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of Attending Community College

1. Affordable Cost
2. Excellent Transfer Opportunities
3. Flexible English Proficiency Requirements
4. Focus on Teaching
5. Small Class Sizes
6. Additional Year of Practical Training
7. Use of the Latest Technologies
8. Hundreds of Programs to Choose From
9. Opportunities to Experience U.S. Culture
10. Excellent Student Support Services

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Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) is a great first step for international students who want to have an educational experience in the USA. BHCC’s International Center welcomes more than 500 international students from over 90 countries every year.

Why do students choose BHCC?

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- Criminal Justice
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- Nursing

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I would like to thank you for your interest in studying in the United States.

America has a long and rich history of openness to the world, and we take great pride in our tradition of welcoming people from around the globe. That openness is a source of our strength. The millions who have come to our shores have contributed their creativity and energy to our society and helped make America a “nation of nations.” We welcome you to experience America and get to know our country and our people. One of the best ways to do that is by studying here, including at one of the more than 1,200 outstanding community colleges across the United States.

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The excellence and diversity of our educational institutions is unrivaled. Whatever you are looking for in an educational experience, there is a place for you at a college in America. I encourage you to explore the unique experience of life on an American college campus by furthering your education in the United States.

Sincerely,

Maura Harty
Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs
U.S. Department of State
The American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) is pleased to present you with International Student Guide to U.S. Community Colleges. Published especially for students thinking about studying in the United States, the Guide covers everything from finding the right college to getting acquainted with U.S. culture. In “The Top Ten Benefits of Studying at a Community College” on page 13, you will find a detailed description of the top 10 reasons why you may want to begin your college career at a community college in the United States. In welcoming you to the Guide, we would like to summarize those for you here.

- Community colleges provide the first 2 years of college education and award associate degrees upon successful completion of all requirements. Classes are usually small, with a strong focus on teaching. Many community colleges offer Intensive English Programs (IEPs) for students who wish to improve their English before beginning their college-level academic studies.

- Students who begin at a community college can transfer credits to a 4-year college or university and complete a bachelor’s degree, through what is known as a 2 + 2 transfer agreement.

- Tuition at community colleges is much lower than at 4-year institutions. Because of lower costs, close ties to the community, and the availability of cutting-edge technology, community college students receive both an academic and a financial benefit.

- Students completing an associate degree are entitled to a year of Optional Practical Training (OPT) and a second year of OPT on completion of a bachelor’s degree. OPT allows international students to work for pay in the United States if the work relates to their field of study.

- Community colleges offer hundreds of programs to choose from, excellent support services for students, and the opportunity for international students to experience U.S. culture first hand.

Many distinguished business leaders, scientists, scholars, writers, musicians, and artists began their higher education at U.S. community colleges. We hope to welcome you among the next generation of outstanding community college alumni.

The International Student Guide to U.S. Community Colleges is produced by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), a national organization representing more than 1,200 regionally accredited, associate degree–granting colleges and more than 11 million students—almost half of all U.S. undergraduates. The AACC member colleges advertising and listed in this Guide are all committed to helping all their students succeed.
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The Guide was designed to help you research and apply to U.S. community colleges and to become more familiar with living and studying in the United States. The Guide is organized to help you through all stages of the process, from learning about the U.S. higher education system to living and studying in the United States. In order to make the book as useful as possible for you, we have used a number of symbols and designs to help you identify important issues and find information.

This symbol indicates that there is something specific you may want to think about. It usually accompanies questions or ideas that will help you understand what you want in a college or help you prepare.

When you see this checklist symbol, you will know that there is a list of things you should make sure to do. Read through the lists and keep track of what you have—and have not—already accomplished. Check items off as you proceed.

This symbol refers to worksheets. Worksheets are similar to checklists, but they may require you to insert information or look up additional information. For instance, in the “Financial Planning” section you will find a worksheet to help you estimate your expenses.

The section topics are organized in the approximate order you will want to follow in getting ready to study in the United States. To find a particular topic, look at the table of contents. The Guide will help you as you think about why you might want to study in the United States, consider the benefits of attending a community college, and begin working on your applications. Once you have been accepted, take a look at the sections on applying for a visa and traveling to the United States. There is also a section on living in the United States, which includes information about U.S. culture. Good luck with your search. We look forward to seeing you in the United States as an international student.
Studying at U.S. colleges and universities is no longer just a trend for international students. Of the nearly 565,000 international students currently enrolled in all higher education institutions, more than 83,000 attend community colleges located throughout the United States. Thousands more international students enroll in 4-year colleges and universities in the United States.

International students are highly valued on U.S. campuses. Classmates and professors want to learn more about foreign students, countries, cultures, and languages. Colleges and universities welcome international students and encourage them to join multinational and multicultural student organizations, as well as campus clubs and activities. International students are a welcome addition to the diverse students and ideas found on college campuses.

A degree from a U.S. college or university is recognized throughout the world as a significant accomplishment, and international students with degrees from U.S. colleges and universities become highly marketable in their home countries. In addition, the experience of living and studying abroad offers students invaluable experience in an increasingly global society. Virtually every career field needs people who understand global issues, appreciate the cultures of other countries, and have the skills to work successfully in an international context. Studying abroad provides the opportunity for students to become globally competent citizens.

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Students from Around the World

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Community Colleges
Whether they are large or small, located in big cities or rural settings, community colleges have a common mission to promote and support learning and student success. Almost 50% of all U.S. undergraduates begin their study at a community college—one reason why U.S. community colleges are becoming more widely known to international students worldwide as “the gateway to U.S. higher education.” These 2-year institutions, also known as technical or junior colleges, award associate degrees (or certificates) upon completion of a 2-year program of study. An associate degree enables you to

- Transfer to a 4-year college or university where you can obtain a bachelor’s degree, usually after 2 additional years of study.
- Begin a career immediately in any one of hundreds of fields not requiring a 4-year degree.

Four-Year Colleges and Universities
Four-year colleges and universities award bachelor’s degrees of arts or science (BA or BS) upon completion of a 4-year program of study. They also award graduate and professional degrees upon completion of

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**Most Common Degrees Awarded at Colleges & Universities**

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Chaffey College Welcomes International Students
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additional years of study. Nearly all 4-year colleges and universities accept credits earned at community colleges and allow students to transfer into bachelor’s programs. Because transfer rules differ, it is important to find out the specific transfer rules for the college or university you are interested in transferring to before you apply to a community college.

