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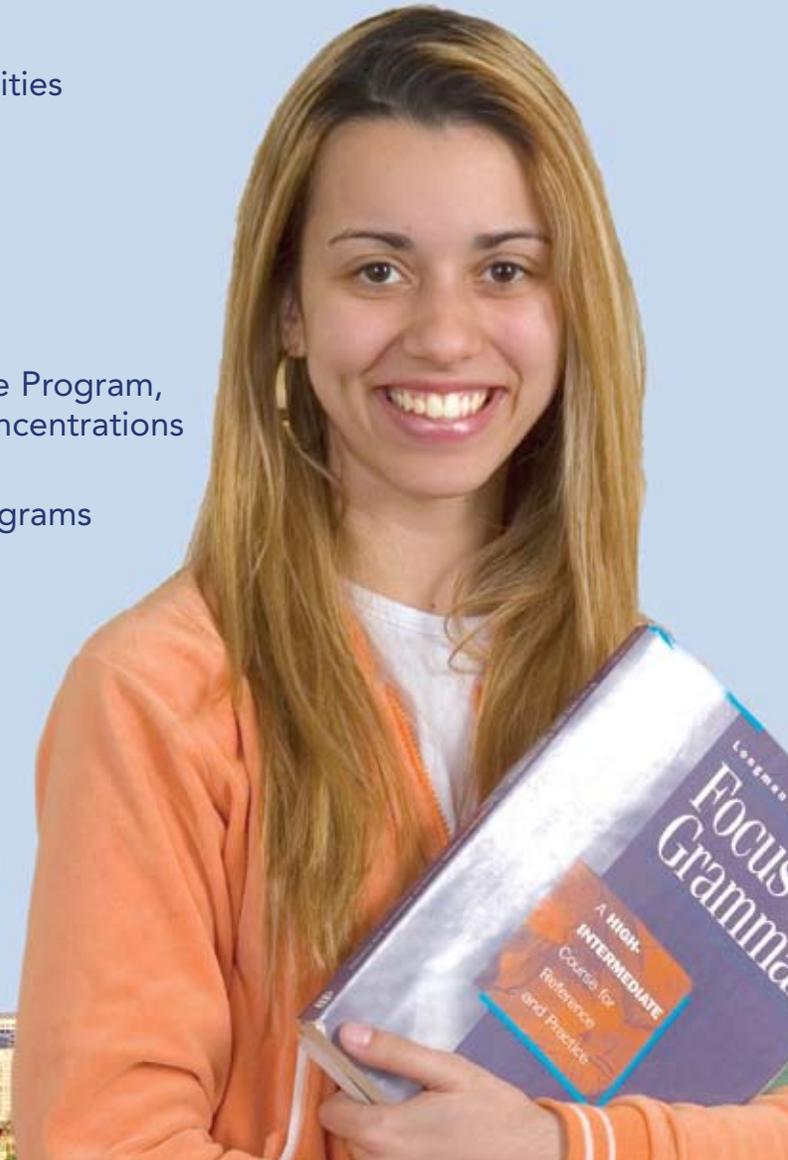
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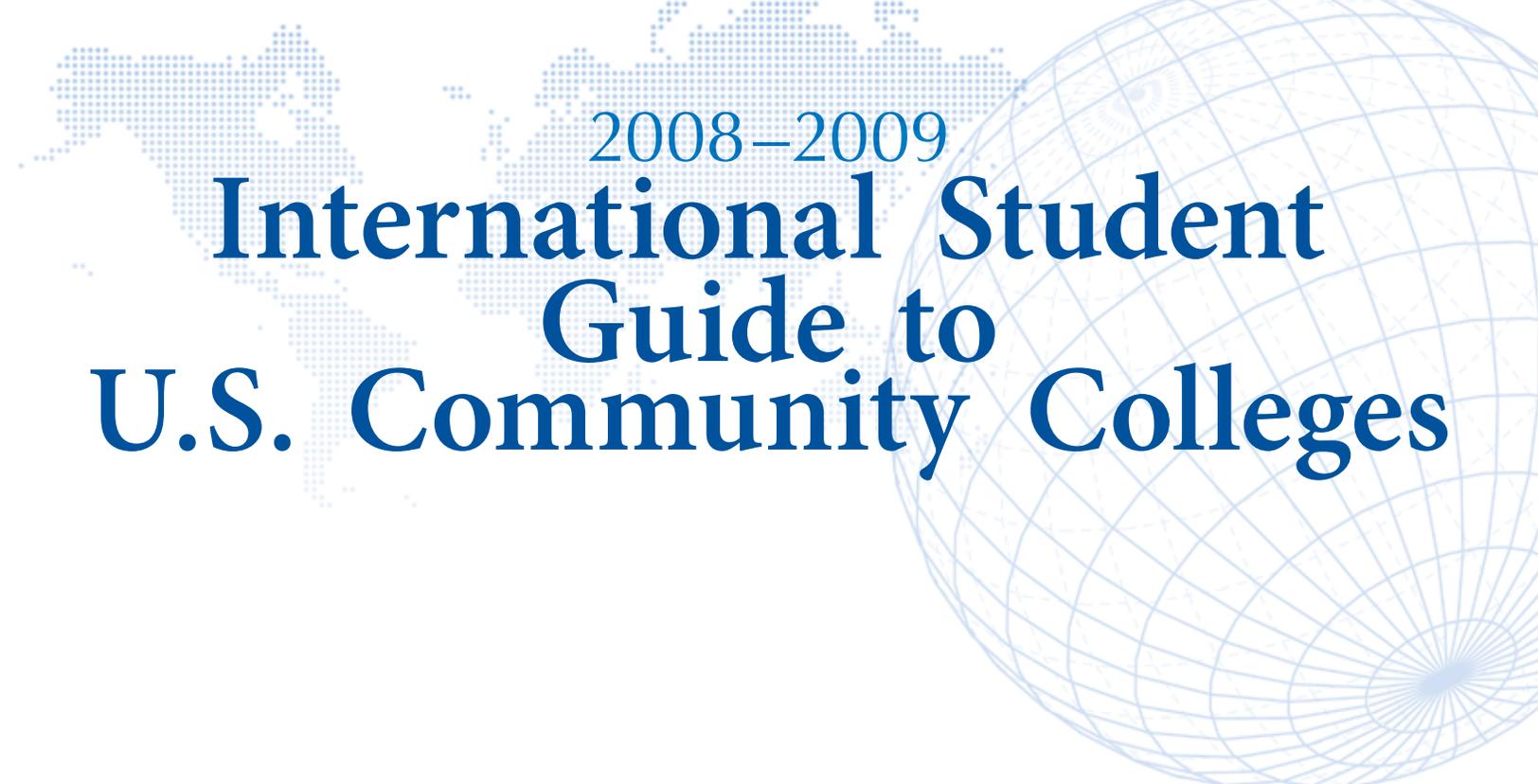
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# About This Guide

**The American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) is pleased to present you with the 2008–2009 edition of the *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. You will also discover the many benefits that make attending a community college an exciting, affordable gateway to U.S. higher education.

