- Counseling on visa/immigration matters
- International Student Housing Coordinator
- Intensive English Program (beginner to advanced)

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- Volunteer programs
- More than 50 clubs and professional organizations
- Friendship and Mentor opportunities

HOUSING SERVICES

- Homestays/Host families
- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus
- International Student Housing Coordinator

* See college website for additional information

Profiles of U.S. Community Colleges www.aacc.nche.edu/study-in-america

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
- Spring: October 15, 2014
- Summer: October 15, 2014
- Fall: May 15, 2014
- Winter: Not Applicable

Minimum Test Scores Required
- iBT TOEFL: Not Applicable
- IELTS: Not Applicable

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
- Tuition: $5,250
- Rooms/Meals: $8,000
- Health Insurance: $450
- Books/Supplies: 800
- Other Expenses: Included in other costs
- TOTAL: $14,500

Top 5 Transfer Universities
- Lakeland College (WI)
- Marian University (IN)
- University of Wisconsin - Green Bay (WI)
- University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee (WI)
- University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh (WI)

Popular Athletic Programs
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Soccer

Student Population
- Total Students: 12,000
- Full-time Students: 3,300
- International Students: 160
- Number of Countries Represented: 65

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Appleton/Fox Cities Population: 73,243
Location Type: Urban
Nearest International Airport: ATW

Profiles of U.S. Community Colleges www.aacc.nche.edu/study-in-america
Since its opening in 1971, more than two million students have improved their lives through education and training obtained from Houston Community College (HCC). Last fall, HCC’s enrollment was more than 70,000 students, including 4,500-plus international students. An open-admission public institution, HCC awards associate degrees and certificates in academic studies and career and technology programs. HCC provides academic courses for transfer to four-year institutions, terminal degrees, and certificates in more than 70 fields of work, as well as continuing education and corporate training.

Houston Community College
Houston, Texas (TX)

www.hccs.edu

Houston Community College is ranked number one by the Open Doors 2012 report for the largest number of international students enrolled at a U.S. community college.

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Accounting
- Biotechnology
- Computer Information Systems
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts
- Engineering
- Hospitality/Tourism
- International Business
- Liberal Arts
- Nursing

Special Study Options
- ESL/Intensive English programs

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Health Center
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfer
- Counseling on visa/immigration matters
- Tutoring and study skills workshops

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs

HOUSING SERVICES

- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus
- Referrals to housing assistance providers

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
Spring ........................................... November 18, 2013
Summer ........................................ April 1, 2014
Fall .................................................. July 1, 2014
Winter ........................................... Not Applicable

Minimum Test Scores Required
iBT TOEFL ........................................ Not Applicable
IELTS ........................................... Not Applicable

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
Tuition ........................................... $3,630
Rooms/Meals ................................... Included in other costs
Health Insurance ................................ Included in other costs
Books/Supplies ................................ $2,800
Other Expenses ................................ $16,550
TOTAL ........................................... $22,980

Top 5 Transfer Universities
Texas A&M University (TX)
Texas Southern University (TX)
University of Houston (TX)
University of Houston - Downtown (TX)
University of Texas - Austin (TX)

Popular Athletic Programs
No Athletic Programs

Student Population
Total Students ................................... 58,587
Full-time Students ................................ 18,513
International Students ...................... 4,567
Number of Countries Represented ........... 155

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

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Start at Jackson Community College (JCC) and transfer to a four-year institution to complete your degree, or be career-ready through programs in nursing, auto mechanics, graphic design, and more. JCC educates a diverse population of nearly 10,000 students each year, and we pride ourselves on quality instruction, personal involvement, real-world learning, and access to world-class research. Students participate in sports, clubs, student government, performing arts, and other activities in order to connect with one another and enrich their academic experience. JCC offers excellent on-campus housing with full kitchens and private bedrooms. For quality academics and a welcoming environment, come to JCC!

Jackson Community College
Jackson, Michigan (MI)
www.jccmi.edu

JCC is located in Jackson, MI, and offers the first two years of university-level study at an affordable price. In a mid-sized city with a small-town feel, JCC is “where you want to be!”

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Automotive Technology
- Business Management
- Computer Information Systems
- Culinary Arts
- Environmental Sciences
- Medical Coding
- Nursing
- Radiography Associate of Applied Science
- Radiology

Special Study Options
- ESL/Intensive English programs
- High school enrollment programs
- Summer programs

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfer
- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Tutoring and study skills workshops
- Counseling on visa/immigration matters
- Health Center

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- Volunteer programs

HOUSING SERVICES

- On-campus housing
- Referrals to housing assistance providers

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
No deadlines, applications accepted year-round.

Minimum Test Scores Required
iBT TOEFL ...................................... 79
IELTS ........................................ Not Applicable

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
Tuition ...................................... $7,585
Rooms/Meals ............................... $7,129
Health Insurance . . Included in other costs
Books/Supplies ............................. $1,370
Other Expenses ............................ $5,509
TOTAL .................................... $22,752

Top 5 Transfer Universities
Eastern Michigan University (MI)
Michigan State University (MI)
Siena Heights University (MI)
Spring Arbor University (MI)
University of Michigan (MI)

Popular Athletic Programs
Baseball  Volleyball
Basketball  Soccer
Golf

Student Population
Total Students .............................. 6,328
Full-time Students ........................ 2,589
International Students ....................... 15
Number of Countries Represented .......... 10

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Jackson Population: ......................... 160,180
Location Type: ................................ Rural
Nearest International Airport: .......... DTW
At Joliet Junior College, you can receive an excellent education while enjoying all the benefits of living near Chicago, a first-rate city. Students receive expert instruction, and have easy access to help when they need it. Our expansive main campus is located just 72 kilometers outside downtown Chicago, giving our students the opportunity to experience the exceptional cultural activity of the city. With state-of-the-art facilities and expert instruction, Joliet Junior College has been ranked among the top 100 institutions in the U.S. that grant associate degrees. We offer 197 degree and certificate programs in more than 50 areas of study.

**Joliet Junior College**

Joliet, Illinois (IL)

[www.jjc.edu/info/profiles](http://www.jjc.edu/info/profiles)

As the first public community college in the United States, Joliet Junior College offers pre-baccalaureate programs for students planning to transfer to four-year institutions.

### ACADEMICS

**Academic Programs of Interest**
- Agriculture
- Business
- Computer Information Systems
- Engineering
- Hospitality/Tourism
- Management
- Mathematics
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Veterinary Medicine/Technology

**Special Study Options**
- Summer programs

### SUPPORT SERVICES

- LEAP Center (Learning English for Academic Purposes)
- Airport welcome and pick-up service
- Excellent public transportation system for ease of travel to downtown Chicago
- Peer mentors
- Tutoring and study skills workshops
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture

### STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- Volunteer programs
- Phi Theta Kappa (Honor Society)

### HOUSING SERVICES

- On-campus housing
- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus

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* See college website for additional information

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**A QUICK LOOK**

**Application Deadlines**
- Spring: October 1, 2014
- Summer: Not Applicable
- Fall: June 1, 2014
- Winter: Not Applicable

**Minimum Test Scores Required**
- iBT TOEFL: 74
- IELTS: Not Applicable

**Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)**
- Tuition: $7,114
- Rooms/Meals: $9,568
- Health Insurance: $876
- Books/Supplies: $1,350
- Other Expenses: $1,618
- TOTAL: $18,908

**Top 5 Transfer Universities**
- Governors State University (IL)
- Illinois State University (IL)
- Lewis University (IL)
- University of Illinois - Chicago (IL)
- University of St. Francis (IL)

**Popular Athletic Programs**
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Softball
- Soccer
- Cross-country

**Student Population**
- Total Students: 15,589
- Full-time Students: 6,013
- International Students: 13
- Number of Countries Represented: 12

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Cedar Rapids is a great place to study and live in the United States. The Midwest is home to the most friendly and welcoming people in the world. Students can live and study in a safe, family-oriented environment. More than 125,000 people live in Cedar Rapids. There are always sporting events, theatre, music and concert venues. Kirkwood offers more than 120 programs, high quality ELA course work, world-class instructors, and a variety of student activities to keep students involved on-campus. We maintain special agreements with Iowa colleges, including the University of Iowa and Iowa State University, so our credits will easily transfer into bachelor’s degree programs.

Kirkwood Community College
Cedar Rapids, Iowa (IA)

www.kirkwood.edu/international

Kirkwood is a diverse campus with more than 500 students from 90 countries. We offer ELA courses designed to give you the English skills you need to succeed in college.

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
• Accounting
• Agriculture
• Business Management
• Computer Information Systems
• Culinary Arts
• Graphic Design
• Fine and Applied Arts
• Liberal Arts
• Nursing
• Visual and Performing Arts

Special Study Options
• ESL/Intensive English programs

SUPPORT SERVICES

• Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
• Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
• Orientation and resident life activities
• Health center
• Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfers
• Counseling on visa/immigration matters
• Tutoring and study skills workshops

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

• Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
• International student associations/clubs
• Volunteer programs

HOUSING SERVICES

• On-campus housing
• Apartments and rooms to rent near campus
• Homestays/Host families
• Referrals to housing assistance providers

Cedar Rapids Population:  ................... 126,326
Location Type: ............................... Urban
Nearest International Airport:  ................... CID

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
No deadlines, applications accepted year-round.