Accreditation

Regional accreditation agencies that are recognized by the U.S. Department of State evaluate community colleges and 4-year institutions to ensure that they meet or exceed the criteria of educational quality. Both community colleges and 4-year institutions are accredited by the same regional agencies. It is very important that the institution or the program you are planning to attend be accredited. Accredited colleges and universities will accept transfer credit 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 college or university. You can find out whether the college you are applying to is accredited by checking the Web sites of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges or — continued on p. 10

Cypress College Programs of Study

- **Transfer Program** — Transfer to a California State University campus, the University of California or other top universities

- **Associate Degree Program** — Popular majors include culinary arts, hotel & restaurant management, airline & travel careers, automotive technology and mortuary science. Many more are available.

- **Certificate Program** — Earn a certificate of proficiency in a specific occupational area.
the Office of Postsecondary Education. Note: All community colleges listed are regionally accredited institutions (see pages 67 and 82).

**SEVP-Approved Colleges and Universities**

International students are eligible to attend only colleges and universities that are approved by the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP). The institutions approved by SEVP are required by the U.S. government to supply information about international students to the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), an Internet-based system that tracks and monitors schools and programs, students and their dependents, throughout a student’s stay in the United States. This information is provided to the U.S. Department of State, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Before applying to a college, find out whether it is approved by SEVP. For a list of SEVP-approved AACC member colleges, see page 67.

**Information for Students With Disabilities**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that all U.S. colleges and universities make reasonable accommodations for all students with disabilities. Colleges normally provide services such as sign language interpreters, handicapped accessible classrooms, note takers in classes, Braille materials, and extended time for test-taking. They do not typically provide personal care attendants, hearing aids, or wheelchairs. ADA applies to students even before they are accepted to a college. If you have a documented disability, you may qualify for nonstandard testing arrangements for the TOEFL or SAT. Accommodations may include extended time or additional breaks during an exam, a separate testing room, special editions of the test, or provision of a reader or scribe. Because higher education institutions must consider all applicants solely on the basis of their qualifications, an applicant’s disability status will not be either an advantage or a disadvantage. For general information about accommodations and services for students with disabilities, contact Mobility International USA. Community colleges are a top choice for students with disabilities. To find out more about services available at a particular college, contact the college’s international office.
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More international students are discovering that community colleges can be the stepping stones to prestigious 4-year colleges and universities. In this section we describe the top 10 benefits that U.S. community colleges offer to international students.

1. Affordable Cost
Community college tuition and fees are significantly lower than those at 4-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 2 years of courses at a community college.

2. Excellent Transfer Opportunities
Most community colleges have agreements with 4-year colleges and universities to allow students to transfer their community college credits toward a university degree. These agreements are called articulation agreements or 2 + 2 transfer agreements, because students graduate with a bachelor’s degree after completing 2 years of community college plus 2 years at a 4-year institution. Many state universities give preference to qualified students who transfer from a community college in that state.

3. Flexible English Proficiency Requirements
Because community colleges provide their own assessment and offer Intensive English Programs (IEPs) to students who require additional

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- Excellent student support services
- Intercollegiate athletics and more than 40 student clubs and organizations
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Get on the path!
English language proficiency, TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) language requirements are more flexible, and scores are not always critical to the admissions process. Some colleges will accept an IELTS (International English Language Testing System) score in place of the TOEFL score. (For more information, see page 28.)

4. Focus on Teaching
Although community college faculty also conduct research and publish articles and books, their main focus is on teaching. The result is that often community college students enjoy more personal attention from their instructors. Additionally, because community colleges seek out and hire many faculty who have practical work experience in the subjects they teach, students can expect to gain a real-world perspective on many subjects.

5. Small Class Sizes
Because the average community college class size is between 15 and 20 students, faculty are able to devote more of their time to individuals, and there is more opportunity for students to interact with others. For international students who may need to adjust to the pace of U.S. academic life and practice English-language skills, small classes are highly beneficial.

6. Additional Year of Practical Training
Students with F-1 status are eligible for one year of Optional Practical Training (OPT) in their field of study immediately following completion of an associate degree, and a second year of OPT immediately following completion of a bachelor’s degree. (For more information, see page 55.)

7. Use of the Latest Technologies
Because of their strong ties with business and industry, community colleges tend to be equipped with state-of-the-art technologies, classrooms, and facilities. Community colleges also have many programs in cutting-edge fields such as biomedical engineering, biotechnology, robotics, laser optics, Internet and computer technologies, and geographic information systems.

8. Hundreds of Programs to Choose From
Community colleges offer programs in all major fields of study—ranging from art to political science to zoology. This is especially important for students planning to transfer to 4-year colleges and universities. Community college programs currently popular among international students include business, engineering,
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9. Opportunities to Experience U.S. Culture
Because community colleges have strong ties to their surrounding communities, they offer international students both a rich academic environment and a unique chance to experience many aspects of life in the United States—both on and off campus.

10. Excellent Student Support Services
Community colleges are committed to ensuring that all students succeed, and they attract people of many different ages, ethnicities, nationalities, beliefs, and abilities. They offer a variety of support services and cross-cultural programs, including tutoring, advising, career planning, study skills, and counseling—many of which are designed specifically for international students. (For information about special services for students with disabilities, see page 10.)
“Internet Resources for International Students,” on page 84, is a list of Web sites and URLs you can visit to find information on all of the topics covered in the Guide. You may also notice that the name of an organization is printed in blue. This means that you will find a related URL on page 84.
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5. Coastline is located in famous Orange County, California—home to Disneyland, great beaches, and more than 329 days of sunshine a year!
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 for you to consider.

Have you already decided on a career?

If you 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 hundreds of majors from which to choose. They have close ties to a number of industries and are well respected in many fields of study. Community college alumni include Nobel Prize, Pulitzer Prize, and Emmy Award winners, as well as top-ranked business executives, U.S. government and international leaders, scientists, entrepreneurs, movie producers, actors, and world-class musicians.

Do you eventually want to earn a bachelor’s degree?

You can begin your higher education studies at a community college and transfer to a 4-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 agreements with 4-year colleges and universities.

Do you want to improve your English?

Studying in the United States will give you extensive exposure to the English language. Many community colleges also offer Intensive English Programs, through which you can improve your English skills before beginning your academic studies.

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- Safe and friendly environment
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Aims International Student from South Korea

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Are you interested in U.S. culture?
U.S. community colleges have strong ties to their local communities that provide extensive opportunities to interact with U.S. residents and to experience their culture.