In order to make the book as useful as possible, the following symbols and designs are used to help you identify important issues and find information.



This symbol accompanies questions to ask yourself that will help you understand what you want in a college.



This symbol indicates a checklist of things that need to be accomplished. Check the items off as you complete them.



This symbol refers to worksheets. Worksheets are similar to checklists, but they may require you to provide 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 topics covered in the *Guide* will answer basic questions about studying in the United States and direct you to many resources to help you find more information about

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

This *Guide* 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 throughout the United States—nearly half of all U.S. undergraduates. The AACC member colleges advertising and listed in this *Guide*, starting on page 95, are all committed to helping their students succeed. They look forward to welcoming you to our country and to their campuses.

Good luck with your search to find the right institution for your study-abroad experience in the United States. We look forward to seeing you as a community college student. 🌐



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I join the 450 Education USA Advising Centers around the world and the American Association of Community Colleges in encouraging you to explore the unique experience of life on an American college campus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janice L. Jacobs", written in a cursive style.

Janice L. Jacobs

# Why Study in the United States?

## Studying at U.S. colleges and universities is no longer just a trend for international students.

In 2006–2007, more than 583,000 international students enrolled in more than 3,300 U.S. colleges and universities, with more than 86,000 of those international students enrolled in community colleges throughout the United States.

International students are highly valued on U.S. campuses. Classmates and professors want to learn more about other countries, cultures, and languages, and they welcome interaction with students from diverse backgrounds. Most campuses have 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. International students with degrees from the United States are 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 in the United States provides the opportunity for students to become globally competent citizens. 🌐

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# Structure of the U.S. Higher Education System

## Types of U.S. Higher Education Institutions

### Community Colleges

These 2-year institutions, also known as technical or junior colleges, award associate degrees upon completion of a 2-year program of study. There are nearly 1,200 two-year institutions in the United States, serving more than 11 million students. An associate degree enables students to

- Transfer to a 4-year college or university to obtain a bachelor's degree, usually after 2 additional years of study.
- Begin a career immediately in any one of hundreds of fields that do not require a 4-year degree.

A more extensive description of community colleges begins on page 15.

### Four-Year Colleges and Universities

Four-year colleges and universities award bachelor's degrees of arts or science (BA or BS) and also may award graduate and professional degrees. Credits earned at community

colleges are accepted for transfer into almost all 4-year college and university bachelor's degree programs.

Four-year institutions provide a variety of degrees including bachelor's, master's, and doctorate, and professional degrees in fields such as law, medicine and business. See the list of most common degrees on the right.

The diagram on page 10 shows how community colleges are part of the U.S. higher education structure. The diagram also shows (1) how one degree leads to another, higher degree upon completion of study and (2) the times when international students can take advantage of Optional Practical Training (OPT), which is the opportunity to work for a specified period of time in their field of study.

## Importance of Regional Accreditation

There are more than 3,300 regionally accredited colleges and

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## Most Common Degrees Awarded at Colleges and Universities

### Undergraduate Degrees Years

#### Awarded by Community Colleges\*

<b>AA</b>	Associate of Arts . . . . .	<b>2</b>
<b>AS</b>	Associate of Science . . . . .	<b>2</b>
<b>AAS</b>	Associate of Applied Science . . . . .	<b>2</b>

#### Awarded by

#### 4-Year Colleges and Universities

<b>BA</b>	Bachelor of Arts . . . . .	<b>4</b>
<b>BS</b>	Bachelor of Science . . . . .	<b>4</b>

### Graduate Degrees\*\* Years

<b>MA</b>	Master of Arts . . . . .	<b>1–2</b>
<b>MS</b>	Master of Science . . . . .	<b>1–2</b>
<b>MBA</b>	Master of Business Admin. . . . .	<b>1–2</b>
<b>PhD</b>	Doctor of Philosophy . . . . .	<b>varies</b>

\* Most community colleges also award vocational training certificates and licenses after successful completion of a 1- or 2-year program.

\*\* awarded at 4-year colleges and universities and requiring a bachelor's degree first

# Structure of the U.S. Higher Education System

## **COMMUNITY COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM**

2 years with a minimum of 60 credits required.

Upon completion, students earn an associate degree (such as AA, AS, or AAS) and can transfer course credit toward a bachelor's degree.

Students are eligible for **1 year of Optional Practical Training (OPT)** after obtaining an associate degree.

## **UNIVERSITY OR 4-YEAR COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM**

4 years with 120–134 credits required.

Upon completion, students earn a bachelor's degree (such as BA or BS).

Students are eligible for up to **2½ years Optional Practical Training (OPT)** after receiving a bachelor's degree.

## **GRADUATE, MASTER'S, OR PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM**

1–3-year program. Upon completion, students earn a master's degree (such as MA, MS, or MBA) or professional degree (such as MD, JD).

Students are eligible for up to **2½ years Optional Practical Training (OPT)** after obtaining a graduate degree.

## **DOCTORAL PROGRAM**

Time varies to earn a doctoral degree (such as PhD).



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universities in the United States. The United States, which does not have a ministry of education to oversee its educational institutions, relies on a regional accreditation process to ensure the quality and acceptability of each individual institution.

A college must be **regionally** accredited to be recognized by ministries of education. See page 28 for more information about regional accreditation.

## The Academic Year

The academic year is usually divided into two semesters of four months each, or three quarters of three months each. A full-time student takes four or five courses each semester, or three or four courses each quarter. The first academic year of higher education (called the freshman year) and the second year (called the sophomore year) usually focus on general studies. Students completing their freshman and sophomore years at a community college obtain an associate degree.

The third academic year is called the junior year and focuses on more intensive study in the chosen major. The fourth and final academic year toward obtaining a bachelor's

degree is called the senior year. It is common to refer to students by their academic year of study: students are called freshmen, sophomores, juniors, or seniors.

## Freedom of Choice

Students are allowed to choose their own courses and class schedules. While this results in great freedom, the student has more responsibility for making the right choices to meet educational goals. Advisers are always ready and willing to offer advice and provide information that will help students make the right decisions.

## Course Credits

Students receive a certain number of credits for each course successfully completed. The number is directly related to the number of hours assigned to the course by the institution. For example, successful completion of a course that meets for 1 hour, three times a week equals a total of 3 credits. The same course with an additional hour of lab work equals 4 credits.

## Course Grades

Grades received at the end of a course are used to indicate how

## INTERNET RESOURCES



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well the student performed and whether the course was successfully completed. The range of grades is from *A* to *F*, with *A* as the best possible grade. An *F* indicates failure. All grades received during a course of study are combined to determine the student's grade point average (GPA). 🌐

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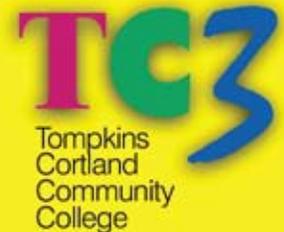
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# An Introduction to U.S. Community Colleges

**Community colleges are the largest and fastest-growing sector of U.S. higher education.**

For more than 100 years, U.S. community colleges have been offering affordable, convenient, and accessible higher education and vocational training to millions. With campuses located within commuting distance of more than 90% of the population in the United States, the network of nearly 1,200 community colleges in all 50 states serves more than 11 million students and the most diverse student body in U.S. higher education. Students can work toward an associate degree, certificate, or license in hundreds of fields.