Minimum Test Scores Required
iBT TOEFL ........................................ Not Applicable
IELTS ................................................ Not Applicable

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
Tuition ........................................... $6,672
Rooms/Meals ..................................... $4,500
Health Insurance ............................... $1,056
Books/Supplies .................................. $800
Other Expenses ................................. $2,400
TOTAL ........................................... $15,428

Top 5 Transfer Universities
Coe College (IA)
Iowa State University (IA)
Mt. Mercy College (IA)
University of Iowa (IA)
University of Northern Iowa (IA)

Popular Athletic Programs
Baseball
Basketball
Golf
Softball
Volleyball

Student Population
Total Students ................................... 16,661
Full-time Students .............................. 8,045
International Students  ......................... 300
Number of Countries Represented ............ 80

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Northeast Community College is located in the center of the United States, commonly called the Midwest. We are a fully accredited institution and offer transfer ability to many other colleges and universities. We offer a full range of student support services which are free to the student, including tutoring, academic advising, career planning, and academic transfer advising. Northeast offers English as a second language classes for credit for those students needing to improve their English in order to meet admissions in to the university system.

Northeast is a two-year community college offering associate degrees in arts, science, and applied science in over 80 programs of study and concentrations.

ACADEMIcs

Academic Programs of Interest
- Accounting
- Agriculture
- Biology
- Business Management
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice
- Nursing
- Pre-Engineering
- Pre-Medicine

Special Study Options
- ESL/Intensive English programs

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Tutoring and study skills workshops
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfer

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs

HOUSING SERVICES

- On-campus housing
- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus
- Referrals to housing assistance providers

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
Spring ............................................ November 1, 2013
Summer ........................................ Not Applicable
Fall .................................................. June 1, 2014
Winter ............................................ Not Applicable

Minimum Test Scores Required
iBT TOEFL ........................................ 61
IELTS .............................................. 7

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
Tuition ........................................... $3,855
Rooms/Meals ..................................... $6,169
Health Insurance ............................... Included in other costs
Books/Supplies ................................. Included in other costs
Other Expenses ................................ $3,660
TOTAL ........................................ $13,684

Top 5 Transfer Universities
Colorado State University (CO)
University of Nebraska - Lincoln (NE)
University of Nebraska - Omaha (NE)
Wayne State College (NE)
Wichita State University (KS)

Popular Athletic Programs
Basketball
Volleyball
Golf

Student Population
Total Students .................................. 7,717
Full-time Students ............................ 3,485
International Students ....................... 47
Number of Countries Represented ........ 18

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

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Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) provides education, training, and lifelong learning opportunities for individuals and businesses leading to the development of a skilled workforce by offering over 180 high quality degree and certificate programs. Our students directly stimulate economic vitality with the skills and knowledge they acquire in our programs. Students may also transfer credits towards a bachelor’s degree. NWTC is committed to increase global understanding for our students through global business training, cultural presentations, multi-ethnic clubs and organizations, films, and other activities throughout the year.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College
Green Bay, Wisconsin (WI)
www.nwtc.edu/globalcultures

NWTC provides learning opportunities when, where, and how students want them so they can successfully engage in a career that enhances their lives in a global community.

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Business Management
- Computer Science/Digital Imaging
- Electronics
- Environmental Engineering
- Hospitality/Tourism
- Marketing/Advertising
- Solar Energy Technology
- Supply Chain Management
- Sustainable Food and Agricultural Systems
- Web Programming and Design

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfer
- Tutoring and study skills workshops
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Global/Multicultural events
- English Language Learner (ELL) options
- Intramural sports and fitness center

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- Volunteer programs
- Student government

HOUSING SERVICES

- Homestays/Host families
- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus
- Referrals to housing assistance providers

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
Spring ........................................ November 1, 2013
Summer ...................................... April 1, 2014
Fall ............................................... July 1, 2014
Winter ......................................... Not Applicable

Minimum Test Scores Required
iBT TOEFL ...................................... 55
IELTS ........................................... 5

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
Tuition .......................................... $4,714
Rooms/Meals ................................ $8,400
Health Insurance .......................... Included in other costs
Books/Supplies ............................. $2,000
Other Expenses ............................ Included in other costs
TOTAL ....................................... $15,114

Top 5 Transfer Universities
Concordia University (WI)
Lakeland College (WI)
University of Wisconsin – Green Bay (WI)
University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh (WI)
University of Wisconsin - Stout (WI)

Popular Athletic Programs
No Athletic Programs

Student Population
Total Students .................................. 40,774
Full-time Students ........................... 7,546
International Students ...................... 15
Number of Countries Represented ........ 10

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Profiles of U.S. Community Colleges www.aacc.nche.edu/study-in-america
Surrounded by monuments of history, industries and maritime enterprises of today, and the space age of tomorrow, San Jacinto College has been serving the citizens of East Harris County, TX, for more than 50 years. This Achieving the Dream Leader College is committed to the goals and aspirations of a diverse population of 30,000 students in more than 200 degree and certificate options, including university transfer and career preparation. Students also benefit from the college’s job training programs, renowned for meeting the needs of growing industries in the region.

San Jacinto College

Houston, Texas (TX)

www.sanjac.edu

At San Jacinto College, everything we are and everything we do is geared toward one thing—making sure that you succeed, no matter what your goals may be.

ACADEMIICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Accounting
- Agriculture
- Automotive Technology
- Biology
- Business Management
- Chemistry
- Computer Information Systems
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts
- Diesel Technology

Special Study Options
- ESL/Intensive English programs
- High school enrollment programs
- Summer programs

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfer
- Tutoring and study skills workshops

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs

HOUSING SERVICES

- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
No deadlines, applications accepted year-round.

Minimum Test Scores Required
iBT TOEFL ...................................... 70
IELTS ............................................ 6

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
Tuition..................................... $4,600
Rooms/Meals .............................. $12,900
Health Insurance ............. Included in other costs
Books/Supplies ............................ $2,500
Other Expenses .............. Included in other costs
TOTAL ................................... $20,000

Top 5 Transfer Universities
Sam Houston State University (TX)
Texas A&M University (TX)
University of Houston (TX)
University of Houston - Clear Lake (TX)
University of Houston - Downtown (TX)

Popular Athletic Programs
Baseball
Basketball
Soccer
Softball
Volleyball

Student Population
Total Students .............................. 28,721
Full-time Students ............................ 8,616
International Students ..................... 360

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

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Houston Population: ...................... 2,099,451
Location Type: ............................ Suburban
Nearest International Airport: ........... IAH
Why Sinclair Community College? Coming to Sinclair will give you the opportunity to obtain the first two years of a four-year degree or to study in a job ready program at an institution named one of the best in the country by the *New York Times*. Our campus is located in a vibrant city with a low cost of living and has facilities that are convenient and safe—modern state-of-the-art laboratories, an award-winning library, theater and art galleries, cutting-edge technology and a physical activities center. All of this at one of the lowest tuitions in the United States! You will enjoy a caring, nurturing environment with small class sizes and award winning student services.

Sinclair Community College

Dayton, Ohio (OH)

www.sinclair.edu/international

Widely known as one of the best community colleges in the nation, Sinclair strives to provide the best opportunities for its students—those who transfer AND those who graduate job ready.

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Accounting
- Automotive Technology
- Aviation
- Biotechnology
- Business Management
- Economics
- Engineering
- Fire Science
- Liberal Arts
- Nursing

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfers
- Tutoring and study skills workshops

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- Volunteer programs

HOUSING SERVICES

- Special dormitory-style housing near campus
- Referrals to housing assistance providers
- Homestays/Host Families

Dayton Population: 141,359
Location Type: Urban
Nearest International Airport: DAY

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
No deadlines, applications accepted year-round.

Minimum Test Scores Required
- iBT TOEFL: 61
- IELTS: 5.5

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
- Tuition: $6,400
- Rooms/Meals: $7,000
- Health Insurance: Included in other costs
- Books/Supplies: $800
- Other Expenses: $800
- TOTAL: $15,000

Top 5 Transfer Universities
- Ohio State University (OH)
- Ohio University (OH)
- University of Cincinnati (OH)
- University of Dayton (OH)
- Wright State University (OH)

Popular Athletic Programs
- Baseball
- Basketball

Student Population
- Total Students: 23,641
- Full-time Students: 7,989
- International Students: 600
- Number of Countries Represented: 95

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

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* See college website for additional information
St. Louis Community College

St. Louis, Missouri (MO)

www.stlcc.edu/international

STLCC offers comprehensive English proficiency, university transfer, and active student life programs for a fraction of the cost of a four-year institution.

ACADEMIICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Accounting
- Automotive Technology
- Business Management
- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts
- Early Childhood Education
- Engineering
- General Transfer Studies
- Graphic Design

Special Study Options
- ESL/Intensive English programs

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfers
- Counseling on visa/immigration matters
- Tutoring and study skills workshops

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- Volunteer programs

HOUSING SERVICES

- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
No deadlines, applications accepted year-round.

Minimum Test Scores Required
iBT TOEFL ...................................... 61
IELTS ........................................ Not Applicable

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
Tuition ..................................... $6,688
Rooms/Meals ............................... $9,998
Health Insurance ........................... $779
Books/Supplies ............................. $800
Other Expenses ............................ $0
TOTAL .................................... $18,265

Top 5 Transfer Universities
Lindenwood University (MO)
Maryville University (MO)
St. Louis University (MO)
University of Missouri - St. Louis (MO)
Webster University (MO)

Popular Athletic Programs
Baseball
Basketball
Softball
Volleyball
Soccer

Student Population
Total Students .............................. 26,613
Full-time Students .......................... 16,164
International Students .................... 230
Number of Countries Represented .......... 61

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Vincennes University (VU) is now embarking on its third century of providing top-quality college education, a full college experience, and opportunities to be involved and enjoy campus life. It is Indiana’s first college, founded in 1801, and is the birthplace of one of the nation’s first two-year institutions of higher learning. VU is also one of only two U.S. colleges founded by a President of the United States. It is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. VU offers over 200 programs of study that are designed to transfer to other Indiana schools as well as major institutions all over the country.

Vincennes University
Vincennes, Indiana (IN)

www.vinu.edu

Nestled in the American Midwest, VU offers 200+ programs of study with challenging academic foundations, especially for students who plan to transfer for baccalaureate or advanced degrees.