Where would you prefer to live in the United States?
Would you prefer to live in a city, in a small town, or in 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? There are community colleges in each 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 institution to attend based on what state or region of the United States you would like to live in. Visit college Web sites to get a better sense of where you might want to live and study.

Consult the Best Sources for Information and Assistance
Applying to college can seem overwhelming at first, but there are many resources available to you. In this section, we describe some of the most useful for you in detail.

CommunityCollegeUSA.com
This is an excellent site to visit to learn more about community colleges and to find a college that is right for you. Many community colleges have posted their information in English and often in other major languages, with links to their individual Web sites. CommunityCollegeUSA.com allows you to search for institutions by subject area, geographical preference, or other criteria. You can also request information directly from a college and, in some cases, apply online. Many colleges have their entire course catalog online, so you can see what classes are offered, and some offer virtual tours of their campuses. Here is a sampling of what you will find on this site:

- Complete resource guide to education in the United States
- List of colleges welcoming international students
- Admissions office contact information for 100 featured colleges
- College fair information
- Information about transfer to 4-year colleges and universities
- Information about specific programs: ESL, summer, vocational/ career, computer and technology, and short-term/ certificate programs, internships, TOEFL and test preparation classes

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EducationUSA is a worldwide network of more than 450 advising centers affiliated with the U.S. Department of State. Its purpose is to help students find and apply to U.S. community colleges, as well as to 4-year colleges and universities. Centers are located at U.S. embassies and consulates, Fulbright commissions, bi-national centers, nongovernmental organizations, libraries, and universities. Centers are staffed by professional advisers, many of whom have studied in the United States or have received State Department-approved training for higher education advising. Among the wealth of information and materials available through the Web site or at the centers are the following:

• College catalogs
• Online tours of colleges
• Schedules for TOEFL and other tests
• College fair information
• Workshops and seminars
• Visa information
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- Understanding the admissions process
- Applying for a student visa
- Preparing for a visa interview
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**College Web Sites and E-Mail**
U.S. colleges and universities have Web sites that offer a wealth of information about degree programs, application procedures, academic departments, facilities on campus, and other topics. In many cases you will also find a copy of the college catalog. Some sites may also give e-mail addresses for current students, including international students, who are often willing to answer your questions about the college and about living in the United States. Once you have narrowed down the colleges you are interested in, you may wish to e-mail admissions personnel to ask specific questions before you decide where to apply.

**Free Publications From EducationUSA**

*If You Want to Study in the United States* is a series of 4 introductory booklets produced by the U.S. Dept. of State to provide objective and practical advice to prospective international students and scholars on studying in the United States. All four booklets may be downloaded from the EducationUSA Web site, and print copies of booklets 1, 2, and 3 are available from U.S. Educational Advising/Information Centers worldwide.

The four booklets are (1) *Undergraduate Study*; (2) *Graduate and Professional Study and Research*; (3) *Short-Term Study, English Language Programs, Distance Education, and Accreditation*; and (4) *Getting Ready to Go: Practical Information for Living and Studying in the United States*. Booklet 4 provides invaluable advice on applying for a visa, moving to the United States, and what to expect when you arrive on campus. It is available only on the U.S. Department of State Web site. *(Note: A portion of the information in this section is based on Booklet 1.)*

**College Fairs**
If you cannot visit the United States, colleges may come to your country to participate in college fairs or specially arranged seminars. Your nearest EducationUSA advising center can tell you about upcoming college fairs where you can talk to official college representatives face to face. Many of these fairs take place in the fall or spring of the year before you intend to start your studies, so it is important to start your research early.

**Campus Visits**
If you are able to travel to the United States before you go to college, this could be a great opportunity to visit the community colleges you are considering. Many colleges organize campus tours that are led by current students; check with the undergraduate admissions office for further information and to schedule a visit. We recommend that you visit the academic and housing facilities, — continued on p. 24
student union, and library to get a good sense of the campus. Speaking with students is another important part of the visit. U.S. residents are known for being friendly, so talk to current students to find out what college life is really like.

Other Sources of Information

- Fulbright commissions are connected with both the U.S. and your country’s government. They are another source of free assistance.

- Guidance counselors at your current school can often help. Ask whether there is anyone in the guidance or advising office who works with U.S. college and university applications.

- You may have friends, relatives, or alumni from your current school who have studied in the United States. Ask them for help. If you do not know anyone personally, ask friends and classmates if they know someone who has studied in the United States.

Internet Resources

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Estimating Expenses and Financial Resources

**Estimating Expenses**
Before applying to a community college, it is important that you estimate how much you will need to pay for tuition and living expenses. Costs vary depending on where your college is located and other factors, but, in general, you should expect to spend between about US$10,000 and US$20,000 each year. Contact the college’s international or admissions office for help in estimating your expenses, which should include those listed on the worksheet on this page.

**Estimating Your Financial Resources**
It is especially important for you to have a clear idea of what your expenses will be, because when you apply to a college (and before you can be granted a student visa), you will be required to show that you have the financial resources necessary to cover your expenses (see “Statement of Financial Support” on page 28). Because there are employment restrictions on international students, you cannot rely on working in the United States to help you pay for your education (see “Working in the United States” on page 55).

In general, you should expect to spend between about US$10,000 and US$20,000 each year.

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Applying to a Community College

Admission requirements vary from college to college. You must provide everything that the college requests before your application will be considered complete, so 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 or its equivalent. Prior to enrolling in classes, you will be required to send confirmation that you graduated. The remainder of this section describes the items you may or will be required to submit.

Application Form
An application form is always required. Most community colleges have a separate form for international students, which you can usually find on the college’s Web site. If you have difficulty locating the application online, send an e-mail or write to the international office and ask that the application materials be sent to you.

Test Scores
Although most U.S. community colleges have strong Intensive English Programs (IEPs), some may require
that you take standardized language proficiency tests for admission to their college. The tests most commonly required are TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or IELTS (International English Language Testing System). To find out where the tests are given in your country, contact your local EducationUSA advising center or visit the EducationUSA Web site. Whether or not you take the TOEFL or IELTS exam, most colleges will also require that you take their own English placement test on campus before registering for classes. If your score shows that you have adequate skills for college-level course work, you will be excused from an IEP. If not, you will be required to attend an IEP until the language requirement has been met. The SAT Reasoning Test (SAT), a standardized English and mathematics exam, is seldom required by community colleges. Taking the SAT does, however, show your interest in and commitment to studying in the United States.

