INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INFORMATION

We appreciate your interest in San Diego City College. We are also pleased to provide you with the following information pertaining to our international student program.

HOT MAJORS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT CITY COLLEGE:
Business * Computer Information Science * Graphic Design * Photography * Languages * Radio/Television * Computer Repairs/Software Applications * Plus many other great choices!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Application Deadlines

Your completed application must arrive in our office by:

May 1 - for the Fall Semester (August to December)
October 1- for the Spring Semester (January to June)

Mailing Address

Please mail completed application forms and required documents including a non-refundable application fee of **$100** to the following address:

San Diego City College
International Student Admissions, A112
1313 Park Boulevard
San Diego, CA 92101

Contact Persons

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Academic Programs

- San Diego City College offers lower division course work towards a two-year Associate degree, and preparation for a four-year Bachelor's degree.

- San Diego City College does not offer an intensive program of English as a Second Language.

- If you have already earned a Baccalaureate college degree or the equivalent (completion of about 60 units) you may be considered beyond the course offerings of San Diego City College. You are encouraged to apply to a four-year college or university. Exceptions may be granted for students declaring a new major or needing additional lower division courses.

Academic Standards
International students holding F1 visas must register for and maintain a minimum of 12 units each semester. Part-time enrollment for F1 students will not be approved. Students must maintain satisfactory academic progress.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Academic Achievement
Prospective students must meet one of the following high school education requirements:

- Foreign High School - Graduation from a foreign secondary school that is equivalent to an American high school with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 is required.

- United States High School - Students who graduated from a US High School must also have a 2.0 GPA. If you have obtained a General Equivalency Diploma (GED), you must have passed with a minimum score of 45.

English Proficiency
To be accepted as an international student at San Diego City College, you must be able to speak, read, write, and understand English at a level that will allow you to successfully complete college academic work. To verify your level, we require that you pass the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a minimum score of either **500pbt or 61 ibt**. This requirement is waived if you have completed a college level English composition course in the United States, or if you come from a country that has English as the primary language in its educational system.

Students must request that the TOEFL Office send the scores directly to San Diego City College, Code number 4681 PRIOR TO THE STATED APPLICATION DEADLINES.

Transcripts
Please send all official high school and/or college transcripts, certificates, official test scores, or other documents verifying your educational history. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND PHOTOCOPIES!!!**

- ✓ Foreign high school transcript - Official records not in English must be accompanied by a notarized English translation, and must also be submitted with the application.

- ✓ Foreign university or college transcript – Students who want to transfer their credits from a foreign university or college to San Diego City College must file an official transcript evaluation report. The result of the evaluation must be submitted on a detailed or comprehensive format by a US foreign transcript evaluation service.

Application and Non-refundable Fee
The application packet contains the following forms:
- ✓ International Student Application
- ✓ The Confidential Financial Statement
- ✓ The Health Examination Report
- ✓ The Transfer Clearance Verification (for transfer students only)

If your application is incomplete, you will be notified. Incomplete applications will be kept on file and are valid for one year.

International Student Application
Complete the two-page International Student Application form and attach a passport size photo to the top right corner of page 1. For your protection and because of US Privacy Act considerations, you are required to complete and sign the Certification and Release of Information Statement. Your personal and/or educational information will be provided **only** to those persons listed on your statement.

Financial Resources
Complete the Confidential Financial Statement to prove that you have sufficient financial support to pay for your tuition, books, supplies, and living expenses for one year. The estimated cost to attend San Diego City College is **$18,000** per academic school year (excluding summer).

Health Examination Report
Students are required to be in good general health and free of communicable diseases. The health examination report completed by a physician must be submitted with your application. The medical examination must certify immunization against polio, diphtheria, measles, rubella, and tetanus. You must also provide tuberculosis clearance.

Transfer Students
The following information pertains to international students who are currently attending other US institutions:

- Transfer Clearance Verification Form - If you are presently attending another US educational institution and are seeking a transfer to San Diego City College, you must submit the Transfer Clearance form included in your application materials. This form is to be completed by the Designated School Official (DSO) at your current institution certifying that you are in good standing.

- Transcript - You must request that official transcripts be sent directly to San Diego City College from your current and prior US institutions.

- Immigration Documents - To verify your present immigration status, you must send a copy of your valid passport, valid visa, I-94 form (front and back), and I-20 (pages 1 and 3).

Form I-20 – Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status
A Congratulations Letter along with a Form I-20 will be sent to you after you have met all of the admission requirements. To avoid delays in receiving your Form I-20, please notify our office immediately if you have changed your mailing address.

Take your Form I-20 and valid passport to the nearest United States Consulate or Embassy in your country to apply for an F1 visa (student visa). For applicants who are already here in the US, please meet with the International Student Specialist in the Admissions Office. You will be instructed on how to apply for a change to an F1 student status or how to complete your transfer to our college.

Orientation
F1 students are required to attend a mandatory orientation and enrollment session. Orientation is scheduled approximately two to three weeks prior to the start of the semester. **Students are required to bring Form I-20, passport/visa and Form I-94.** You are expected to present satisfactory evidence of an active health and accident insurance policy for coverage while you are residing in the United States. It must include "Repatriation" and “evacuation” coverage.

The following activities will occur during orientation:

- Discussions on cultural issues, the U.S. educational system and immigration regulations.
- Math and English assessment tests
- Completion of the College Admissions Application
- Issuance of the “free” International Student Handbook

Web Site: Http://www.sdccd.edu **:** You may also contact the web site to access our current class schedule and course description information.

ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE

Based on an academic year (August to December and January to June)

ITEM	COST
Fees……	$5,532
Room and Board……	$10,100
Books, Supplies & Transportation..……	$2,368
TOTAL……	**$18,000**

* This is the price for a bus/trolley pass for two semesters. If you purchase your own car, plan to spend at least $1,000 for car insurance and at least $2,000 for gas and maintenance per academic year in addition to the purchase price of the vehicle.
** This fee does not include comprehensive health insurance coverage. We strongly encourage international students to purchase health insurance designed specifically for international students. Minimum cost for one year's coverage by a U.S. health insurance company is $774.

Housing and other resources:

Housing is the responsibility of the individual student and/or sponsor. San Diego City College does not provide dormitories or college-approved housing for students. Below are listed some web sites and phone numbers of companies/organizations that can assist you with planning your arrival to San Diego County.