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Architectural Design
- Business Administration
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Engineering
- Liberal Arts
- Pre-Medicine
- Psychology
- Web Programming and Design

Special Study Options
- ESL/Intensive English programs

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfer
- Tutoring and study skills workshops
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Health Center
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Shuttle services to airport

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- Volunteer programs

HOUSING SERVICES

- On-campus housing
- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus
- Referrals to housing assistance providers

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
No deadlines, applications accepted year-round.

Minimum Test Scores Required
iBT TOEFL ........................................ Not Applicable
IELTS ........................................ Not Applicable

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
Tuition ........................................... $11,641
Rooms/Meals ................................. $8,478
Health Insurance ......................... $300
Books/Supplies .............................. $1,150
Other Expenses ............................ $1,000
TOTAL ........................................... $22,569

Top 5 Transfer Universities
Indiana State University (IN)
Indiana University (IN)
Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis (IN)
Purdue University (IN)
University of Southern Indiana (IN)

Popular Athletic Programs
Basketball
Cross-country
Tennis

Student Population
Total Students .............................. 5,047
Full-time Students .......................... 4,477
International Students ................... 53
Number of Countries Represented ........ 27

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE
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Vincennes Population: .......................... 18,409
Location Type: ................................ Rural
Nearest International Airport: .............. IND
Wayne County Community College District

Detroit, Michigan (MI)

www.wcccd.edu

The District’s Health Science Center and the Michigan Institute for Public Safety address the demand for highly trained professionals in health care, public safety, and homeland security.

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Accounting
- Business Management
- Computer Information Systems
- Dental Hygiene
- Electronics
- International Business
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Veterinary Medicine/Technology
- Web Programming and Design

Special Study Options
- High school enrollment programs
- Summer programs

SUPPORT SERVICES
- Tutoring and study skills workshops
- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfer
- Counseling on visa/immigration matters
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS
- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- University Transfer
- Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

HOUSING SERVICES
- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
Spring ........................................ September 1, 2014
Summer ...................................... February 1, 2014
Fall ............................................. June 1, 2014
Winter ........................................ Not Applicable

Minimum Test Scores Required
iBT TOEFL ...................................... 61
IELTS ............................................ 6

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
Tuition .......................................... $6,953
Rooms/Meals ................................ $8,556
Health Insurance ........................... $800
Books/Supplies .............................. $900
Other Expenses ................................ Included in other costs
TOTAL ......................................... $17,209

Top 5 Transfer Universities
Eastern Michigan University (MI)
Marygrove College (MI)
University of Detroit - Mercy (MI)
University of Michigan - Dearborn (MI)
Wayne State University (MI)

Popular Athletic Programs
Basketball
Track and Field
Golf

Student Population
Total Students ................................ 74,975
Full-time Students .......................... 3,909
International Students ...................... 150
Number of Countries Represented ........ 60

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* See college website for additional information

Detroit Population: ......................... 713,777
Location Type: ............................. Urban
Nearest International Airport: ........... DTW
The Southeast is home to a very distinct American culture with unique customs, musical styles, and cuisine. While it has become more industrialized and urban over time, the region's distinctive geography is primarily rural—pine forests, Louisiana swamps, Florida Everglades, and southern beaches. Generally, the Southeast has much warmer temperatures and milder winters than the North and is often a vacation destination.

See the Appendix for a complete list of all SEVP-approved community colleges in this region.
Alabama provides students with a variety of recreational opportunities on the white sand beaches of the Gulf Coast or in the crisp air and serene beauty of the mountains to the north. Students in Alabama can visit one of the several rock formations where Native Americans lived long ago, or see the Natural Bridge Rock, the longest natural bridge east of the Rockies.

Arkansas has dozens of wilderness areas that are preserved exclusively for outdoor recreation—fishing, hiking, hunting, and camping. Students studying in Arkansas can explore its many caves and pre-Columbian burial grounds, dig for diamonds, and bathe in naturally occurring hot springs for healing and relaxation.

Known as the “Sunshine State,” Florida offers beautiful beaches on both the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico. In addition, there are swamps, lakes, and a variety of wildlife—ideal for students seeking a tropical climate, natural wetlands, and coastal attractions. Florida is home to Walt Disney World, Universal Studios, and many other theme parks.

Georgia offers students a blend of urban living and country life with a touch of old-fashioned southern charm. The state is known for its historic sites, variety of musical traditions, parks, and diverse wildlife population. Attractions include the Masters Golf Tournament, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site, Stone Mountain, and Providence Canyon State Park.

Home to New Orleans and the famous Mardi Gras festival, Louisiana is part of the southern Gulf Coast and is rich with French, Spanish, and African heritages. From fine Cajun and Creole cuisines to vibrant jazz, from the moss-covered swamplands and Barrier Islands to the great Mississippi River, students can experience the diversity of U.S. culture, history, and landscape.
Mississippi (MS)
Mississippi is named for the Mississippi River, the longest river system in North America, flowing along the state’s western border. Students in Mississippi can enjoy rich, quintessentially American music traditions, including gospel, country, jazz, blues, and rock ‘n’ roll. Tourist attractions include the state’s many historic mansions, Civil War battlefields, and “haunted” houses.

North Carolina (NC)
North Carolina is the location of the world’s first controlled and sustained flight, by the Wright brothers in 1903. Today it is headquarters to some of America’s largest banks and large high-tech research centers. Outside of the classroom, students in North Carolina can enjoy a variety of recreational activities—swimming, skiing, bird watching, rock climbing, camping, spelunking, and freshwater and saltwater fishing.

South Carolina (SC)
Recognized for its beautiful beaches, numerous waterfalls, lakes, and swamps, South Carolina has the charm of a rural, coastal environment. Students in South Carolina can experience southern cuisine (e.g., shrimp and grits, or she-crab soup), a variety of outdoor activities, and many historic attractions.

Tennessee (TN)
Tennessee is the country music capital of the world and the largest public utility supplier in the United States. Bordering nine other states, Tennessee offers students a rich cultural experience. Bounded by the Mississippi River on the west and the Great Smoky Mountains on the east, Tennessee is an excellent choice for students who enjoy the outdoors in addition to their studies.
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International Students in the Southeast Region

I have felt very much at home. The professors help to create a stimulating and nurturing environment where every student can learn and grow. They’ve prepared me well for transferring to a four-year university to complete my bachelor’s degree.

– Luís Fernández

[I was] able to complete a two-year degree program that is recognized for transfer in the whole state and in the U.S. while saving some money.

– Thaonguyen Nguyen

By having smaller class sizes I was able to talk with my professors and classmates easily which really prepared me for my later education.

– Beihua Yan

I found all the support I needed to succeed in my personal, academic, and professional life. I learned how to become a successful person in an English-speaking country. And today I am pursuing my master’s at one of the top five universities in the world, receiving full scholarship.

– Alessandro Soares
Broward College (BC) serves close to 67,000 students at three campuses and seven centers conveniently located just minutes away from Florida’s beautiful beaches. BC embraces a multicultural, diverse student environment which attracts students from all over the world. The first class education and academic excellence, combined with the affordable tuition, makes BC a desired choice. Students represent more than 150 countries and 45 languages, which provide a cross-cultural learning exchange and richness to south Florida. BC prepares students to succeed before graduation by focusing on their academic and career goals to ensure a smooth transition to universities and global markets.

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Aviation
- Biology
- Business Management
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Global Trade and Logistics
- Hospitality/Tourism
- Math and Science
- Nursing
- Pre-Medicine

Special Study Options
- ESL/Intensive English programs

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjusting to college life and U.S. culture
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfers
- Counseling on visa/immigration matters
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Tutoring and study skills workshops
- Assistance in finding housing options

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- College Athletics
- Tigertail Lake Recreational Center
- Wellness/Fitness Centers
- A variety of student organizations

HOUSING SERVICES

- Referrals to housing assistance providers

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
Spring ........................................... Not Applicable
Summer ........................................ March 1, 2014
Fall ............................................. June 1, 2014
Winter ......................................... October 1, 2014

Minimum Test Scores Required
iBT TOEFL .................................. 79
IELTS ........................................ 6.5

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
Tuition ........................................ $8,616
Rooms/Meals. .......................... Included in other costs
Health Insurance ...................... $1,200
Books/Supplies .......................... $1,000
Other Expenses ........................ $14,000
TOTAL ................................... $24,816

Top 5 Transfer Universities
Florida Atlantic University (FL)
Florida International University (FL)
Florida State University (FL)
University of Florida (FL)
University of South Florida (FL)

Popular Athletic Programs
Baseball
Basketball
Soccer
Tennis
Volleyball

Student Population
Total Students ............................... 67,000
Full-time Students ....................... 32,000
International Students .............. 466
Number of Countries Represented .... 150

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Boasting small class sizes, quality instructors, and online course options, Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC) offers the specialized training students need to stand out from the competition. With six convenient campus locations, CPCC students have easy access to the college’s two-year degree programs, corporate and business training, and transfer programs. CPCC is the largest community college in the Carolinas, promoting lifelong learning among its student population while strengthening the economic, social, and cultural life of the surrounding Charlotte community.

Central Piedmont Community College
Charlotte, North Carolina (NC)

www.cpcc.edu

Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC) is located in beautiful Charlotte, NC. We have six campuses in Mecklenburg County and serve over 70,000 students annually.

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Accounting
- Architectural Design
- Automotive Technology
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts
- Dental Hygiene
- Early Childhood Education
- Engineering
- Graphic Design
- Interior Design

Special Study Options
- ESL/Intensive English programs
- Summer programs

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfer
- Counseling on visa/immigration matters
- New student orientation
- Tutoring and study skills workshops

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- Volunteer programs

HOUSING SERVICES

- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus
College of Central Florida

Ocala, Florida (FL)

www.cf.edu/international

College of Central Florida is a two-year public college located in sunny central Florida in the southeastern United States that offers more than 60 academic programs.