**Statement of Financial Support**
You must submit a statement of financial support to show that you have the financial resources adequate to meet your expenses while studying at a college in the United States.

Financial resources may come from any dependable source, including scholarships, fellowships, sponsoring agencies, your personal funds, or your family’s funds. This statement is required by law to apply for a visa as well as to apply to a college. The international student application form for each college will explain what documents you need to submit. If you have questions, contact the college’s international office by e-mail, by phone, or in writing.

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**Proof of Immunization**
Most community colleges will require you to submit a record of immunizations you have received, signed by a physician. Contact the college’s international office to find out what is required.

**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. Normally, letters are written by teachers, employers, or others who know you well enough to describe your talents, goals, interests, aptitude, or character. 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. Essays are often an important part of the application process, so, 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 have to 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.

**Extracurricular Activities**
Extracurricular activities—activities you pursue outside the classroom—may help you obtain admission to a college or qualify you for special kinds of scholarships. These activities do not need to be directly related to your college course work or future education goals. Examples include membership in clubs, working as
a volunteer, or spending time on personal interests such as playing a musical instrument. Make sure to mention any prizes, awards, certificates, or medals you may have won in competitions. Even if you are not asked specifically on the application form about your extracurricular activities, try to include that information (perhaps within your personal essay): The U.S. education system regards these kinds of activities highly because they demonstrate your commitment, areas of interest, ability to work with others, and potential as a future leader.

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**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. If you participate in an interview, 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.
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Once you are accepted to a college, the college will issue you a SEVIS Form I-20 (Certificate for Eligibility for Non-immigrant F-1 Student Status). The Form I-20 indicates only that you are eligible to apply for an F-1 student visa; it does not guarantee that you will receive one. There are three steps to apply for a visa: You must have a college-issued I-20 form, you must pay the SEVIS I-901 fee, and you must schedule and attend an interview with the U.S. consulate.

**Important:** Make sure the names written on your I-20 form are spelled identically to the names on your passport. If they are not, you will be denied entry.

**Paying the SEVIS I-901 Fee**

After receiving your SEVIS Form I-20, you must pay a SEVIS I-901 fee (currently US$100). You will need the SEVIS fee receipt to apply for a visa. You are encouraged to pay the fee by credit card on the Internet. The fee must be paid and fully processed before you arrive at the U.S. consulate for a visa interview. If you have difficulty paying the fee online, visit an EducationUSA advising center for assistance.

You will need the SEVIS fee receipt to apply for an F-1 student visa.

**Get Information and Assistance With Visa Applications**

EducationUSA is an excellent resource on visas: We recommend visiting the Web site or an advising center first. Advisors can explain the visa process, how to assemble your application materials, how to schedule and present yourself at the interview, and where to pay fees in your country. See the chart on page 39 for a complete list of Internet and other resources you can consult for information and assistance with visas. If any of the terms used in this section are confusing to you, see the glossary of visa terms referenced in the chart on page 39.

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Criteria for Eligibility

F-1 visas are granted to full-time students enrolled in a degree-granting academic or approved language program. To be granted an F-1 visa, you must meet specific criteria established by your college and the U.S. government, as follows:

• You must provide proof that you will have completed secondary school or its equivalent prior to the date of enrollment.

• You must provide a statement of financial support.

• You must prove to the U.S. government that you have residence in your home country and that you plan to return there after completing your education goals.

Application Process and Timeline

Most of the requirements and application procedures for F-1 student visas are standardized, although some procedures may vary from country to country. For more details on applying for a student visa, visit the Web site of the U.S. embassy or consulate in your home country or the U.S. Department of State’s Web site. Be aware of the following important scheduling issues, and plan accordingly.

• An F-1 student visa cannot be issued to you more than 120 days before the program start date on your SEVIS Form I-20. However, because visa processing times can vary widely, it may be in your best interests to apply for a visa as early as possible so that processing can begin. The embassy or consulate will hold your application until it is able to issue your visa.

• Once you have obtained a visa, you may not enter the United States more than 30 days before the program start date listed on your SEVIS Form I-20.

The Visa Interview

You are required to have a brief face-to-face interview at the U.S. consulate or embassy that has jurisdiction over the area where you live. For more information about the specifics of scheduling an interview in your country, contact your EducationUSA office or visit the Web site of your local embassy or consulate. It may take several days to schedule an interview, so plan ahead. The interview is very important in determining whether or not you will be issued a visa. Make sure to dress professionally and answer questions with specific answers. Be prepared to discuss your program of study, why you want to study in the United States, and how your choice of college will help you achieve your education goals. You may request an interpreter if necessary. Be on time for your interview, and take with you the items listed on the following checklist.

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Internet Resources

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Items Required at a Visa Interview

Important
1. Your names on all forms must be spelled exactly the same way on your passport, I-20, and all visa application forms.
2. Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the proposed date of entry into the U.S.
3. Completed SEVIS Form I-20
4. I-901 SEVIS payment receipt
5. Proof of ability to meet expenses while studying in the U.S.
6. Passport
7. Test scores (TOEFL, SAT, etc.)
8. High school diploma (or proof of completion of secondary school)
9. Form DS-156 (Non-immigrant Visa Application)
10. Form DS-158 (Contact Information and Work History for Non-immigrant Visa Application)
11. Form DS-157 (Supplemental Non-immigrant Visa Application)
12. Passport-size photographs
13. Evidence of intent to depart after U.S. study (e.g., a job offer)
14. Receipt for the Machine Readable Visa (MRV) surcharge fee
15. Receipt for the Visa Reciprocity Fee (if applicable)

Length of Stay
With an F-1 visa, you are permitted to remain in the United States for a “duration of status” (D/S) that includes the time you are enrolled in college, 60 days after you complete your studies to prepare for departure from the United States, and any additional period of authorized Optional Practical Training (see page 55). Your D/S will appear on your Form I-94 (arrival/departure record given to you on the plane to the U.S.), which is stamped by the immigration officer at the port of entry and on your SEVIS Form I-20.

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What sets Kingsborough Community College apart from other community colleges?

Kingsborough Community College is located on a breathtaking, 80-acre campus in Manhattan Beach on the southern tip of Brooklyn, New York. The campus overlooks three bodies of water: Sheepshead Bay, Jamaica Bay, and the Atlantic Ocean. Founded in 1963, the college serves approximately 30,000 students per year and offers a wide range of credit and noncredit courses in career education and the liberal arts, as well as a number of specialized programs. Kingsborough serves a diverse student population, from over 130 countries around the world, and ranks among the top community colleges in the country in associate degrees awarded to minority students.