International students can obtain an affordable education in a supportive and academically challenging environment at U.S. community colleges. Top-notch faculty, a high ratio of teacher-student dialogue and interaction, state-of-the-art facilities, and small class size are the hallmarks of a community college education. Because community colleges are

accredited by the same regional agencies and their academic courses are as rigorous as those at universities, students with associate degrees are able to transfer their course credits to a 4-year college or university to obtain a bachelor's degree. Alumni of U.S. community colleges include astronauts, doctors, business tycoons, artists, sports legends, and scientists who are recognized and respected around the world.

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International students also benefit from the strong ties that community colleges have to their communities. Students have many opportunities to interact with local citizens. In addition, students who choose to work in the United States through an OPT program often benefit from the close relationships community colleges have with local business and industry. For example, some colleges provide facilities and support services to incubate new entrepreneurial businesses.

In 2007, more than 86,000 international students chose to

begin their higher education at U.S. community colleges. The top 10 reasons are listed in the next section. 

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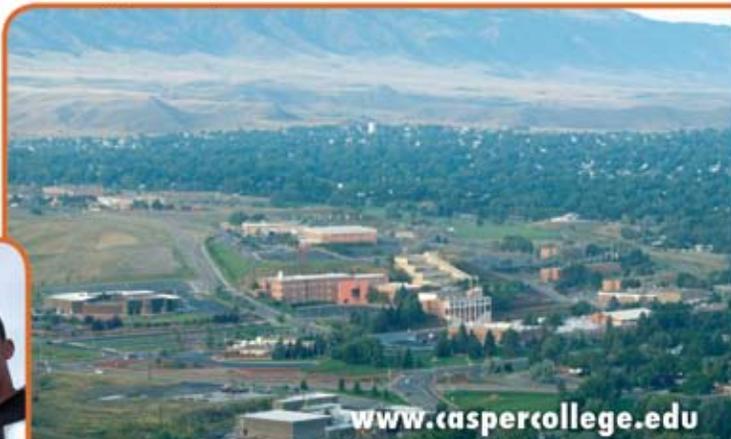


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# The Top Ten Benefits of Attending a U.S. Community College

**An increasing number of international students attend community colleges as a stepping-stone to prestigious 4-year colleges and universities in the United States.** This section describes the top 10 benefits that U.S. community colleges offer to international students.

## 1 Lower Tuition Cost

Community college tuition and fees are approximately 50% lower than those at 4-year colleges and universities. All 50 states financially subsidize community colleges to help keep tuition fees lower and affordable to as many people as possible. If you intend to pursue a bachelor's degree, you can lower the total cost of earning your degree by taking the first two years of a university program at a community college.

## 2 Course Credits Transfer to Universities

Most community colleges have agreements with 4-year colleges

and universities to allow students to transfer their community college course credits toward a university degree. These are called articulation agreements or 2 + 2 transfer agreements. State universities usually give preference to qualified students who transfer from a community college in that state. It is also possible for students to transfer to well-known universities across the country, depending on the level of excellence demonstrated in their studies at the community college.

## 3 Flexible English Proficiency Requirements

Community colleges may accept lower scores or waive the requirements altogether for the [Test of English as a Foreign Language \(TOEFL\)](#) or [International English Language Testing System \(IELTS\)](#) for admission. The TOEFL and IELTS measure the ability of nonnative speakers of English to use and understand English as it is spoken, written, and heard in college and university settings.

Community colleges provide their own English assessment tests when students arrive on campus to determine the level of their English language skills. Full-time intensive English programs (IEPs) at multiple levels are offered to address English language deficiencies and prepare international students for academic study in the United States. Tutoring, study skills centers, and self-paced computer-assisted instruction may also be provided. (For more information about English proficiency requirements, see page 37.)

## 4 Focus on Teaching

Community college faculty are primarily focused on teaching, while 4-year college and university faculty frequently focus on conducting research and publishing articles and books. More community college classes are taught by faculty rather than by teaching assistants, thus providing personal attention from professors. Additionally, because community

colleges hire many instructors 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 25 and 30 students, there is more opportunity for students to interact with their professors and each other. Small classes are highly beneficial to help international students adjust to the pace of academic life in the United States

and to practice their English language skills.

## 6 Additional Year of Optional Practical Training (OPT)

International students are eligible for 1 year of OPT in their field of study immediately following completion of an associate degree and up to an additional 2½ years of OPT immediately following completion of a bachelor's degree. Therefore, students who begin their higher education at a community college can be entitled to a total of 3½ years of OPT, but those who begin at a

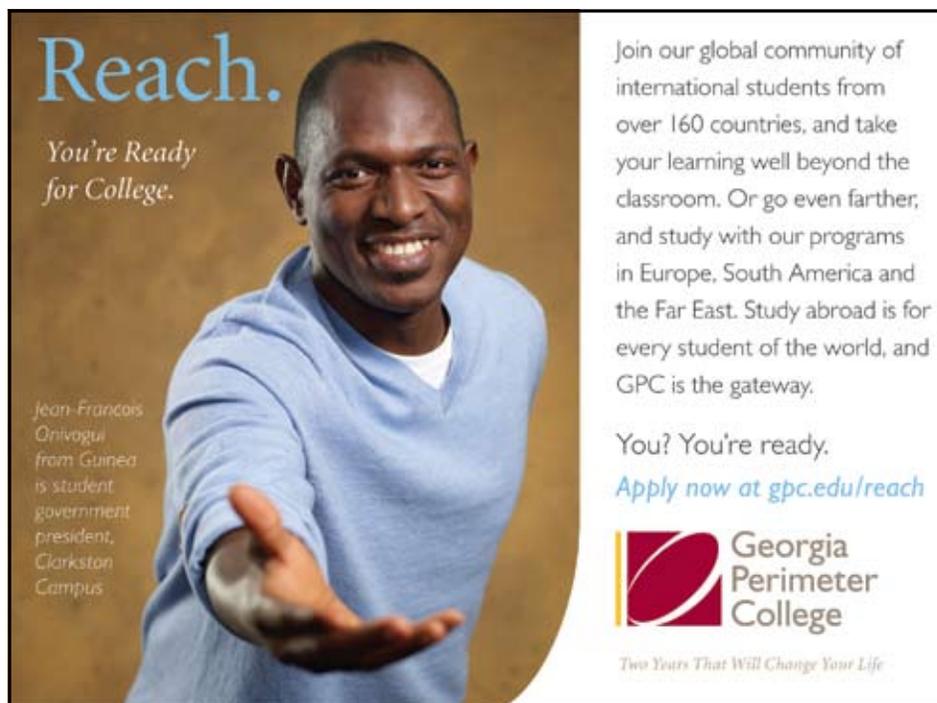
4-year college or university can be entitled to only 2½ years of OPT. (For more information about OPT, see pages 10 and 64.)