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Accounting
- Agriculture
- Art History
- Biology
- Business Management
- Chemistry
- Communication Studies
- Criminal Justice
- Liberal Arts
- Web Programming and Design

Special Study Options
- ESL/Intensive English programs
- Summer programs

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfer
- Tutoring and study skills workshops
- Free airport pick-up

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- International student associations/clubs
- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- Student Ambassadors
- Phi Theta Kappa

HOUSING SERVICES

- On-campus housing
- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus

Ocala Population: 56,945
Location Type: Urban
Nearest International Airport: FLL

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
No deadlines, applications accepted year-round.

Minimum Test Scores Required
- iBT TOEFL: Not Applicable
- IELTS: Not Applicable

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
- Tuition: $10,125
- Rooms/Meals: $6,336
- Health Insurance: $949
- Books/Supplies: $1,300
- Other Expenses: Included in other costs
- TOTAL: $18,710

Top 5 Transfer Universities
- Florida International University (FL)
- Florida State University (FL)
- University of Central Florida (FL)
- University of Florida (FL)
- University of South Florida (FL)

Popular Athletic Programs
- Baseball
- Softball
- Basketball
- Volleyball

Student Population
- Total Students: 8,000
- Full-time Students: 3,500
- International Students: 100
- Number of Countries Represented: 30

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Experience southern hospitality and academic excellence at half the cost of other colleges. Gadsden State is the only community college in the nation to have an experiment done on the International Space Station. The intensive English program, Alabama Language Institute, in operation since 1973, was the first ESL institute in Alabama and one of the first in the nation, and ESL students can enter the college without a TOEFL or IELTS score. Students have a choice of more than 80 college programs of study in a friendly, safe location in northeast Alabama. Small classes, friendly faculty and staff, and low tuition make Gadsden State a perfect choice for international students.

Gadsden State Community College
Gadsden, Alabama (AL)

Gadsden State has a guaranteed university transfer program, excellent instruction, very low tuition, small classes, and an ESL program that has been in operation for 40 years.

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Aquaculture-Fishery Science
- Automotive Technology
- Business Management
- Computer Science
- Early Childhood Education
- Electronics
- Engineering
- Industrial Automation Technology
- Lab Technician
- Nursing

Special Study Options
- ESL/Intensive English programs
- High school enrollment programs
- Summer programs

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfers
- Counseling on visa/immigration matters

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- Volunteer programs
- Field Trips

HOUSING SERVICES

- On-campus housing
- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus
- Referrals to housing assistance providers

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
No deadlines, applications accepted year-round.

Minimum Test Scores Required
iBT TOEFL ...................................... 61
IELTS .......................................... 5.5

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
Tuition...................................... $7,230
Rooms/Meals .............................. $3,200
Health Insurance ............................. $720
Books/Supplies ............................. $1,200
Other Expenses .......................... Included in other costs
TOTAL .................................... $12,350

Top 5 Transfer Universities
Auburn University (AL)
Jacksonville State University (AL)
University of Alabama - Birmingham (AL)
University of Alabama - Huntsville (AL)
University of Alabama - Tuscaloosa (AL)

Popular Athletic Programs
Basketball
Volleyball
Softball

Student Population
Total Students ............................... 6,698
Full-time Students ............................ 3,917
International Students ..................... 150
Number of Countries Represented ........ 52

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Founded in 1968, Hillsborough Community College (HCC) is an accredited, two-year community college with five campuses located in the metropolitan region of Tampa Bay, FL. Known for its year-round beautiful weather, abundant recreational opportunities and miles of white sand beaches, the region also offers excellent higher education options to help you reach your goals. With more than 160 academic degree programs, our top rankings in the number of students we graduate, and our success in helping students transfer to four-year universities in the U.S., HCC is an ideal place to start. The Center for International Education assists international students from over 60 nations.

Hillsborough Community College
Tampa, Florida (FL)

www.hccfl.edu/international

With the highest enrollment among Tampa Bay colleges, HCC provides a high-quality, contemporary education to a diverse community, guaranteed university transfer, and on-campus student housing.

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Business Management
- Communication Studies
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Science
- Dental Hygiene
- Engineering
- Graphic Design
- Hospitality/Tourism
- Liberal Arts
- Nursing

Special Study Options
- ESL/Intensive English programs

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfer
- Tutoring and study skills workshops

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- Volunteer programs

HOUSING SERVICES

- On-campus housing
- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
Spring..............................................October 1, 2013
Summer ..........................................March 15, 2014
Fall.....................................................June 15, 2014
Winter ..............................................Not Applicable

Minimum Test Scores Required
iBT TOEFL ........................................61
IELTS .............................................5.5

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
Tuition..............................................$9,111
Rooms/Meals........................................$6,300
Health Insurance ..............................$640
Books/Supplies ..................................$1,168
Other Expenses ..................................$2,575
TOTAL.............................................$19,794

Top 5 Transfer Universities
Florida State University (FL)
University of Central Florida (FL)
University of Florida (FL)
University of North Florida (FL)
University of South Florida (FL)

Popular Athletic Programs
Baseball
Basketball
Softball
Tennis
Volleyball

Student Population
Total Students ....................................47,304
Full-time Students ...............................21,675
International Students ......................200
Number of Countries Represented ..........65

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PROFILES OF U.S. COMMUNITY COLLEGES www.aacc.nche.edu/study-in-america
Miami Dade College is the nation’s top producer of associate in arts and science degrees. The college’s eight campuses and outreach centers offer more than 300 distinct degree programs including several baccalaureate degrees in education, public safety, supervision and management, nursing, biological sciences, and others. The college is also renowned for its rich cultural programming, including Miami Book Fair International, Miami International Film Festival, MDC Live Arts, and the Museum and Galleries of Art + Design. MDC has served two million students since it opened in 1960.

**Miami Dade College**

Miami, Florida (FL)

www.mdc.edu

Miami Dade College is the nation’s largest institution of higher education with an enrollment of more than 174,000 students hailing from 170 countries.

**ACADEMICS**

**Academic Programs of Interest**
- Accounting
- Aviation Maintenance Technology
- Biological Sciences
- Broadcasting
- Business Management
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts
- Dental Hygiene
- Early Childhood Education
- Electronics Engineering Technology

**Special Study Options**
- ESL/Intensive English programs
- High school enrollment programs
- Summer programs

**SUPPORT SERVICES**

- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfer
- Tutoring and study skills workshops

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS**

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- Volunteer programs

**HOUSING SERVICES**

- Homestays/Host families

**A QUICK LOOK**

**Application Deadlines**
No deadlines, applications accepted year-round.

**Minimum Test Scores Required**
- iBT TOEFL: Not Applicable
- IELTS: Not Applicable

**Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)**
- Tuition: $10,000
- Rooms/Meals: $9,400
- Health Insurance: $1,500
- Books/Supplies: $1,400
- Other Expenses: $2,200
- TOTAL: $24,500

**Top 5 Transfer Universities**
- Barry University (FL)
- Florida Atlantic University (FL)
- Florida International University (FL)
- University of Florida (FL)
- University of Miami (FL)

**Popular Athletic Programs**
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Softball
- Volleyball

**Student Population**
- Total Students: 167,000
- Full-time Students: 26,384
- International Students: 2,116
- Number of Countries Represented: 170

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Trident Technical College offers students the opportunity to live in a beautiful, historic, coastal city with a vibrant cultural life. Choose from more than 150 programs of study in aeronautical studies; health sciences; business technology; community, family, and child studies; hospitality, tourism, and culinary arts; film, media, and visual arts; humanities and social sciences; industrial and engineering technology; law-related studies; nursing; and science and mathematics. University transfer programs allow students to take the first two years of a four-year degree.

Academic Programs of Interest
- Aeronautical Studies
- Business Management
- Computer Information Systems
- Culinary Arts
- Engineering Technology
- Environmental Sciences
- Film and TV Production
- Graphic Design
- Hospitality/Tourism
- Occupational Therapist

Special Study Options
- High school enrollment programs
- Summer programs

Support Services
- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfers
- Tutoring and study skills workshops
- Counseling on visa/immigration matters

Student Activities & Clubs
- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- Volunteer programs

Housing Services
- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus
- Referrals to housing assistance providers

A Quick Look
Application Deadlines
Spring: October 18, 2014
Summer: March 17, 2014
Fall: Not Applicable
Winter: Not Applicable

Minimum Test Scores Required
iBT TOEFL: 61
IELTS: Not Applicable

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
Tuition: $7,209
Rooms/Meals: Included in other costs
Health Insurance: Included in other costs
Books/Supplies: $1,800
Other Expenses: $16,708
TOTAL: $25,717

Top 5 Transfer Universities
- The Citadel (SC)
- Clemson University (SC)
- College of Charleston (SC)
- Medical University of South Carolina (SC)
- University of South Carolina (SC)

Popular Athletic Programs
No Athletic Programs

Student Population
- Total Students: 16,781
- Full-time Students: 7,553
- International Students: 254
- Number of Countries Represented: 81

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With an enrollment of 17,224 students in fall 2012, TTC has the second largest number of undergraduate students in South Carolina among all public and private colleges and universities.
Wallace State Community College is a comprehensive community college, offering a wide array of academic, fine and performing arts, technical, health science, university transfer, and career training programs. Whether classes are taken on campus or online, Wallace State’s tradition of outstanding scholarship and student success result from our commitment to excellence in education, student-centered services and activities, and a supportive faculty and staff who provide a challenging and engaging atmosphere for students to achieve their goals.

