



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 before the application deadline.

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 3.

Advanced Degrees (Domestic or Foreign)

An international student who possesses an Associate Degree, 60 semester units or more, or a Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctorate 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. The 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>

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.
- IELTS (minimum score 6)
- Duolingo (minimum score 105)

English as a Second Language courses or certificates do not exempt students from the TOEFL requirement.

Graduation from High School

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

High School Equivalency Diploma: If you have obtained a General Education Development (GED) diploma, the minimum passing score is 45. Provide an official copy of the passing score.

Official Transcripts

Include original, official transcripts from all high schools, colleges, English Language schools, and other programs you have attended, showing all classes taken and grades received. Foreign transcripts must be evaluated by an accredited US-based company from the NACES Members list only: <https://www.naces.org/members>. Evaluations must include GPA (grade point average).

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. The registration status of all international students is monitored.

Transfer International Students

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

Financial Information

Each international student is required to submit verification of sufficient financial resources. The verification must demonstrate the student's ability to finance each year's education and living expenses. The estimated annual cost of attendance is \$47,000. For each dependent or spouse 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: \$415 (\$46 per unit enrollment fee + \$369 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, as well as 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.

Housing

Miramar College does not offer on-campus housing or dormitories. Students are responsible for securing their off-campus accommodations. Although there are no on-campus housing options, apartment rentals are typically available in the surrounding area near the college.

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 their 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 are required to attend a mandatory orientation session. **No exceptions will be made.** The orientation session is held approximately two to three weeks before 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 a photograph
- ☐ Student Financial Certification
- ☐ Bank Certification
- ☐ Sponsor Support Verification
- ☐ TOEFL Verification
- ☐ Release of Information
- ☐ Official High School, College, and other school Transcripts translated
- ☐ Health Report
- ☐ International Student Agreement
- ☐ Transfer School Information Form – only if transferring from a U.S. school
- ☐ **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 achieved by any other person except where indicated. The application will be denied if it is found to have been completed by someone other than the student. All documents used for application purposes become the property of Miramar College and will not be returned.

Application Processing

*We begin processing applications on **May 15th for the Fall semester** and **October 15th for the Spring semester**. Applicants who submit their applications by the deadline will be notified of their admissions status within 4-5 weeks. **We do not expedite the processing of applications. Please do not contact the International Office to request an update before the 4-week processing time has elapsed.***

Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Notification of Acceptance to Miramar College

If you are accepted, you will receive an acceptance letter, an I-20 form, and other relevant documents. You will need to contact the nearest U.S. consulate or Embassy in your country to apply for an F-1 visa, also known as a student visa.

Other Visa Students

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

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