## 7 Use of the Latest Technologies

Community colleges have strong ties with business and industry and are thus equipped with state-of-the-art technologies, classrooms, and facilities. Community colleges are leaders 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. Programs currently popular among international students at community colleges include general studies, business, engineering, computer science, computer graphics, Internet technology, multimedia, hotel management, restaurant management, psychology, accounting, early childhood education, and environmental conservation.



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## 9 Opportunities to Experience U.S. Culture

Community colleges are committed to serving the needs of their local communities and offer courses and activities that meet the communities' recreational, social, and cultural needs. Although cultural and social activities may not be part of the college's formal academic program, such activities enhance education and community life. Activities may include art exhibits, sporting events, concerts, theatrical productions, health fairs, community forums, and

other events and courses that enrich the lives of students and local citizens. What this means for international students is that, in addition to a rich academic environment, community colleges offer a unique opportunity to experience the many aspects of life and culture in the United States—both on and off campus.

## 10 Excellent Student Support Services

Community colleges are committed to ensuring that all students achieve their academic

goals. 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. Community colleges with international students on campus often have an international office and staff specifically trained to provide helpful advice on a variety of topics that are important to international students. (For information about special services for students with disabilities, see page 27.) 🌐

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# Notable U.S. Community College Alumni

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## **R. Bruce Merrifield,** 1984 Nobel Prize in Chemistry

Merrifield is best known in the scientific

community for his solid phase peptide synthesis, for which he was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1984. The Royal Swedish Academy of Science described Merrifield's method as "ingenious" and "a completely new approach to organic synthesis." Merrifield began his higher education at a community college, where he learned the basics of his field. Regarding the community college, he said, "The undergraduate teaching was better than at the big university." After completing his associate degree, he transferred

to the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), where he eventually earned his PhD.



## **Oscar Hijuelos,** Author, 1990 Pulitzer Prize in Fiction

Hijuelos is the first Hispanic American winner of the Pulitzer

Prize for fiction, which he received in 1990 for his novel *The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love*, which was later made into a movie, *The Mambo Kings*. After receiving his associate degree at a community college, he transferred to the City College of New York, where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees. During an interview, Hijuelos said that growing up poor and being a lifelong resident of

New York City, he did not have the money to travel abroad as had many of the famous authors he admired. But, Hijuelos explained, education, no matter where it takes place, can expand one's mind to realize the possibilities which might otherwise go unnoticed. His novels have been translated into more than 25 languages.



## **George Lucas,** Film Director, Writer, Producer

George Lucas first rose to international fame in 1973

with the enormous success of the movie *American Graffiti*. Then the movie *Star Wars* in 1977 made him a household name. Lucas graduated from a community

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college in 1964 and transferred to the University of Southern California, where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1966. He then began making movies. His media empire includes the visual effects company, Industrial Light & Magic (formed during the making of *Star Wars*), THX, and Lucasfilms. In 1992, the Board of Governors of the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences honored Lucas with the Irving G. Thalberg Memorial Award, which honors "creative producers whose bodies of work reflect a consistently high quality of motion picture production." Lucas also received the prestigious DigiGlobe Award in 1999 for his ongoing contribution to world culture and entertainment through the use of information technology.



**Eileen Collins,**  
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After graduating from community college in 1976, Eileen Collins

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**Bola Ahmed Tinubu,**  
Governor,  
State of  
Lagos,  
Nigeria

Tinubu is the former governor of the State of Lagos, location of the largest city in the most populous country in West Africa. He began his higher education at a U.S. community college. As a founding member of the pro-democracy National Democratic Coalition (NADECO) in Nigeria, Tinubu

has said that he learned about democratic principles while living in the United States. After graduating from community college, he transferred to Chicago State University, where he graduated summa cum laude. In 1983, he returned to Nigeria to work for Mobil Oil. He eventually became treasurer of the company before entering politics in 1992 when he was elected to the Nigerian Senate.

For a more complete list of notable community college alumni, see page 85. 🌐

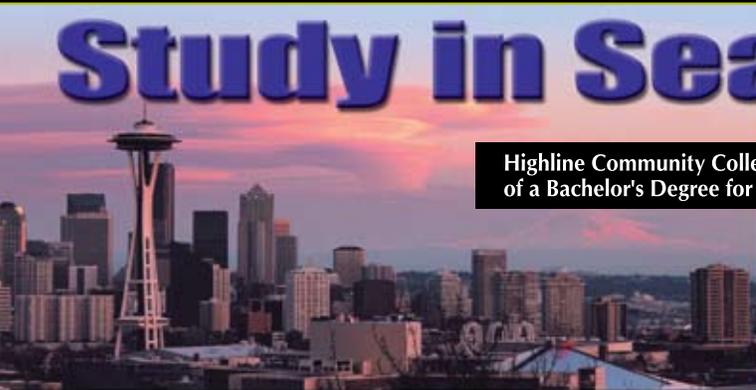


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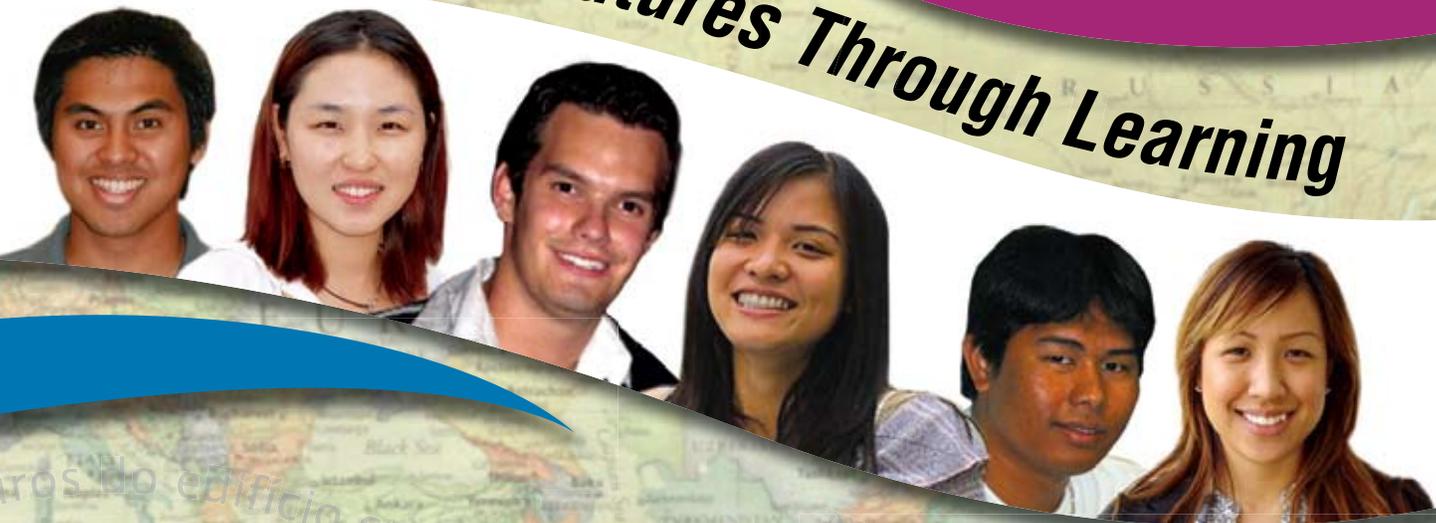