Wallace State is ranked among the top 120 community colleges in the U.S. by the Aspen Institute, and a member of the prestigious Achieving the Dream initiative focusing on student success.

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Agriculture
- Aviation/Pilot Training
- Business Management
- Computer Science
- Electronics
- Engineering
- Liberal Arts
- Nursing
- Physical Therapist
- Radiology

Special Study Options
- High school enrollment programs
- Summer programs

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfers
- Counseling on visa/immigration matters
- Tutoring and study skills workshops
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- Volunteer programs
- International student associations/clubs
- Student newspaper

HOUSING SERVICES

- On-campus housing
- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
No deadlines, applications accepted year-round.

Minimum Test Scores Required

- iBT TOEFL ...................................... 61
- IELTS .......................................... 5.5

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)

- Tuition ...................................... $6,720
- Rooms/Meals ................................... $4,650
- Health Insurance .......................... $1,200
- Books/Supplies .............................. $1,800
- Other Expenses ............................. $3,800
- TOTAL .................................... $18,170

Top 5 Transfer Universities

- Athens State University (AL)
- Auburn University (AL)
- University of Alabama (AL)
- University of Alabama - Birmingham (AL)
- University of Alabama - Huntsville (AL)

Popular Athletic Programs

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Golf
- Softball
- Volleyball

Student Population

- Total Students ................................ 6,000
- Full-time Students ........................... 3,650
- International Students ...................... 44
- Number of Countries Represented .......... 8

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Much of the Northeast is bordered by water, with the Atlantic Ocean, four major rivers, and two of the Great Lakes in the region. Though snowfalls and cold temperatures characterize Northeast winters, summers are generally very warm and humid. The region is home to the nation’s capital, some of the world’s most powerful business centers and commercial districts, diverse natural scenery, and early American historic sites.

See the Appendix for a complete list of all SEVP-approved community colleges in this region.
Connecticut (CT)
Connecticut is a state rich with U.S. history. Students studying here can visit Mark Twain’s Hartford home where he created the literary characters Huckleberry Finn and Tom Sawyer. Also nearby is the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, where visitors can learn all about the famous author and her novel, *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*, which was instrumental in shaping U.S. society and culture.

Delaware (DE)
Delaware is located on the Atlantic Coast of the United States and is home to many museums, wildlife refuges, parks, and historic homes and lighthouses. Students studying in Delaware can enjoy its many beaches, which are popular spots for summer vacations and day trips. Events for students to enjoy include the Bethany Beach Jazz Funeral, the Apple Scrapple Festival, and the Seaford Riverfest.

Maine (ME)
With almost 3,500 miles of shoreline, Maine is known for its beautiful ocean scenery and lobster industry. Students in Maine can whale watch on the weekends, kayak through one of the state’s many waterways, or wake up early to hike to the top of Cadillac Mountain, the very first place the sun rises in the United States.

Maryland (MD)
Located on the northern border of Washington, D.C., the nation’s capital, Maryland houses more than 350 biotechnology firms, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Maryland is also a hub for the nation’s health care industry. During their free time, students can enjoy Maryland’s seafood, beaches, and numerous historic sites.

Massachusetts (MA)
Situated in the New England region of the United States, Massachusetts is rich in historic tradition and a leader in higher education, health care, financial services, and science and technology. Students studying in Massachusetts will find a typical American atmosphere combined with the scenic coastal destinations of Cape Cod, Martha’s Vineyard, and Nantucket.
New Hampshire (NH)
New Hampshire has been referred to as the “Switzerland of America” for its beautiful mountain scenery. Students in New Hampshire can take advantage of all 4 seasons and the outdoor activities associated with them, including boating, swimming, hiking, hunting, skiing, and snowball fighting.

New Jersey (NJ)
With miles of beautiful beaches and close proximity to New York and Philadelphia, New Jersey offers students a wide range of urban and rural environments, outdoor recreation, and educational opportunities. Known as the “Garden State” because of its lush green parks and mountains, New Jersey is also the most urban-oriented and densely populated state in the nation.

New York (NY)
Known as the “Empire State,” New York offers students outstanding opportunities to experience a world-class city, scenic coastlines, rural landscapes, and more than 70,000 miles of rivers and streams. Students in New York can visit Niagara Falls, the Statue of Liberty, the Baseball Hall of Fame, and New York City’s Wall Street, Times Square, and the Broadway Theatre District.

Pennsylvania (PA)
Known as the “Keystone State” because of its central location among the U.S. original 13 colonies, Pennsylvania is where the U.S. Declaration of Independence was signed and the Liberty Bell is located. With the largest settlement of Pennsylvania Dutch (Amish and Mennonites) in the world, students in Pennsylvania have numerous opportunities to experience a rich combination of U.S. history and culture.

Rhode Island (RI)
Don’t let the name fool you: Rhode Island is actually surrounded by land on three sides. However, life in the state still focuses on the water. Popular outdoor activities include boating and fishing, as well as hiking, biking, hunting, and golfing. Although Rhode Island is the smallest state in America, it has much to offer students that study here.
Vermont (VT)

Vermont may be the second least populous state, but it is very popular during the long winter months when tourists flock to ski resorts on the Green Mountains. Warm summers also offer students studying in Vermont plenty of opportunities to get outside, especially along the shores of Lake Champlain. Colorful autumns round out the seasons, giving students extensive opportunities to hike.

Virginia (VA)

Located on the southern border of Washington, D.C., the nation’s capital, Virginia offers students numerous academic and cultural opportunities. Popular sights to visit include Arlington National Cemetery; Monticello, home of U.S. President Thomas Jefferson; Mount Vernon, home of U.S. President George Washington; and Jamestown, site of the first English settlement in the United States.

West Virginia (WV)

West Virginia has a variety of national and state parks as well as natural resources where students can experience whitewater adventures, hiking, skiing, and camping opportunities. West Virginia offers students a refuge from major metropolitan living in favor of a more relaxed pace and style.
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International Students in the Northeast Region

Through various club activities and programs offered, I could acculturate myself in the United States, and grasped the meaning of diversity, leadership, and friendship.... Today, through this enjoyment, I became the valedictorian of the class of 2010, and was admitted to the University of California, Berkeley.

- Dea Ho Moon

I decided to continue my education in the United States because it is the only place that provided me with the opportunity to fulfill my goal of becoming an aerospace engineer. I hope to transfer to a four-year institution like Harvard University or Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

- Kamel Koussa

The college’s faculty and staff have been a tremendous support to me in my quest to further my education.

- Cheron Hunt Ellison

Classes challenged me intellectually; volunteer work and involvement in college clubs helped me to develop leadership skills. I reached heights I never thought possible.

- Mariya Tsyglako
Hudson County Community College

A world of possibilities awaits you at Hudson County Community College (HCCC).

HCCC will afford you many advantages. Located in one of the most cosmopolitan areas of the world, Hudson County has been the gateway to America since our country’s founding, and we enjoy a richly diverse culture as a result. At HCCC, you will live and learn with students from around the globe under the guidance of dedicated faculty and staff who are every bit as diverse. You may select from a broad range of degree programs, all of which will serve you well in today’s global environment.

We are committed to student success. Our campuses and classrooms are among the newest and most technologically up-to-date anywhere. We have an exemplary program of ESL/Bilingual studies, and our Center for Academic Success provides mentoring, counseling, workshops, one-on-one advisement, tutoring and a host of resources customized to address each student’s challenges.

We hope you will join us here!

– Dr. Glen Gabert

www.hccc.edu/profiles

Jersey City, New Jersey (NJ)

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) is a comprehensive college with 9,200 students from more than 100 countries who speak 30 different languages. HCCC offers 51 associate degree and 15 certificate programs, and has articulation agreements with many four-year colleges and universities. HCCC received the ACCT 2012 Northeast Regional Equity Award for its ethnic diversity, and the AACC 2013 Student Success Finalist Award for innovative, student-centered academic initiatives and enjoyable, culturally enriching activities. Campuses in Jersey City and Union City, NJ, are conveniently located next to major public transportation centers, easily linking residents to New York City.

ACADEMICS: Academic Programs of Interest

- Accounting
- Biology
- Business Management
- Chemistry
- Computer Science and Technology
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts
- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary and Secondary Education
- Engineering
- Fine and Applied Arts
- Geographic Information Science
- Health Services
- Hospitality/Tourism
- Liberal Arts
- Nursing
- Physics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Theatre Arts
Located minutes from New York City, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) serves one of America’s most ethnically diverse communities. HCCC offers ESL and several student-success programs.

ACADEMICS: Special Study Options
- ESL/Intensive English programs
- Summer programs

SUPPORT SERVICES
- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Counseling on visa/immigration matters
- Tutoring and study skills workshops
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfer

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS
- International student associations/clubs
- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society
- Intramural Soccer and Basketball Teams

HOUSING SERVICES
- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus

APPLICATION DEADLINES
Spring ........................................... October 1, 2014
Summer ........................................ Not Applicable
Fall .............................................. July 1, 2014
Winter ........................................ Not Applicable

MINIMUM TEST SCORES REQUIRED
iBT TOEFL ........................................ Not Applicable
IELTS ........................................ Not Applicable

ESTIMATED COST PER ACADEMIC YEAR (IN U.S. DOLLARS)
Tuition ........................................... $9,070
Rooms/Meals .................................. $9,000
Health Insurance .............................. Included in other costs
Books/Supplies ................................ $1,500
Other Expenses ............................... $3,050
TOTAL .......................................... $22,620

TOP 5 TRANSFER UNIVERSITIES
City University of New York (NY)
New Jersey City University (NJ)
New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJ)
Rutgers University (NJ)
Saint Peter’s University (NJ)

POPULAR ATHLETIC PROGRAMS
No Athletic Programs

STUDENT POPULATION
Total Students .................................. 9,200
Full-time Students ............................. 6,000
International Students ...................... 100
Number of Countries Represented ........ 30

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Northern Virginia Community College

Welcome to Northern Virginia Community College, known to us as NOVA. We invite you to experience the challenging and rewarding opportunities we have to offer. This year, we are celebrating our 49th year of providing some of the most dynamic and comprehensive educational opportunities to the residents of the counties in Virginia we serve and beyond.