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- The college provides developmental courses and English as a Second Language instruction to better prepare all students to successfully complete their academic programs,
- Many graduates choose to continue their education by pursuing a bachelor’s degree at a senior CUNY campus or another public or private university,
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Remember: You may not enter the United States more than 30 days before the program start date listed on your SEVIS Form I-20.

Maintaining Status
To maintain legal student status, you must report to the international office at your college for SEVIS registration no later than 30 days after the program start date listed on SEVIS Form I-20. (However, you will want to report to the international office at your college even earlier to register for classes.) As long as you remain a full-time student at the college that issued your SEVIS Form 1-20, you will maintain your student status, even if your student visa in your passport expires. Other requirements to maintain status are as follows:

- Attend the college listed on your SEVIS Form I-20
- Pursue a full course of study at the college you are authorized to attend, or have permission from the college’s designated school official (DSO) to study part time.
- 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.

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The Guide provides information primarily for students seeking F-1 visas. For information on other types of visas, see additional Internet resources listed on page 84.

You may not enter the United States more than 30 days before the program start date listed on your SEVIS Form I-20.

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Forms, Fees, and Receipts

| Form DS-156, -157, & -158             | www.state.gov/m/a/dir/forms             |
| SEVIS I-901 receipt                   | www.fmjfee.com/index.jhtml              |
| Other visa fees                       | www.travel.state.gov/visa/receiprocity/index.htm |

Other Specific Information

| Glossary of visa terms                | www.travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/glossary/glossary_1363.html |
| What to expect on arrival             | www.ice.gov/sevis/factsheet/100104ent_stdnt_fs.html     |
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**Scheduling Your Arrival**
Your student visa does not guarantee entry into the United States; it allows you only to travel to the United States as far as the port of entry (airport or land border crossing). For successful entry, be sure to schedule your arrival according to visa regulations:

- More than 30 days before the program start date
- More than 30 days after the program start date listed on your SEVIS Form I-20

**Finding Housing**
Find a place to live before you pack your bags to attend college in the United States. If your college does not have on-campus housing, it will have contracts with local housing providers to accommodate international students. Be sure to contact your college’s international office for assistance finding housing (see “Housing Options” on page 49 for a description of the kinds of housing available).

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Things to Do Before Leaving for the United States

Copy Documents and Shop
- Make copies of your SEVIS Form I-20 and the passport pages containing your photograph, passport number, expiration date, and U.S. visa stamp. Keep these copies separate from the original documents. Keep one copy in your carry-on luggage, one in your checked luggage, and one at home with your family.
- Give your family members your U.S. contact information.
- Plan to buy small appliances in the United States (hair dryers, razors, clocks, irons, etc.). Those purchased in your home country may not operate in the United States.

Manage Your Money
- Carry traveler’s checks and credit cards instead of large amounts of cash. However, be sure to change a portion of your money into U.S. dollars so that you have enough cash and traveler’s checks to meet the many expenses you will have during your first few weeks in the United States.

Make Medical Arrangements
- Visit your doctor and ask about any required vaccinations. Contact your college’s international office to find out about the college’s requirements. You may also want to check the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Web site for requirements. If you use medications, particularly those that contain narcotics or are administered by syringe, carry a signed prescription from your physician. Penalties for smuggling narcotics are severe.
- If you wear glasses or contact lenses, have an eye examination so that you will have a prescription in case you need a replacement.
- Because of current U.S. airline regulations, you may not be able to hand carry medications that are liquids or gels. Call the airline in advance, and ask at check-in to find out whether they are permitted. If not, place them in your checked baggage so that you can easily present them.

Contact the College’s International Office
- Make housing arrangements.
- Arrange for transportation from the airport.
- Notify the college of your travel plans and expected arrival date.

Obtain a Driver’s License
- If you plan to drive in the United States, you must obtain an international driver’s license from your home country.

Prepare For Your Flight
- Ask airline reservation agents about any required stops during your flight to the United States. If you make a stop in another country, you may need to obtain a transit visa for that country.
- Purchase travel insurance.
- 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.
- Reconfirm your flights 72 hours before departure, and arrive at the airport at least 2 hours before your flight.
- 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 lost, this will help the airline return it to you.
- Pack a change of clothing in your carry-on bag in case your luggage is lost or delayed.
U.S. Entry and Customs Requirements

Be sure you are in compliance with U.S. regulations. For information, contact the nearest U.S. embassy, consulate, or EducationUSA advising center. When you visit the consulate for your visa, ask for a copy of “Customs Hints for Visitors (Non-Residents)”.

Basic Requirements for Entry

• You must be healthy.
• If you were recently in a country with epidemics such as cholera or yellow fever, you will need to show proof of vaccination.
• You will probably be denied entry if you are HIV-positive.
• You must be able to support yourself financially during your stay.
• You must intend to leave the U.S. after you complete your studies and any Optional Practical Training (OPT) in which you participate.

Items You Cannot Bring Without Special Permission

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

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Documents You Will Need at Customs

Important: Always notify the police and your embassy immediately if your passport is ever lost or stolen.

- Passport, valid for at least 6 months beyond the date of your expected stay
- SEVIS Form I-20
- College acceptance letter
- Evidence of financial resources
- Paper receipt for the SEVIS fee, Form I-797
- Name and contact information for your designated school official (DSO), including a 24-hour emergency contact number at the college
- Your completed Customs Declaration Forms (CF-6059)*
- Your completed Arrival/Departure Record Form (I-94)*

* The CF-6059 and I-94 will be available from your flight attendant, if you are traveling by air, or from the customs officer at the port of entry, if you are traveling by land or sea.

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Answering Customs Questions

Everyone must go through a brief customs and immigration interview when they arrive in the United States. Keep all your answers simple and direct. For example, when asked about your purpose for visiting the United States, say that you are a student. If you are asked the name of your college, provide the name of the college that issued your SEVIS Form I-20 and is listed on your visa. If you present a Form I-20 issued by a college other than the one listed on the visa, the inspecting officer may conclude that you made misrepresentations to the consular officer and may — continued on p. 47

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**Answers to Prepare for U.S. Customs**

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

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

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

**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?
**A:**

**Q:** Are you bringing any prescriptions or narcotics, such as barbiturates, amphetamines and marijuana, into the United States? (These are illegal unless you have a prescription from your physician.)
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Once you are allowed entry into the United States, the best source for information, advice, and support is the international office at your college. 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, if you have not done so already, to purchase a travel guide book for the region of the United States where you will be living. Such books offer a great deal of general information about living in the United States, as well as more detailed information about your region.