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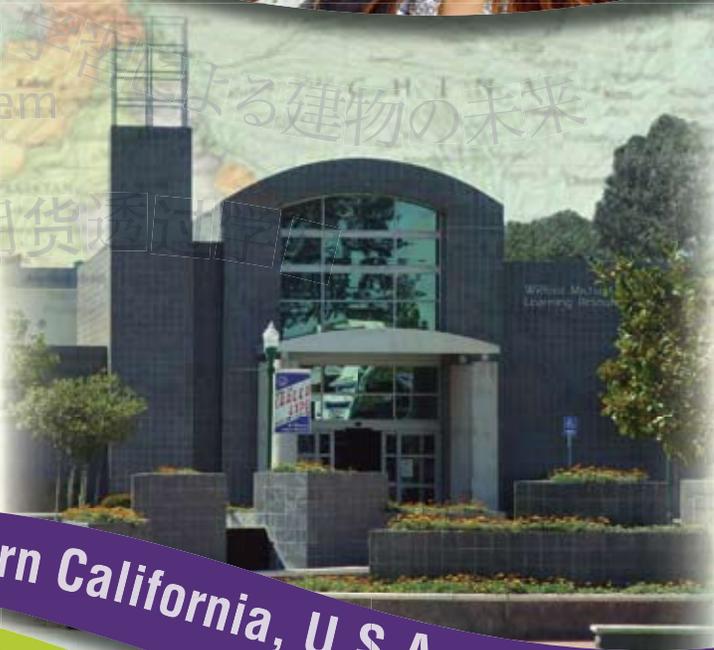
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# Selecting a U.S. Community College

## Determine Your Higher Education Goals

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



### 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.



### Are you undecided about your future career?

If you are not sure what career you want to prepare for, consider a college that offers a broad selection of classes or programs. Many U.S. students spend their first 2 years taking many different classes to explore their interests and do not

select a major until the end of their second year of study. Community colleges provide a wide variety of courses that can help students investigate their interests and expand their experiences.



### 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 (articulation) agreements with 4-year colleges and universities.



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### Are you interested in U.S. culture?

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### Where would you prefer to live in the United States?

Would you prefer to live in a city,

a small town, or a rural area? Do you want to live in a particular region of the United States? If so, which cities or states are you considering? Community colleges are in 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 which state or region of the United States you would like to live. Visit college Web sites to get a better sense of where you might want to live and study.



### Are you a student athlete?

More than 500 U.S. community colleges have excellent athletic facilities and offer students great access to training, coaching, and a large variety of playing opportunities. [The National Junior College Athletic Association \(NJCAA\)](#) is an organization of regionally accredited community colleges across the United States that organizes student athletic competitions in 17 sports—baseball, basketball, bowling, cross-country, diving, American football, golf, half marathon, ice hockey,

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## Students With Disabilities

Community colleges are a smart choice for students with disabilities because community colleges afford a unique learning environment that typically includes smaller class sizes, more individualized attention, and a supportive atmosphere. Tutoring centers and mentoring programs are often available to teach students with learning disabilities (such as dyslexia) the study strategies needed to succeed in college. Accommodations are often made for sign language interpreters, accessible classrooms, note-takers in classes, Braille materials, and extended time for taking tests. Colleges may also provide adapted software or assistive equipment for people with mobility, vision, learning, or hearing disabilities. For example, a blind student might have the option to use a computer with speech synthesis that can read textbooks out loud. However, personal care attendants, hearing aids, and wheelchairs are not typically provided. To learn more about services available at a particular

college, contact the college's international or disability office.

## Estimating Expenses

Before applying to a community college, you should estimate tuition and living expenses for the first 2 years of education. Costs vary depending on where your college is located, but, in general, you should expect to spend between 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 below.

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## Estimating Financial Resources

When you apply to a college (and for a student visa), you will be required to show that you have the financial



### Estimating Your Expenses

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Books and supplies . . . . .	\$ _____
Housing and utilities . . . . .	\$ _____
Transportation . . . . .	\$ _____
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\*Examples of personal items include clothing, toiletries, travel, and recreation.

resources necessary to cover your expenses (tuition, fees, and living costs). See Statement of Financial Support on page 38. 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 64).

Some community colleges provide scholarships to students after their first year of study or upon transfer to a 4-year college or university. Such scholarships are usually based on merit—how well you performed academically.

One notable exception is athletic scholarships. Community colleges in the United States may offer scholarships, called grant-in-aid by the [NJCAA](#), to outstanding student athletes in Division I and Division II sports. Scholarship sports for men are baseball, basketball, cross-country, golf, outdoor track and field, soccer, and tennis. Scholarship sports for women are basketball, cross-country, fast-pitch softball, outdoor track and field, soccer, tennis, and volleyball. To determine whether the colleges to which you are applying award athletic scholarships, check the college Web site for the athletic

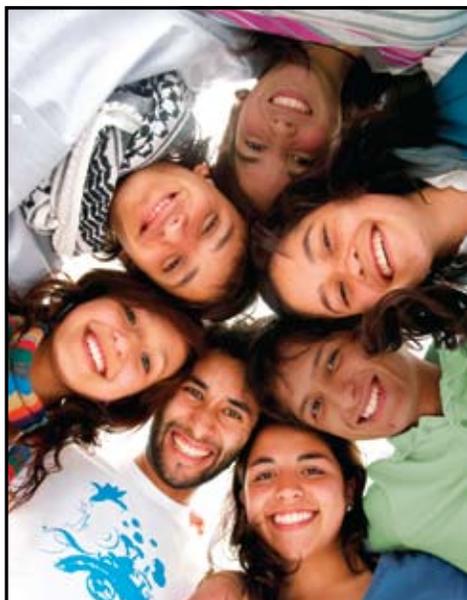
department or coaches' contact information. Let the college's contact person know of your interest and provide them with information about your talents and experience.

## Other Important Considerations

### Accreditation of the Institution

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colleges and universities are all accredited by the same six regional accreditation agencies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to ensure that institutions meet or exceed the criteria of educational quality. It is very important that the college you are planning to attend is regionally accredited. Universities accept transferred course credits only from other accredited institutions. Furthermore, most ministries of education around the world will recognize a degree only if it is awarded by an accredited higher education institution. You can determine whether the college you are applying to is accredited by checking the Web site of the [Council for Higher Education Accreditation \(CHEA\)](#). Note: All community colleges listed in this publication are regionally accredited institutions (see page 95).

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### **Consult the Best Sources for Information and Assistance**

Applying to college can initially seem overwhelming, but many resources are available to help you in the process. This section describes some of the most useful resources in detail.

