International Student Application Guide

San Diego Miramar College accepts a limited number of nonimmigrant F-1 visa students. The decision to grant acceptance will be based on all evidence received prior to the application deadlines.

Academic Programs

San Diego Miramar College offers lower division coursework leading to two-year Associate Degrees, or preparation for a four-year Bachelor's Degree. Refer to the list of available majors on page 2.

Advanced Degrees (Domestic or Foreign)

An international student who possesses an Associate Degree, 60 semester units, or more, a Bachelor's, Master's or Doctorate degree is beyond the course offerings of Miramar College and we will be unable to accept you. We encourage you to apply directly to a four-year university.

English Proficiency

International students must have passed the TOEFL exam within the past 2 years. Minimum passing score is 61 on the internet-based test, 173 on the computer test or 500 on the paper test. All test scores are verified with TOEFL. https://www.ets.org/toefl

The Institutional TOEFL and IELTS exams are **not** accepted.

Students may petition to waive the TOEFL requirement under one of the following conditions:

- Completion of a transfer level college composition course at an accredited United States institution with a grade of "C" or higher
- A minimum SAT verbal score of 450.

Graduation from High School

Students must have graduated from high school prior to the application deadline and provide original, official transcripts showing all grades earned and proof of graduation. If you have not graduated prior the application deadline you should wait and apply for the following semester.

Official Transcripts

Include original, official transcripts for any and all high schools, colleges, English Language schools and other programs you have attended showing all classes taken and grades received.

Credit Available for Prior Learning (Academic Credit for Nontraditional Education)

Advanced Placement (AP), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), International Baccalaureate (IB).

https://www.sdccd.edu/docs/District/procedures/Student%20Services/AP%203900_04.pdf

Full Time Enrollment Requirement

International students are required to enroll in and maintain full-time status of at least 12 units each semester. Enrollment in classes at other colleges, including City and Mesa Colleges, is not permitted. Failure to maintain and complete full-time enrollment will result in termination. Registration status of all international students is monitored.

Transfer International Students

International students applying for transfer must submit this full application and the Transfer School Form (page 12) by the application deadline. **Include copies of your current I-20, F-1 visa, I-94 and passport**.

Financial Information

Each international student must submit verification of sufficient financial resources. The verification must indicate the ability of the student to finance each year's education and living expenses. The estimated cost of attendance is $46,956 per academic year. For each dependent/family member who will be accompanying you add $6,000. International students are not eligible for U.S. Federal, or California State financial aid.

Tuition & Fees

An international student attending the college must pay all mandatory fees, including nonresident tuition, enrollment fees and health services fees.

• Cost per unit: $377 ($46 per unit enrollment fee + $331 per unit non- resident tuition).

Note: Fees are subject to change by the State of California at any time.

Academic Standards

International students must enroll in, and complete, a minimum of 12 units each semester and must maintain a 2.0 Grade Point Average. Failure to do so will result in suspension or expulsion from the college and termination of the I-20.

The Following Majors are Available at Miramar College

Accountancy, Anthropology, Art, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Child Development, Communications, Computer and Information Sciences, Earth Science, Economics, English/Literature Studies, Entrepreneurship, Exercise and Nutritional Sciences, Geology, History, Humanities, Mathematics Studies, Music, Physics, Political Science, Pre-Engineering Studies, Psychology, Sociology, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and World Languages.

English Language Courses: Miramar College ***does not*** offer an "English as a Second Language" program for international students

Restriction on Aviation Program: The Federal government prohibits all F-visa (F-1 & F-2) students from enrolling in any Aviation Maintenance Technology (AVIM) and/or Aviation Operations (AVIA) classes and programs. No exceptions will be made. Student enrollment is monitored and students will be administratively dropped.

Proof of Comprehensive Health Insurance

The San Diego Community College District requires all F-1 visa International students to have comprehensive health insurance for the duration of studies. If you are accepted, you will be required to provide written proof of insurance to the International Academic Advisor before the end of the first semester. If insurance must be renewed, proof of renewal will be required. Failure to provide proof will result in termination of the I-20.

Mandatory Orientation/Assessment Session

All accepted international students must attend a mandatory orientation session. **No exceptions will be made**. The orientation session is held approximately two to three weeks prior to the start of the semester. *Failure to arrive in the U.S. on time is not an exception.

Mail your completed application, supporting documents and application fee to:

San Diego Miramar College

International Student Program

Admissions Office, K1-207

10440 Black Mountain Road

San Diego, CA 92126-2999

This Checklist is provided to ensure your International Student Application is complete

Include only **ORIGINAL** forms and documents. Copies, emails or faxes will **not** be accepted.

❑ General Student Information with photograph (page 4)

❑ Student Financial Certification (page 5)

❑ Bank Certification (page 6)

❑ Sponsor Support Verification (page 7)

❑ TOEFL Verification (page 8)

❑ Release of Information (page 8)

❑ Official High School, College and other school Transcripts, translated (page 9)

❑ Health Report (page 10)

❑ International Student Agreement (page 11)

❑ Transfer School Information Form – only if transferring from a U.S. school (page 12)

❑ **For transfer students only** –copies of your I-20, passport, visa and I-94

Important

This application must be completed and signed by the student applying to Miramar College. It may not be completed by any other person, except where indicated. The application will be denied if found to completed by someone other than the student. <u>All documents used for application purposes become the property of Miramar College and will not be returned.</u>

Application Processing

*We begin processing applications on **May 15th for the Fall semester** and **October 15th for the Spring** semester. <u>Applicants who applied by the application deadline, will be notified within 4-5 weeks of their admissions status.</u>* **<u>We do not expediate application processing times.</u>** *<u>Please refrain from contacting the International Office requesting an update prior to the 4 week processing time.</u>*

 Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Notification of Acceptance to Miramar College

If you are accepted, you will be sent an acceptance letter, I-20 form, and other documents. You will need to contact the nearest United States Consulate or Embassy in your country to apply for an F-1 visa (student visa).

Other Visa Students

If you have a B1/B2, J1, or F-2 visa, and you are accepted as an international student you must apply to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for a change of status to F-1 <u>and</u> receive approval before you may begin classes

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