**Housing Options**
Ideally, you will make housing arrangements through your college before you arrive. If you have not, or if you have only temporary housing, ask the international office of your college for assistance in making arrangements. There are several options for you to consider.

**Dormitories**
Some community colleges have dormitories (dorms)—buildings with rooms for students attending that college. Dorms are usually on campus or, if not, the college provides transportation from the dorms to the campus. Living in a dorm allows you to interact with fellow students and experience the camaraderie that is typical of college dorms. 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 campus, dorms may be all female, all male, or coed (female and male students living together). If you have a preference for a particular type of dorm, make sure to tell your college’s international office or 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 explain.

**Home Stays**
Living with a family will provide you with excellent opportunities to practice English and experience U.S. life and culture. Many community colleges arrange home stays with a family for a semester, a year, or other time period. Some families will include meals, family activities, and even transportation to the college. The home stay arrangement is designed to provide you with a rich experience.
intercultural experience. Host families often treat students as one of the family and spend time showing them around the local community.

**Apartments**
Apartments are a good choice whether you like to be on your own or want to live with other students. Living with other students is a good way to meet 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 you can rent—furnished or unfurnished. Furnished apartments come with essential furniture (beds, couches, chairs, tables, etc.). Unfurnished apartments may have only kitchen appliances, such as a refrigerator and stove.

**Renting a Room**
The college's international office will have a list of families and individuals who rent bedrooms in their homes, usually with kitchen privileges so you can cook your own meals. Some families may take time to show you around and work with you on your
English skills. You will want to find out how far the home is from the college and make the necessary arrangements for transportation to and from the college.

Managing Your Money

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 rarely seen. The following are the most commonly used U.S. 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)

Checking Accounts

Students usually open a checking account to pay bills such as rent and utilities. You can deposit cash or travelers checks to open and maintain the account, or have money wired directly from your home bank (there may be a service charge). You can deposit and withdraw money from your checking account at any time. You should pay for most of your purchases using a check or credit card. It is not safe to send cash through the mail or carry large amounts of cash. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insures all U.S. bank accounts against loss up to US$100,000.

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Your bank will issue you an ATM card (also called a debit card) so that you can withdraw money from your checking or savings account. Most ATM cards are also debit cards that businesses will accept the same as a credit card. If you have an ATM card from a foreign bank, ask the bank whether your personal identification number (PIN) will work in the United States. Some banks will give you a different PIN for transactions outside your home country.

**Credit Cards**
Many international students find it difficult to get a credit card in the United States, because they do not have an established credit history. If you already have a major credit card such as a MasterCard (Eurocard, Access, Chargex), Visa (Barclaycard, Carte Bleue), or American Express, it is a good idea to bring the cards with you. U.S. banks can check your credit limit on the foreign card, and this may help you to obtain a credit card in the United States.

**Traveler’s Checks**
Traveler’s checks are one of the safest ways to transport money. If the traveler’s checks are lost or stolen, you can easily get them replaced. Do not countersign or date the checks until you are ready to use them.

**Exchanging Money**
You can exchange foreign currency (but not coins) at most banks, airports, major hotels, and Travelex and American Express offices. A fee may be charged for these transactions. Daily exchange rates are available on the OANDA Web site, among others.

**Shopping**
Although there is no national sales tax in the United States, most states have their own sales tax (usually between 3% and 8% of the ticket price). The sales tax is charged as a percentage surcharge on purchases and is printed on the receipt. Most people do not carry around large sums of money. Instead they pay for purchases with a credit card, ATM or debit card, or personal check. Most stores will accept major credit cards and ATM or debit cards with a credit card logo. Prices in the stores are fixed, so it will not help to bargain with the sales clerk. This may be different when dealing with a private individual, shopping at a thrift store (where items are previously owned or used) or yard sale (a sale at someone’s home), or buying a large, expensive...

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item such as a car. Some people shop at large department stores, supermarkets, and malls, and others prefer smaller shops. Try shopping at all different kinds of stores—either to get the best price or to find the most unique items. To help you understand the differences, here is a list of some common types of stores.

- **Supermarkets** are large grocery stores, often part of a chain of stores. They are usually less expensive than a small local grocery, and often have a larger selection of food, as well as other goods.

- **Department stores** are large stores that sell a lot of different things—from electronics to cosmetics to clothing—all in one store.

- **Malls and shopping plazas** are collections of smaller stores connected by an inside corridor or an outside sidewalk. The stores in a mall or plaza range from discount stores to stores selling designer fashions.

- Although the United States is known for its giant stores and huge malls, there are also many small shops and grocery stores. These smaller stores are more common in downtown areas, where shoppers can easily walk from one shop to another.

Keep the receipt for anything that you buy. Your receipt is your proof that you have bought an item. Most stores allow you to return purchases you are unhappy with if you have your receipt and the items are not worn, used, or damaged. If you think you may need to return something, ask the sales clerk about the store’s return policy before you purchase the item. Some stores will accept returns only for a specified period of time after the purchase, or may offer you store credit (that must be spent at that store) but not a full refund in cash or on your credit card.
Driving
If you wish 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 against the law to drive without a license or without insurance. If a police officer gives you a citation (ticket) for a traffic violation, you may pay the fine as instructed on the citation or you may appear in court to challenge the citation if you think it is wrong. It is bribery—a serious crime—to give the money directly to the police officer. If you are driving a car and are involved in an accident, stop and wait until the police arrive. Be sure to get the name and address of the other driver, his or her license number, and the name of his or her insurance company. It is a crime to leave the scene of an accident. If the other driver leaves, write down his or her license plate number and give it to the police.

Public Transportation
Many cities have public transportation. There may be subways, buses, or commuter trains. You will want to find out whether public transportation goes from your residence to the college and how long it takes to get there. You will also want to find out the times during the day when public transportation is available.

Working in the United States
International students are advised not to expect employment in the United States during the college semester. Generally, if you have an F-1 visa, you may not work off campus without authorization. You may be eligible to work on campus, however, if you are in good legal and academic standing. On-campus employment is limited to 20 hours per week while college is in session, but you may work full time on campus during vacation or break periods as long as you are registered for the following semester. Before working, you must first obtain a social security number and complete a Form I-9 (Employment Eligibility Verification). You may also need to get authorization from the international student advisor, depending on the policy at your college. With an F-1 visa, you may be eligible for up to 12 months of employment through an Optional Practical Training (OPT) program, “paid employment related to the student’s field and level of study.” OPT may be available on or off campus both during and after completion of your program of study. If you are eligible to accept OPT employment, you will not need to change your visa status, but you will need authorization from your college’s international student advisor.