NOVA offers a wide-range of programs meeting standards for transfer to baccalaureate degree programs in four-year colleges and universities. We also offer developmental courses to assist students in developing skills to ensure their success at the college, and community service/continuing education courses which serve to meet personal development needs and the needs for business/industry training and retraining.

Our students, like most community college students, come to us from all different backgrounds. Our students represent more than 180 different nationalities, which makes our student body unique.

We welcome you to our campuses.

– Dr. Robert G. Templin, Jr.

Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) is an open admission, comprehensive community college accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, which is located just outside of the nation’s capital city. NOVA’s six campuses offer over 120 two-year degree and certificate programs aimed at both university transfer and direct workplace entry in a variety disciplines. Founded in 1964, NOVA is one of the largest community colleges in the United States and is the largest academic institution in the state of Virginia serving a student population of nearly 78,000 including 2,000+ international students who represent over 180 different countries.

ACADEMICS: Academic Programs of Interest

- Architectural Design
- Automotive Technology
- Biology
- Biotechnology
- Business Management
- Communication Studies
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Science
- Early Childhood Education
- Economics
- Engineering
- Environmental Sciences
- Graphic Design
- History
- International Business
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Political Science
- Visual and Performing Arts
- Web Programming and Design
Situated just outside of Washington, D.C., NOVA’s six campuses offer over 120 two-year degree programs aimed at both university transfer and direct workplace entry in a variety of disciplines.

ACADEMICS: Special Study Options
- ESL/Intensive English programs
- High school enrollment programs
- Summer programs

SUPPORT SERVICES
- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfer
- Counseling on visa/immigration matters
- Tutoring and study skills workshops

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS
- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- Volunteer programs

HOUSING SERVICES
- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus
- Referrals to housing assistance providers

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
Spring ........................................ ... November 1, 2013
Summer ........................................ ... March 15, 2014
Fall ..................................................... June 1, 2014
Winter ......................................... Not Applicable

Minimum Test Scores Required
iBT TOEFL ........................................... 61
IELTS ................................................. 6

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
Tuition .............................................. $8,400
Rooms/Meals ..................................... $13,800
Health Insurance ............................... Included in other costs
Books/Supplies .................................. $1,500
Other Expenses ................................. Included in other costs
TOTAL ........................................... $23,700

Top 5 Transfer Universities
College of William and Mary (VA)
George Mason University (VA)
George Washington University (DC)
University of Virginia (VA)
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (VA)

Popular Athletic Programs
Basketball  Volleyball
Soccer

Student Population
Total Students .................................. 78,000
Full-time Students ............................. 36,000
International Students ......................... 2,100
Number of Countries Represented ........... 180

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Bergen Community College (BCC), the largest community college in New Jersey, is located in Paramus, NJ, just 30 minutes from New York City. Public transportation to campus is available from New York City and most places in northern New Jersey. BCC has a rich campus life with more than 50 student clubs and organizations, including honor societies. Students benefit from quality faculty-student interaction, opportunities for paid internships, career coaching, and articulation agreements with four-year colleges and universities around the United States. BCC is a smart start to an American education.

Bergen Community College
Paramus, New Jersey (NJ)

www.bergen.edu/isc

Bergen Community College is proud to have more than 600 international students, representing 71 countries from around the world. BCC offers ESL. A TOEFL score is not required for graduates of our ESL program.

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Accounting
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Graphic Design
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Veterinary Medicine/Technology
- Visual and Performing Arts

Special Study Options
- ESL/Intensive English programs

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfers
- Counseling on visa/immigration matters
- Tutoring and study skills workshops
- Health Center
- Orientation

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- Volunteer programs

HOUSING SERVICES

- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus

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Application Deadlines
No deadlines, applications accepted year-round.

Minimum Test Scores Required
- iBT TOEFL ...................................... 80
- IELTS .................................. Not Applicable

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
- Tuition ..................................... $8,000
- Rooms/Meals ............................. $10,000
- Health Insurance  ............. Included in other costs
- Books/Supplies  .............. Included in other costs
- TOTAL ................................... $18,000

Top 5 Transfer Universities
- Baruch College (NY)
- Farleigh Dickinson University (NJ)
- Montclair State University (NJ)
- Rutgers University (NJ)
- William Paterson University (NJ)

Popular Athletic Programs
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Volleyball

Student Population
- Total Students .............................. 17,000
- Full-time Students .......................... 13,000
- International Students .................... 625
- Number of Countries Represented ........ 71

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

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* See college website for additional information
Bronx Community College (BCC) of the City University of New York (CUNY) is located on a traditional 43-acre campus in the University Heights section of the Bronx and offers over 40 associate degree and certificate programs. The college serves over 11,000 students, who come from more than 100 countries. As a comprehensive community college, BCC provides students with an education that enables them to move with equal facility into productive and rewarding careers or increasingly advanced higher education programs. BCC seeks to graduate students who are prepared to live within, profit from, and contribute to a 21st century global environment.

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**Bronx Community College**

**Bronx, New York (NY)**

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Noteworthy alumni include former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Richard Carmona, Pulitzer Prize-winner Oscar Hijuelos, and Academy Award-winning director/actor Chazz Palminteri.

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**ACADEMICS**

**Academic Programs of Interest**
- Business Administration
- Computer Information Systems
- Criminal Justice
- Dietetics and Nutrition
- Digital Arts
- Education
- Human Services
- Liberal Arts
- Nursing
- Radiologic Technology

**Special Study Options**
- ESL/Intensive English programs
- Summer programs

**SUPPORT SERVICES**

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Health center
- Tutoring and study skills workshops
- Cultural and education programs within the community
- Academic, graduation, and transfer counseling

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS**

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs

**HOUSING SERVICES**

- Referrals to housing assistance providers

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**A QUICK LOOK**

**Application Deadlines**

- Spring: September 15, 2014
- Summer: Not Applicable
- Fall: March 15, 2014
- Winter: Not Applicable

**Minimum Test Scores Required**

- iBT TOEFL: 60
- IELTS: 5

**Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)**

- Tuition: $7,074
- Rooms/Meals: $18,071
- Health Insurance: Included in other costs
- Books/Supplies: $1,456
- Other Expenses: $6,741
- TOTAL: $33,342

**Top 5 Transfer Universities**

- City College of New York (NY)
- Hunter College (NY)
- John Jay College of Criminal Science (NY)
- Lehman College (NY)
- New York City College of Technology (NY)

**Popular Athletic Programs**

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross-country
- Soccer
- Track and Field

**Student Population**

- Total Students: 11,116
- Full-time Students: 6,370
- International Students: 236
- Number of Countries Represented: 125

**INTERNATIONAL OFFICE**

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* See college website for additional information

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Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) is the perfect first step for international students who seek a dynamic educational experience in the United States. Founded in 1973, BHCC is located in Boston, MA, and is fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. BHCC offers 57 associate degree programs and 39 certificate programs. Agreements between BHCC and four-year colleges and universities allow BHCC graduates to transfer to top universities throughout the United States. The college welcomes more than 830 international students from 97 countries.

BHCC has a strong English as a second language program with a multimedia language lab. The college provides opportunities for students to transfer to excellent universities.

**ACADEMICS**

**Academic Programs of Interest**
- Biotechnology
- Business Management
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts
- Engineering
- Hospitality/Tourism
- International Business
- Web Programming and Design

**Special Study Options**
- ESL/Intensive English programs
- Summer programs

**SUPPORT SERVICES**

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Orientation and resident life activities
- Health center
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) transfer
- Counseling on visa/immigration matters
- Tutoring and study skills workshops

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS**

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- Volunteer programs

**HOUSING SERVICES**

- Homestays/Host families
- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus
- Referrals to housing assistance providers

**A QUICK LOOK**

**Application Deadlines**
- Spring: November 30, 2013
- Summer: April 21, 2014
- Fall: July 15, 2014
- Winter: Not Applicable

**Minimum Test Scores Required**
- iBT TOEFL: 38
- IELTS: 5

**Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)**
- Tuition: $8,328
- Rooms/Meals: $8,473
- Health Insurance: $928
- Books/Supplies: $550
- Other Expenses: $1,221
- TOTAL: $19,500

**Top 5 Transfer Universities**
- Bentley University (MA)
- Indiana University (IN)
- State University of New York (NY)
- Suffolk University (MA)
- University of Massachusetts (MA)

**Popular Athletic Programs**
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Golf
- Soccer
- Tennis

**Student Population**
- Total Students: 13,600
- Full-time Students: 4,488
- International Students: 830
- Number of Countries Represented: 97

**INTERNATIONAL OFFICE**

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Located in suburban Philadelphia, close to New York and Washington, D.C., Montgomery County Community College delivers exceptional academic and workforce programs. Areas of specialization include the arts, science and technology, business, liberal arts, social science, public safety, education and the health sciences. Our award-winning faculty, small class sizes, leadership opportunities, state-of-the-art technology and facilities exceed the offerings of many private academies. Our graduates successfully transfer to many top-notch four-year colleges and universities in the area and have high rates of success on professional certification exams and entry into the job market.

Montgomery County Community College
Blue Bell, Pennsylvania (PA)

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Montgomery County Community College delivers exceptional academic and workforce programs. We offer award-winning faculty, small class sizes and state-of-the-art facilities in a great location.