#### **CommunityCollegeUSA.com**

This Web site provides an overview about community colleges and lists colleges that might be right for you. Many community colleges

## **INTERNET RESOURCES**



“Internet Resources for International Students,” on page 127, is a comprehensive list of Web sites and URLs you can visit to find information on all of the topics covered in this *Guide*. You will occasionally notice that the name of an organization is printed in blue. This means you will find a related URL in the list on page 127.

post their information in English and 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 can find at [CommunityCollegeUSA.com](http://CommunityCollegeUSA.com)

- Complete resource guide to education in the United States
- List of colleges that welcome international students
- Admissions office contact information for 100 featured colleges

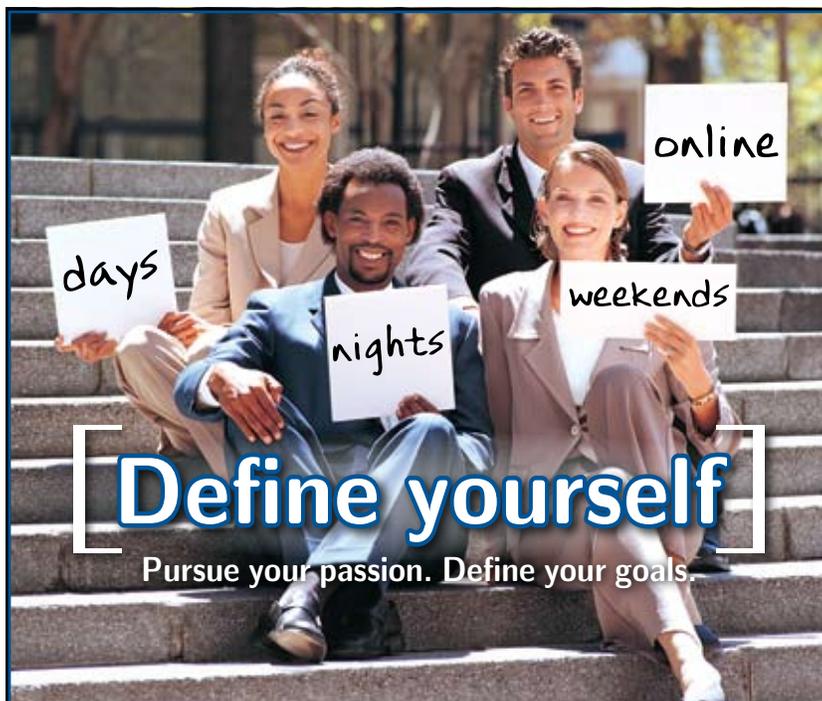
- College fair information
- Information about transfer to 4-year colleges and universities
- Information about specific programs: ESL, summer, vocational-career, computer and technology, and short-term-certificate programs; internships, TOEFL, and test preparation classes

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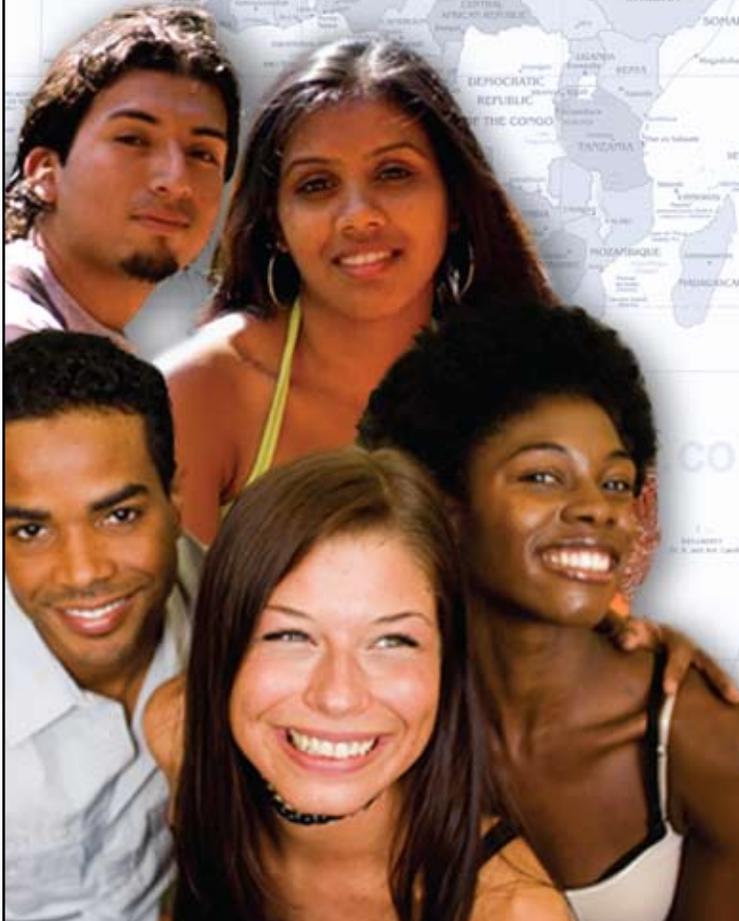


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- College fair information
- Workshops and seminars
- Visa information
- Publications available in PDF format (see the box on the right)

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- Understanding the admissions process

## Free Publications From EducationUSA

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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 at the U.S. Department of State Web site. (Note: A portion of the information in this section is based on Booklet 1.)



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- Obtaining specialized services offered by some centers (e.g., essay-writing workshops or document verification)

### College Web Sites and E-Mail

U.S. colleges and universities have Web sites that offer a wide range of information about degree programs, application procedures, academic departments, facilities on campus, and other topics. In many cases, the college catalogs are also included. Some institutions may also give e-mail addresses for current students, including international students, to answer your questions about the college and about living in the United States. Once you have decided which colleges you are interested in, you can e-mail admissions personnel to ask specific questions before you decide where to apply.

### College Fairs

Representatives of community colleges may come from the United States to your country to participate in college fairs or specially arranged seminars where you can talk face to face with them. Your nearest [EducationUSA](#) advising center can tell you about upcoming college fairs in your country. Many fairs take place

in the fall or spring; it is important to start your research at least the year before you intend to start your studies.

### Campus Visits

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

### Other Sources of Information

- Guidance counselors at your current high 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 high 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. 🌐

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# Applying to a U.S. Community College

**Admission requirements vary, so be sure to learn the specific requirements from the college you want to attend.** You must provide everything that the college requests before your application will be considered complete. 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. Prior to enrolling in college classes, you will be required to send confirmation that you graduated. This section describes the items typically required for admission to a community college.

## Application Forms

Community colleges often have a separate application form for international students, sometimes found on the college's Web site. If you have difficulty locating the application online, send an e-mail to the college admissions office or write to the international office and ask that application

materials be sent to you. Community colleges are flexible, and many accept applications shortly before the start of a semester. Others have rolling admission, which means that you can apply at any time.

## Test Scores

Community colleges may require that you submit your test scores from the **TOEFL (Test of**

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English as a Foreign Language) or IELTS (International English Language Testing System). To learn where the tests are given in your country, contact your local [EducationUSA](#) advising center or visit the EducationUSA Web site. Whether you take the TOEFL or IELTS exam, most colleges will also require that you take their own English placement test after you arrive on campus and before registering for classes. If your score shows an adequate skill level, you will be allowed to begin your academic program. 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. Similarly, Advanced Placement tests are not required by community colleges. However, some community colleges or 4-year institutions to which students will transfer may accept some Advanced Placement course credits.