Understanding U.S. Culture
Many people who have lived in another country have felt some kind of culture shock—the psychological effects of being immersed in a new environment and adjusting to a place that is very different from your home country. Initially, being in a different environment will probably excite you. However, at times you may wish things were more like home. You may also feel that people around you do not understand your background. Differences you may notice include types of food, lifestyle, the way people speak to you and to each other, and the expectations of your instructors and fellow students. Remember: It is normal for international students to feel culture shock. Getting involved with a variety of people and activities will help you adjust. Talk with other members of the college’s international student organization, ask U.S. students to explain things that are unfamiliar to you, or speak with a college counselor about what you are experiencing.
The following is some information that has helped other international students better understand the people and the country of the United States.

Knowing something about U.S. culture will help you understand and adjust to your new environment.

People

- People in the United States value independence and individuality. Students often dress quite casually and speak out about their ideas on politics, film, or fashion. Students are usually expected to voice their opinions and participate actively in classes.

- Eye contact is important. It is not a sign of disrespect, but rather an indication of openness, honesty, and enthusiasm.

Time

- It is customary to arrive at the exact time or a few minutes early for an appointment, even with friends. Among friends, being 5 minutes late is usually acceptable; at work or at college, being 5 minutes late is not acceptable.

- Classes typically start at the exact time for which they are scheduled. You should get to class a couple minutes early to take your seat and get out your books.

- Exams will start at an exact time. Never arrive late for an exam unless you have the instructor’s permission.

- It is never acceptable to be late for a job interview or other formal appointment. Plan to arrive 10–20 minutes early so that you can relax and prepare yourself for the meeting.
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• Doctor’s offices, although they try to run on time, often run behind schedule. If you do not want to wait, call ahead and ask whether they are on time; otherwise, get there on time and bring a book to read just in case.

• The mainland of the United States (not including Alaska or Hawaii) has three major time zones: Eastern, Central, and Pacific. If you are calling people in a different time zone, make sure to check what time it is where they are.

Dates
In the United States, dates are written with the month first, the day second, and the year last: May 8, 2007 or 5/8/07.

Restaurants and Cafés
• Restaurants and cafés do not normally include a service charge in the bill, so it is customary to tip your server. Servers make their money almost entirely from tips. You should tip 15%–20% of the total bill before tax is added.

• If you are at a restaurant or café without table service, it is not necessary to leave a tip. If there is a jar on the counter for tips, it is customary to put some coins in the jar if you wish.

• If you are eating at a fast-food restaurant, it is customary to clear your own table after you eat. Trash cans should be visible in the restaurant if this is the case.

• Many restaurants and public places do not allow smoking. Do not smoke in public places without finding out whether it is allowed.

• Dinner is usually served between 5:30 pm and 8:00 pm. In large cities, people tend to eat dinner later than earlier.

• If you are invited to dinner at a restaurant, expect to pay for your own meal unless your host specifically offers to pay for you.

Socializing
• If you are planning on visiting a friend, call first to announce that you are coming. If you live in the same dorm, it is usually okay to stop by without calling.

• It is normal for people to stand at least 2 feet apart when speaking to each other; people may feel uncomfortable if you stand too close to them.

• “How are you?” is a common greeting in the United States. It is appropriate to give a short answer like “fine, thanks” or “good, how are you?” rather than a long explanation of how your life is.

• People often greet friends with a hug or a kiss on the cheek. When greeting people they do not know or in formal settings, such as when greeting a business acquaintance, people typically shake hands.

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Gifts

- It is customary to open gifts in front of the giver at the time they are given.

- If you want to bring gifts for your host family or for new friends, small gifts typical of your country are always appreciated.

Bribery

A bribe is a favor given or promised to influence the judgment or conduct of a person in a position of trust.

Bribery is usually illegal. For instance, if you try to offer money to a police officer so that he or she will not write you a traffic ticket, you will probably be arrested and charged with a serious crime. It is also illegal for a police officer, public official, or authority figure to ask you for a bribe. If this happens, contact your dean of students or another administrator at the college.

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academic advising  Assistance given to students to help them plan what courses to take to meet the requirements for earning a certificate or degree. Also called academic counseling.

academic year  The period of formal instruction. An academic year runs from September to June and can be divided in quarters or three terms: Fall, Winter, and Spring.

accreditation  Certification that a college or program meets a prescribed academic standard. U.S. community colleges and 4-year colleges and universities are accredited by the same regional accrediting agencies.

articulation agreement  An agreement between two higher education institutions that allows one to accept and transfer credits to another. Most community colleges have articulation agreements with 4-year colleges and universities, ensuring that credits earned at the community college will count toward a bachelor’s degree.

associate degree  Degree earned upon completion of a 2-year program of academic study at a community college.

bachelor’s degree  Degree earned upon completion of an undergraduate program, typically 4 years of academic study.

certificate of eligibility (SEVIS Form I-20)  A form issued by a higher education institution for a student to use in applying for a visa to enter the United States.

campus  The location of an institution’s main buildings is referred to as its campus. U.S. campuses are known for their ample size, architecture, landscaping, and numerous locations.

college  A postsecondary institution that provides undergraduate education and, in some cases, master’s degrees.

college catalog  An official publication containing information about a college’s academic programs, facilities, entrance requirements, and student life.

conditional admission  An acceptance to a college that is dependent upon the individual completing coursework or meeting specified criteria prior to enrollment, such as English language proficiency.

course  Consists of regularly scheduled class sessions of 1–5 hours (or more) per week during a term. A degree program is made up of a specified number of required and elective courses and varies from college to college.

credits  Colleges and universities typically assign all courses a certain number of credits, usually based on the number of hours spent in class each week. Students earn credits upon successful completion of course requirements.
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department  Subdivision of a school, college, or university based on the faculty's field of study. Departments offer instruction in a particular field of study such as English or history.

dormitory  Also called “dorms,” dormitories are student housing facilities on campus, which offer single and double rooms, with shared common space. Most dorms also provide meals in a common dining hall.