ACADEMICS

Academic Programs of Interest
- Biology
- Biotechnology
- Business Management
- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice
- Engineering
- Film and TV Production
- Music
- Nursing
- Psychology

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Advising on F-1 regulations and policy
- Health Center
- Counseling on academic matters and university (2+2) Transfer
- Assistance with adjustment to college life and U.S. culture
- Tutoring and study skills workshops

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Cultural activities and programs on/off campus
- International student associations/clubs
- Volunteer programs

HOUSING SERVICES

- Apartments and rooms to rent near campus

Blue Bell Population: .......................... 6,067
Location Type: .............................. Suburban
Nearest International Airport: .................. PHL

A QUICK LOOK

Application Deadlines
Spring ................................. June 25, 2014
Summer .............................. Not Applicable
Fall ................................. July 1, 2014
Winter .............................. Not Applicable

Minimum Test Scores Required
iBT TOEFL ............................ 79
IELTS ............................. 6.5

Estimated Cost per Academic Year (in U.S. Dollars)
Tuition ................................. $10,152
Rooms/Meals ............................. $7,850
Health Insurance .......................... $1,000
Books/Supplies ............................. $1,300
Other Expenses ............................. $1,640
TOTAL .............................. $21,942

Top 5 Transfer Universities
Albright College (PA)
Gwynedd Mercy College (PA)
Pennsylvania State University-Abington (PA)
Temple University (PA)
West Chester University (PA)

Popular Athletic Programs
Baseball
Basketball
Softball
Soccer
Volleyball

Student Population
Total Students .............................. 13,310
Full-time Students ............................. 5,000
International Students .......................... 120
Number of Countries Represented .......................... 26

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2+2 transfer - An agreement whereby a student completes two years of education at a community college and then transfers to a four-year college or university to obtain a bachelor’s degree.

academic advising - Assistance provided by faculty members to help students decide the courses needed to meet all requirements for earning a certificate or degree.

academic year - The period of formal instruction, usually from September to June. An academic year may be divided into semesters, trimesters, or quarters.

accreditation - The process used to approve the program quality of U.S. higher education institutions. Community colleges and universities are accredited by the same nationally recognized regional accrediting agencies.

articulation agreement - An agreement between community colleges and universities that allows course credits to be transferred from one institution to another.

associate degree - Degree awarded upon completion of approximately 2 years of full-time study (60 credit hours) which includes three parts: general education requirements, major requirements, and electives.

bachelor’s degree - Degree awarded upon completion of approximately 4 years of full-time study in the liberal arts and sciences or professional subjects.

campus - The land on which the buildings of a college are located.

coad - A college that admits both male and female students.

college - A postsecondary institution that provides undergraduate degree programs and, in some cases, master’s degrees.

college catalog - An official college publication that includes information about academic programs, facilities, entrance requirements, and student life.

course - Regularly scheduled class sessions of 1–5 hours (or more) per week during a semester or quarter. A degree program, comprised of required and elective courses, varies from institution to institution.

course load - The number of courses or credits taken in a semester or quarter.

credits - Units colleges use to record the completion of courses with passing grades that are required for an academic degree.

culture shock - The mental shock of adjusting to a new country that may be dramatically different from one’s own.

degree - A diploma conferred by a college, university, or professional school upon completion of an approved program of study.

department - Administrative subdivision of a college through which instruction in a certain field of study is given.

dormitory (dorm) - Housing facility on a college campus reserved for students.

electives - Courses that students may choose to take for credit toward their intended degree, rather than courses that they are required to take.

English as a second language (ESL) - A program used to teach English to students whose first language is not English.

extracurricular activities - Non-academic activities undertaken outside of college courses.
faculty – Members of the teaching staff at a college or university who are also responsible for designing the courses of study offered by the institution.

fee – An amount charged by colleges and universities, in addition to tuition, to cover costs of institutional services.

freshman – A first-year student at a college or university.

full-time student – A student who is enrolled at a college or university and is taking at least the minimum number of credits (usually 12) to meet the institution’s requirements.

grade point average (GPA) – A system of recording achievement based on a numerical average of the grades attained in each course.

graduate – A student who has completed a course of study, either at the college or university level.

homestay – An arrangement where the student lives with a U.S. family in the local community and has the opportunity to experience life as it is lived day to day in the United States.

Intensive English Program (IEP) – A term used to describe a program that teaches English to non-native speakers.

international student adviser (ISA) – The person at a college or university who is in charge of providing information and guidance to international students in areas including government and visa regulations, academic requirements, social customs, language, financial or housing issues, travel plans, insurance, and/or legal matters.

junior – A third-year student at a college or university.

liberal arts – A term referring to academic studies of subjects in the humanities, the sciences, and the social sciences.

major – The subject in which a student wishes to concentrate his or her study.

minor – A subject in which the student takes the second greatest concentration of courses.

Optional Practical Training (OPT) – A program in which international students are entitled to work in their field of study upon the completion of a degree (associate, bachelor’s, master’s, and beyond).

placement test – An examination used to test a student’s academic ability in a specific field so that he or she can be placed in courses at the appropriate level in that field.

prerequisite – A program or course that a student is required to complete before being permitted to enroll in a more advanced program or course.

registration – Process through which students select courses to be taken during the academic year.

room and board – Terms used to describe living facilities (room) and food (board).

senior – A fourth-year student at a college or university.

SEVIS – An Internet-based system developed by the U.S. government to track and monitor non-immigrant students during the time they are enrolled in the U.S. higher education system.

SEVIS Form I-20 – The form an international student receives from a college or university after he or she is accepted as a student. The I-20 includes information required to apply for a visa: name of the college, field of study, dates the student expects to begin and complete studies, and the student’s ability to pay for his or her education.

social security number (SSN) – Everyone who works in the United States is required to have an SSN. The number is issued by the U.S. government and often is used by colleges and universities as the student’s identification number.

sophomore – A second-year student at a college or university.

transcript – A certified copy of a student’s educational record.

tuition – The money an institution charges for instruction and training (not including the cost of books).

undergraduate studies – Two- or four-year programs at a college or university undertaken after secondary school graduation and leading to an associate or bachelor’s degree.

university – A large postsecondary institution that offers both undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

vocational or technical college – A college offering programs that prepare students with skills relevant to the needs of employers and the economy.

withdrawal – The administrative procedure of dropping a course or leaving a college or university.

zip code – A series of numbers in mailing addresses that designate postal delivery districts in the United States.
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- College of DuPage (IL)
- Craven Community College (NC)
- Elgin Community College (IL)
- Ivy Tech Community College (IN)
- Johnson County Community College (KS)
- Lakeland Community College (OH)
- Lone Star College System (TX)
- Lorain County Community College (OH)
- Mesa Community College (AZ)
- Mesillas Community College (NM)
- Niagara County Community College (NY)
- Parkland College (IL)
- Pellissippi State Community (TN)
- Prince George's Community College (MD)
- Rockland Community College (NY)
- Seminole College (OK)
- Skagit Valley College (WA)
- Tidewater Community College (VA)
- Tompkins Cortland Community College (NY)

2011–2012 *Profiles* publication

- College of Central Florida (FL)
- Columbus State Community College (OH)
- Community College of Denver (CO)
- Community College of Philadelphia (PA)
- Georgia Perimeter College (GA)
- Green River Community College (WA)
- Lake Washington Institute of Technology (WA)
- Laramie County Community College (WY)
- Los Angeles Pierce College (CA)
- Lurleen B. Wallace Community College (AL)
- Middlesex Community College (MA)
- MiraCosta Community College (CA)
- Mt. San Jacinto Community College (CA)
- Northwest College (WY)
- Sacramento City College (CA)
- Scottsdale Community College (AZ)
- South Georgia College (GA)
- Southeast Kentucky Community & Technical College (KY)
- Yavapai College (AZ)

2010–2011 *Profiles* publication

- Baton Rouge Community College (LA)
- Bronx Community College (NY)
- Cascadia Community College (WA)
- Casper College (WY)
- Citrus College (CA)
- City College of San Francisco (CA)
- Colby Community College (KS)
- Cypress College (CA)
- Darton College (GA)
- Delaware County Community College (PA)
- Everett Community College (WA)
- Front Range Community College (CO)
- Fullerton College (CA)
- GateWay Community College (AZ)
- Illinois Central College (IL)
- Los Angeles City College (CA)
- Los Angeles Harbor College (CA)
- Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (CA)
- Madison Area Technical College (WI)
- Mission College (CA)
- Monroe Community College (NY)
- Moraine Valley Community College (IL)
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- Navarro College (TX)
- Paris Junior College (TX)
- Pierpont Community & Technical College (WV)
- Portland Community College (OR)
- Richland College (TX)
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- Riverside Community College District (CA)
- Sheridan College (WY)
- South Seattle Community College (WA)
- Southeastern Technical College (GA)
- Tallahassee Community College (FL)
- Valencia Community College (FL)

2009–2010 *Profiles* publication

- Bluegrass Community & Technical College (KY)
- Brevard Community College (FL)
- Clover Park Technical College (WA)
- College of Marin (CA)
- College of Southern Nevada (NV)
- Contra Costa College (CA)
- Edmonds Community College (WA)
- Florida Keys Community College (FL)
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- Herkimer County Community College (NY)
- Howard Community College-English Language Institute (MD)
- Jefferson Community & Technical College (KY)
- Kingsborough Community College (NY)
- Lake Land College (IL)
- MassBay Community College (MA)
- McLennan Community College (TX)
- Minnesota State Community and Technical College (MN)
- North Central Missouri College (MO)
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East Arkansas Community College
Mid-South Community College
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North Arkansas College
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South Arkansas Community College
Southeast Arkansas College
Southern Arkansas University Tech
University of Arkansas Community
College at Hope
University of Arkansas Community
College at Batesville

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (Washington, D.C.)