## Special Arrangements for Students With Disabilities

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a law passed by the U.S. federal government, requires that every U.S. college and university make reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. Students can take advantage of the ADA even before they are accepted to a college. If you have a documented disability, you may qualify for nonstandard testing arrangements for the TOEFL, IELTS, or SAT. Accommodations may include extended time or additional breaks during an exam, a separate testing room, special editions of the test, or provision for a reader or scribe. Because higher education institutions must consider all applicants solely on the basis of their qualifications, an applicant's disability status is not either an advantage or a disadvantage. For general information about accommodations and services for students with disabilities, contact the National Clearinghouse on Disability and Exchange at [Mobility International USA](#).

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You must submit a statement of financial support to show that you have the financial resources



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## Academic Transcripts and Records

You must submit academic transcripts and other documents that show your previous education and grades. You must have completed secondary school before you can enroll at a community college. These documents are usually required in English, and colleges may have them professionally evaluated before offering admission.

## Proof of Immunization

Most community colleges require that you submit a record of your

immunizations, signed by a physician. Contact the college's international office to find out what is required.

## Extracurricular Activities

Extracurricular activities are those you pursue outside of your academic studies. 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 have won in competitions. Even if you are not asked specifically on the application form about your extracurricular activities, try to include that information. Colleges regard these kinds of activities highly because they demonstrate your commitment, areas of interest, ability to work with others, and potential as a future leader.

## Letters of Recommendation

Colleges may ask you for letters of recommendation. Make sure

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to read each college's request carefully; some have specific requirements regarding who may submit a letter on your behalf. These letters are usually written by teachers, employers, or others who know you well enough to describe your talents, goals, interests, aptitude, or character. 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; if

## INTERNET RESOURCES



“Internet Resources for International Students,” on page 127, is a comprehensive list of Web sites and URLs you can visit to find information on all of the topics covered in this *Guide*. You will occasionally notice that the name of an organization is printed in blue. This means you will find a related URL in the list on page 127.

you are asked to write an essay, take the assignment seriously. In your essay, describe yourself in a positive way, answer questions directly, and give specific examples to illustrate what you say about yourself. Ask people who know you to read your essay and give you advice so that the essay presents you, your talents, and your goals accurately. Make sure to check your grammar and spelling so that your essay is easy for an admissions officer to read. You may want to ask someone to proofread it for you.

## Interviews

Most community colleges do not require that you interview with the admissions committee. If you are asked to participate in an interview, the college will give you details about the process and what to expect. 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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# Obtaining a Student Visa

This *Guide* provides information primarily for students seeking F-1 student visas. For information about other types of visas, see Internet resources listed on page 127.

There are three steps required to apply for an F-1 visa:

1. Obtain a college-issued I-20 form from the college that has accepted you.
2. Pay the SEVIS I-901 fee.
3. Schedule and attend an interview with the U.S. embassy or consulate in your country.

## Obtain a Form I-20

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. See page 46 for information about SEVIS.

## Pay the SEVIS I-901 Fee

After receiving your SEVIS Form I-20, you must pay a SEVIS I-901 fee and obtain a receipt before applying for a visa. As of July 2008, the fee is \$100. (SEVP may increase the fee to \$200 in the near future.) This fee covers the administrative costs associated with maintaining your records in SEVIS. You pay the SEVIS fee once, regardless of the number of acceptances you receive. You are requested 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. embassy or consulate for a visa interview.

## Get Information and Assistance With Visa Applications

Visit the [EducationUSA](#) Web site or an advising center close to your home to obtain information about applying for a visa. Advisers 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

You must pay the SEVIS I-901 fee and obtain a receipt to apply for an F-1 student visa.

country. See the chart on page 46 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 containing Information About Visas on page 46.

## Apply for an F-1 Student Visa Interview

### Criteria for Visa Eligibility

F-1 visas are granted to full-time students who have been accepted to a degree-granting academic or approved language program. In order to be granted an F-1 visa, you must meet the following



## Visa Interview Checklist

### 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 United States.

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- I-901 SEVIS payment receipt
  - Proof of ability to meet expenses while studying in the United States
  - Passport valid for at least 6 months after the proposed date of entry into the United States
  - High school diploma (or proof of completion of secondary school)
  - Test scores (such as TOEFL, IELTS, and SAT), if required by your college
  - Passport-size photographs
  - Evidence of intent to depart after studying in the United States (such as a pending job or job offer or returning to family members in your home country)
  - Receipt for the Machine Readable Visa (MRV) surcharge fee

### FORMS:

- Completed SEVIS Form I-20
- Form DS-156 (Non-immigrant Visa Application)
- Form DS-157 (Supplemental Non-immigrant Visa Application)
- Form DS-158 (Contact Information and Work History for Non-immigrant Visa Application)

specific criteria established by the U.S. government:

- Prove eligibility for the program of study.
- Submit a statement of financial support.
- Prove that you have residence in your home country and that you plan to return there after completing your education goals.

### Visa Application Process and Timeline

Most of the requirements and application procedures for F-1

student visas are standardized, although some procedures can vary from country to country. For more details on applying for a student visa, visit the Web site of the U.S. embassy or consulate in your home country or the [U.S. Department of State 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. Since visa processing times can vary widely,

**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 to the United States. See page 42 for other important visa information.

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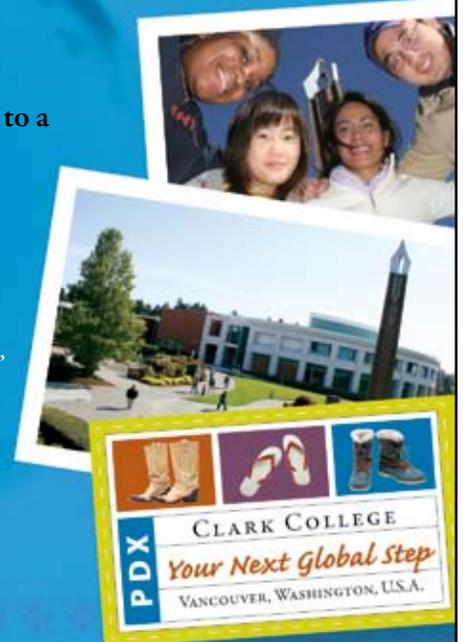
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apply for a visa as early as possible to begin the process. The embassy or consulate will hold your application until the appropriate time to issue your visa.

○ 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. embassy or consulate 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 you will be issued a visa. Be sure to dress professionally and answer questions as specifically as possible. Be prepared to explain why you want to study at a community college in the United States, your planned program of

study, and how your choice of a community college will help you achieve your education goals. Be on time for your interview, and take with you the items listed on the checklist on page 42.