ESL  English as a second language.

faculty  Professors, teachers, and lecturers at a college or university.

fees  Amount charged by colleges and universities, in addition to tuition, to cover costs of institutional services, such as library services or recreational facilities.

freshman  A first-year student at a college or university.

full course of study  12 credit hours per semester for undergraduate students. Students must maintain a full course of study to comply with the terms of their non-immigrant visa status.

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grade point average (GPA)
A system of recording achievement based on a numerical average of the grades attained in each course. Most colleges operate on a 4.0 grading system, where 4.0 is the highest grade and 0 is the lowest; grades below a 2.0 are generally unacceptable.

home stay
A living arrangement that involves staying with an American family.

honors colleges and classes
Colleges or programs dedicated to academically accomplished students who wish to take more challenging or accelerated courses.

internship
An unpaid work experience related to a student’s field of study or interests.

junior
A student in the third year of study in a 4-year bachelor’s program.

liberal arts
A broad education designed to provide general knowledge and intellectual skills. Liberal arts programs usually include the study of humanities, arts and literature, language, and natural and physical sciences. Most U.S. colleges and universities offer an ample liberal arts program and some are dedicated solely to the liberal arts.

major
A college student’s chosen field of study, in which the student takes the greatest concentration of courses. U.S. students typically declare their major at the end of their second (sophomore) year.

minor
A subject in which the student takes the second greatest concentration of courses.

nonresident
A student who does not meet the residence requirements of the state. Tuition fees and admission policies may differ for residents and nonresidents. International students are usually classified as nonresidents.
Optional Practical Training (OPT)
Paid employment related to the student's field and level of study. OPT may take place on or off campus, before or after completion of studies. Eligible international students need not change their visa status to accept this type of employment; however, authorization from the international student advisor is required.

Placement test
An examination used to test a student's academic ability in a certain field so that he or she may be placed in courses at the appropriate level in that field.

Prerequisite
Also called a “pre-req.” 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 any portion of the academic year.

Room and Board
Living facilities (room) and food (board).

Senior
A student in the fourth (final) year of undergraduate study.

Social Security Number (SSN)
A number issued to people by the U.S. government for the primary purpose of deducting social security tax from income. International students eligible for employment must obtain an SSN.

Sophomore
A student enrolled in the second year of undergraduate study.

Transcript
A copy of a student's educational record. Most colleges will require an official transcript, which must be certified (or notarized) by the issuing school.

Tuition
The fee charged by a college or university that covers the cost of instruction (room and board are separate costs). Tuition payments are typically required each quarter or semester. Tuition payments will vary depending on the number of credits for which you are enrolled, as well as your status as a state resident or U.S. citizen.

Undergraduate Studies
2- or 4-year programs at a college or university, undertaken after secondary school graduation and leading to an associate or bachelor's degree.

Vocational or Technical College
A college offering programs that prepare students for a career or profession related to a specific trade, such as electronics.

Withdrawal
The administrative procedure of dropping a course or leaving a college or university.

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Internet Resources for International Students

Organization Web Sites
Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges
www.accjc.org
ACT
www.actstudent.org
College Board/SAT Reasoning Test
www.collegeboard.com
Community Colleges in the USA
www.communitycollegeusa.com
EducationUSA
www.educationusa.state.gov/centers
Fulbright Commissions and Foundations
www.exchanges.state.gov/education/fulbright/commiss.htm
Institute of International Education/Open Doors Online
http://opendoors.iienetwork.org
International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
www.ielts.org
Mobility International USA
www.miusa.org/ncde
OANDA.com
www.oanda.com
Office of Postsecondary Education
(Database of Accredited Colleges)
www.ope.ed.gov/accreditation
Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
www.toefl.org
U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Vaccinations)
www.cdc.gov/travel/vaccinat.htm
U.S. Department of State
www.state.gov
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement/International Students
www.ice.gov/sevis/students/index.htm

Useful Links by Topic
Accreditation/Accredited Colleges
www.accjc.org
www.ope.ed.gov/accreditation
Advising Centers for U.S. Higher Education
www.educationusa.state.gov/centers
Community Colleges
www.communitycollegeusa.com
Consulates and Embassies
http://usembassy.state.gov
Currency Exchange Rates
www.oanda.com
Disabilities—Accommodations and Services
www.miusa.org/ncde
EducationUSA Advising Center
www.educationusa.state.gov/centers
English-Language Proficiency Tests
www.toefl.org
www.ielts.org
Fulbright Commissions and Foundations
www.exchanges.state.gov/education/fulbright/commiss.htm
Immigration and Customs
www.ice.gov/sevis/students/index.htm
Open Doors Report on International Students
http://opendoors.iienetwork.org
Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)
Overview
www.ice.gov/sevis
www.ice.gov/sevis/students/index.htm
SEVIS Form I-901
www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/faq7.htm
www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/faq2.htm
www.fmjfee.com/index.html
Approved colleges and universities
www.ice.gov/doclib/sevis/pdf/ApprovedSchools.pdf
Social Security Eligibility
www.ssa.gov

Testing
www.collegeboard.com
www.actstudent.org
Traveling to the U.S.
Getting Ready to Go Booklet
www.educationusa.state.gov/pubs.htm
Vaccinations
www.cdc.gov/travel/vaccinat.htm
What to expect on arrival at customs
www.ice.gov/sevis/factsheet/100104ent_stdnt_fs.htm
Vaccinations
www.cdc.gov/travel/vaccinat.htm
Visas
General information
www.EducationUSA.state.gov/usvisa.htm
www.unitedstatesvisas.gov
www.travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/glossary/glossary_1363.html
www.travel.state.gov/visa/visa_1750.html
www.unitedstatesvisas.gov/pdfs/gettingavisa.02.03.pdf
www.travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1268.html
www.unitedstatesvisas.gov/studying.html
Forms, Fees, and Receipts
www.state.gov/m/a/dir/forms
www.fmjfee.com/index.jhtml
www.travel.state.gov/visa/receiprocity/index.htm
F-1 and M-1 Visas
www.travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1268.html
J-1 Visas
www.travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1267.html
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Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) is a great first step for international students who want to have an educational experience in the USA. BHCC’s International Center welcomes more than 300 international students from over 90 countries every year.

Why do students choose BHCC?

Transfer Opportunities
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- International Business
- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts
- Nursing

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3. Flexible English Proficiency Requirements
4. Focus on Teaching
5. Small Class Sizes
6. Additional Year of Practical Training
7. Use of the Latest Technologies
8. Hundreds of Programs to Choose From
9. Opportunities to Experience U.S. Culture
10. Excellent Student Support Services

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