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GEORGIA

Albany Technical College
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| North Central Michigan College | Jones County Junior College |
| Northwestern Michigan College | Meridian Community College |
| Oakland Community College | Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College |
| Oakland Community College- Highland Lakes | Northeast Mississippi Community College |
| Oakland Community College- Orchard Ridge | Pearl River Community College |
| Schoolcraft College | Wayne County Community College District See page 84 |
| Southwestern Michigan College | Minnesota |
| St. Clair County Community College | Alexandria and Community Technical College |
| Washtenaw Community College | Anoka-Ramsey Community College |
| | Central Lakes College |
| | Century College |
| | Dakota County Technical College |
| | Hennepin Technical College |
| | Hibbing Community College |
| | Inver Hills Community College |
| | Itasca Community College |
| | Mesabi Range College - Eveleth Campus |
| | Minneapolis Community and Technical College |
| | Minnesota State College - Southeast Technical, Winona |
| | Minnesota State Community & Technical College |
| | Minnesota West Community and Technical College |
| | Normandale Community College |
| | Northland Community & Technical College Pine Technical College |
| | Rainy River Community College |
| | Ridgewater College |
| | Rochester Community and Technical College |
| | South Central College |
| | Vermilion Community College |
| | MISSOURI |
| | Cottey College |
| | Crowder College |
| | East Central College |
| | Jefferson College |
| | Linn State Technical College Metropolitan Community College Metropolitan Community College-Blue River Metropolitan Community College-Penn Valley Mineral Area College |
| | Missouri State University-West Plains Moberly Area Community College North Central Missouri College Ozarks Technical Community College St. Charles Community College St. Louis Community College See page 82 |
| | State Fair Community College Three Rivers Community College |
| | MONTANA |
| | Dawsonson Community College Flathead Valley Community College Little Big Horn College Miles Community College Montana State University-Great Falls College of Technology |
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| | Southeast Community College Western Nebraska Community College |
| | NEVADA |
| | College of Southern Nevada Great Basin College Truckee Meadows Community College Western Nevada College |
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| | Middlesex County College Ocean County College Passaic County Community College Raritan Valley Community College Salem Community College Sussex County Community College Union County College Warren County Community College |
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Wake Technical Community College
Western Piedmont Community College

NORTH DAKOTA
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Dakota College at Bottineau
Lake Region State College
North Dakota State College of Science

NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS
Northern Marianas College

OHIO
Belmont Technical College
Central Ohio Technical College
Cincinnati State Technical & Community College
Clark State Community College
Columbus State Community College
Cuyahoga Community College-Eastern Campus
Cuyahoga Community College-Metro Campus
Cuyahoga Community College-Western Campus
Cuyahoga Community College-Westshore Campus
Eastern Gateway Community College
Edison State Community College
James A. Rhodes State College
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North Central State College
Northwest State Community College
Owens Community College

Sinclair Community College
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Southern State Community College
Stark State College
Terra Community College

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Carl Albert State College
Murray State College
Northeastern Oklahoma A & M College
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**Pennsylvania**
- Bucks County Community College
- Butler County Community College
- Community College of Allegheny County
- Community College of Allegheny
- County - North Campus
- Community College of Allegheny
- County - South Campus
- Community College of Philadelphia
- Delaware County Community College
- Harrisburg Area Community College
- Lackawanna College
- Lehigh Carbon Community College
- Luzerne County Community College
- Montgomery County Community College [See page 109]
- Northampton Community College
- Reading Area Community College
- Westmoreland County Community College

**Rhode Island**
- Community College of Rhode Island

**South Carolina**
- Aiken Technical College
- Florence-Darlington Technical College
- Greenville Technical College
- Midlands Technical College
- Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College
- Piedmont Technical College
- Spartanburg Community College
- Technical College of the Lowcountry
- Tri-County Technical College
- Trident Technical College [See page 95]

**Texas**
- Alvin Community College
- Amarillo College
- Austin Community College
- Blinn College - Brenham
- Brazosport College
- Brookhaven College
- Cedar Valley College
- Cisco College
- Clarendon College
- Coastal Bend College
- College of the Mainland
- Dallas County Community College District
- Del Mar College
- Eastfield College
- El Centro College
- El Paso Community College District
- Galveston College
- Grayson College
- Hill College

**Tennessee**
- Chattanooga State Technical Community College
- Cleveland State Community College
- Columbia State Community College
- Dyersburg State Community College
- Jackson State Community College
- Motlow State Community College
- Nashville State Community College
- Northeast State Community College
- Pellissippi State Community College
- Roane State Community College
- Southwest Tennessee Community College
- Volunteer State Community College
- Walters State Community College

**San Jacinto College**
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**South Texas College**
- Southwest Texas Junior College
- Tarrant County College District
- Tarrant County College-Northeast
- Tarrant County College-Northwest
- Tarrant County College-South
- Tarrant County College-Southeast
- Tarrant County College-Trinity River
- Temple College
- Texarkana College
- Texas State Technical College Harlingen
- Texas State Technical College Waco
- Tyler Junior College
- Vernon College
- Victoria College
- Weatherford College
- Wharton County Junior College

**Utah**
- Salt Lake Community College
- Snow College
- Utah State University College of Eastern Utah

**Vermont**
- Community College of Vermont
- Landmark College

**Virginia**
- Central Virginia Community College
- Danville Community College
- Germanna Community College
- J Sargeant Reynolds Community College
- Lord Fairfax Community College
- Mountain Empire Community College
- New River Community College
- Northern Virginia Community College [See page 104]

**Virginia Highlands Community College**
- Virginia Western Community College
- Wytheville Community College
WASHINGTON

Bates Technical College
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Clover Park Technical College
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Whatcom Community College
Yakima Valley Community College

WEST VIRGINIA

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Kanawha Valley Community &
   Technical College
Potomac State College of West
   Virginia University
West Virginia Northern
   Community College
West Virginia University at Parkersburg

WISCONSIN

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Northeast Wisconsin Technical College
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Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College

WYOMING

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### Community Colleges with On-Campus Housing

The following list does not include community colleges with dorm-like housing located near campus. Please know that, in some cases, community colleges may provide dorm-like housing as close as across the street from campus. Therefore, if the location of housing is a deciding factor, we recommend that you first inquire directly to your prospective community college(s) about all the available housing options.

*Only colleges that are also SEVP-approved are listed here.*

*Colleges with Profiles in this Guide are green and in bold*

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- Gogebic Community College
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- North Central Michigan College
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- Southwestern Michigan College

### MINNESOTA
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- Itasca Community College
- Minnesota State Community and Technical College
- Minnesota West Community and Technical College
- Rainy River Community College
- Vermilion Community College

### MISSISSIPPI
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- Copiah-Lincoln Community College
- East Central Community College
- East Mississippi Community College
- Hinds Community College
- Itawamba Community College
- Jones County Junior College
- Meridian Community College
- Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
- Northeast Mississippi Community College
- Pearl River Community College

### MISSOURI
- Cottey College
- Crowder College
- Jefferson College
- Linn State Technical College
- Mineral Area College
- Missouri State University-West Plains
- Missouri Area College
- North Central Missouri College
- State Fair Community College
- Three Rivers Community College

### MONTANA
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- Flathead Valley Community College
- Miles Community College

### NEBRASKA
- Central Community College
- Metropolitan Community College
- Mid-Plains Community College
- Northeast Community College
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- Southeast Community College Area
- Western Nebraska Community College

### NEVADA
- Great Basin College

### NEW MEXICO
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- Navajo Technical College
- New Mexico Junior College

### NEW YORK
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- Dutchess Community College
- Fashion Institute of Technology
- Fulton-Montgomery Community College
- Genesee Community College
- Jamestown Community College
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- Monroe Community College
- Onondaga Community College
- SUNY College of Technology at Alfred
- Tompkins Cortland Community College

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### OKLAHOMA
- Carl Albert State College
- Murray State College
- Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College
- Northern Oklahoma College
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- Redlands Community College
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### OREGON
- Lane Community College
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Community Colleges with On-Campus Housing (cont.)

UTAH
Snow College

VERMONT
Landmark College

WASHINGTON
Big Bend Community College
Centralia College
Edmonds Community College
Olympic College
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Seattle Central Community College
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Skagit Valley College
Wenatchee Valley College
Yakima Valley Community College

WEST VIRGINIA
Bridgemont Community &
Technical College
Potomac State College of
West Virginia University

WISCONSIN
Northcentral Technical College
Western Technical College

WYOMING
Casper College
Central Wyoming College
Eastern Wyoming College
Laramie County Community College
Northwest College
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Western Wyoming Community College
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Internet Resources for International Students

Accreditation
Council for Higher Education Accreditation
www.chea.org

Athletic Programs
National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA)
www.njcaa.org
California Community College Athletic Association
www.coasports.org
The National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association
www.collegerodeo.com

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Vaccinations)
wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel

College Board/SAT Reasoning Test
www.collegeboard.com

Community Colleges
www.aacc.nche.edu/study-in-america

Currency Exchange Rates
www.oanda.com
www.xe.com/ucc/

Disabilities—Accommodations and Services
Mobility International USA
www.miusa.org/ncde

EducationUSA Advising Centers
www.EducationUSA.info

English-Language Proficiency Tests
International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
www.ielts.org
Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
www.toefl.org

Financial Aid
In General
http://www.edupass.org/finaid/sources.phtml
Phi Theta Kappa (community college honor society)
http://www.ptk.org/schol

Social Security Number and Card
http://www.ssa.gov/ssnumber/?h

Sports (See Athletic Programs)

Traveling to the United States
Getting Ready to Go Booklets
http://www.educationusa.info/pages/students/researchreferences-study.php
Study in America Website
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U.S. Embassies and Consulates
www.usembassy.state.gov

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)
www.ice.gov/sevis

Visa Information
In General
www.travel.state.gov/visa
Student Academic (F-1) and Vocational (M)
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