### Duration of Status (D/S)

With an F-1 visa, you are permitted to remain in the United States for a D/S that includes the time you are enrolled in college, any additional period of authorized Optional Practical

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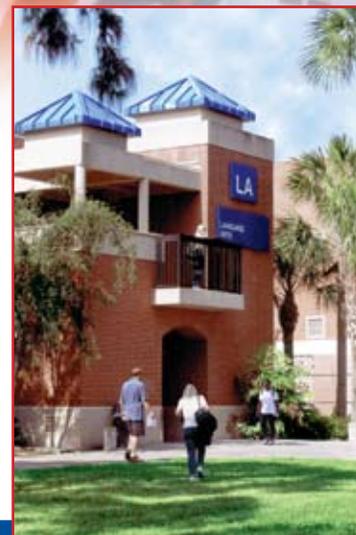
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### General Information About Obtaining a Visa

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#### U.S. Department of State:

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#### SEVIS and Form I-901

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[www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/faq2.htm](http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/faq2.htm)

#### Obtain a SEVIS Form I-20

Contact your U.S. college after acceptance

#### Find an embassy/consulate

[www.usembassy.gov](http://www.usembassy.gov)

### Forms, Fees, and Receipts

#### Form DS-156, -157, and -158

<http://www.state.gov/m/a/dir/forms>

#### SEVIS I-901 receipt

[www.fmjfee.com/i901fee](http://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee)

#### Other visa fees

[http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/reciprocity/reciprocity\\_3272.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/reciprocity/reciprocity_3272.html)

### Other Specific Information

#### Glossary of visa terms

[http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/glossary/glossary\\_1363.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/glossary/glossary_1363.html)

#### What to expect on arrival

[http://www.ice.gov/sevis/factsheet/100104ent\\_stdnt\\_fs.htm](http://www.ice.gov/sevis/factsheet/100104ent_stdnt_fs.htm)

You may not enter the United States more than 30 days before the program start date listed on your SEVIS Form I-20. But, plan to arrive some time before the program start date to register for classes.

Training (see page 64), and an additional 60 days after you complete your studies or OPT to prepare for departure from the United States. See Maintaining F-1 Student Visa Status on page 55. The immigration officer at the port of entry will stamp your D/S on your Form I-94 (the arrival/ departure questionnaire given to you either on the airplane or at U.S. customs if you are traveling by land or sea) and on your SEVIS Form I-20.

**Remember:** 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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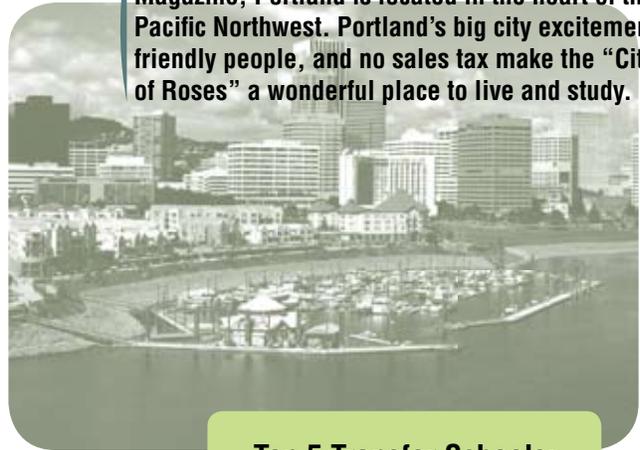
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University of Oregon  
University of Washington  
California State University

# Traveling to the United States

**This section includes important information about what you need to do once you have been admitted to a college and have obtained your F-1 student visa.** Pay special attention to the visa requirements for scheduling your arrival into the United States as well as to the U.S. entry and customs requirements.

## Secure Housing Before Arrival

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 in finding housing. (See Housing Options on page 57 for a description of the kinds of housing available.)

## Schedule Your Arrival

Be sure to schedule your arrival according to visa regulations. You may be refused entry into the United States if you arrive

more than 30 days before the program start date. Your student visa does not guarantee entry into the United States; it allows you to travel to the United States only as far as the port of entry (airport or land border crossing).

## U.S. Entry and Customs Requirements

Be sure you are in compliance with U.S. regulations. For information,

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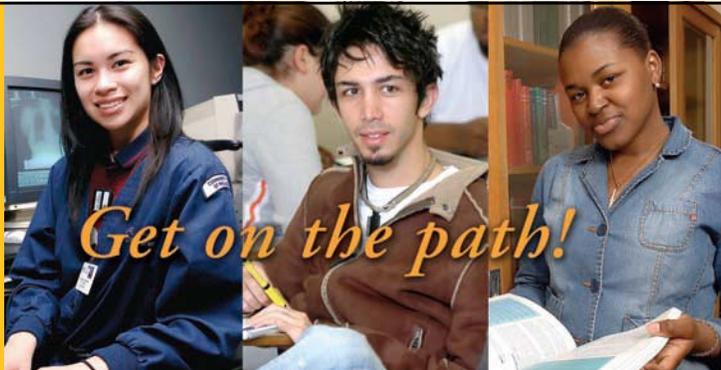
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## Preparation Before Traveling to the United States

### CONTACT THE COLLEGE'S INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

- Make housing arrangements.
- Notify the college of your travel plans and expected arrival date.
- Arrange for transportation from the airport upon arriving in the United States.

### COPY IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

- 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. One copy should be 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.

### MAKE MEDICAL PREPARATIONS

- Visit your doctor and ask about any vaccinations required for your trip. You may also want to check the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Web site for requirements. In addition, contact your college's international office to find out about any special vaccination requirements.

- Ask your doctor for signed prescriptions for any medications you use, particularly those that contain narcotics or are administered by syringe. Penalties for smuggling narcotics into the United States are severe.
- Obtain an updated prescription from your eye doctor if you wear glasses or contact lenses in case you need a replacement while in the United States.
- Call the airline to learn the rules for carrying medications that are liquids or gels in your carry-on luggage. If not allowed, place them in your checked baggage.

### 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

- 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 checked luggage is delayed or lost.

### SECURE MONEY NEEDED FOR THE TRIP AND IN THE UNITED STATES

- Carry traveler's checks and credit cards instead of large amounts of cash. Be sure to change a portion of your money into U.S. dollars before departure or upon arrival in the United States at the airport so that you have enough cash to meet expenses you will have during your first few weeks in the United States.
- Plan to buy small appliances (such as a hair dryer, electric razor, electric clock, and iron) in the United States. Those purchased in your home country may not operate in the United States because of the difference in voltage and electrical outlets.



## Documents You Will Need at U.S. Customs and Immigration

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

- Passport, valid for at least 6 months beyond the proposed date of entry into the United States
- 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.*

- You must always provide accurate answers to customs and immigration officials.
- You must be able to support yourself financially during your stay.
- You must show intention to leave the United States after you complete your studies and any OPT in which you participate.

## Items You Cannot Bring Into the United States 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

## Answering Questions at Customs and Immigration

You must have a brief customs and immigration interview when you 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.



## 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? (Note: These are all prohibited.)

A: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

A: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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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 will conclude that you made misrepresentations to the consular officer and will deny your entry. A student who attends a college other than the one authorized is considered to be out of status and must apply for reinstatement.

See the worksheet on the right for typical questions asked at [U.S. Customs](#). Write down your answers to these questions in advance and keep them with you. 🌐

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- Make ongoing progress toward completing your course of study.
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You will want to report to the international office at your college earlier than the program start date to register for classes. As long as you remain a full-time student at the college that issued your SEVIS Form I-20, you will legally maintain your student status, even if the student visa in your passport expires.

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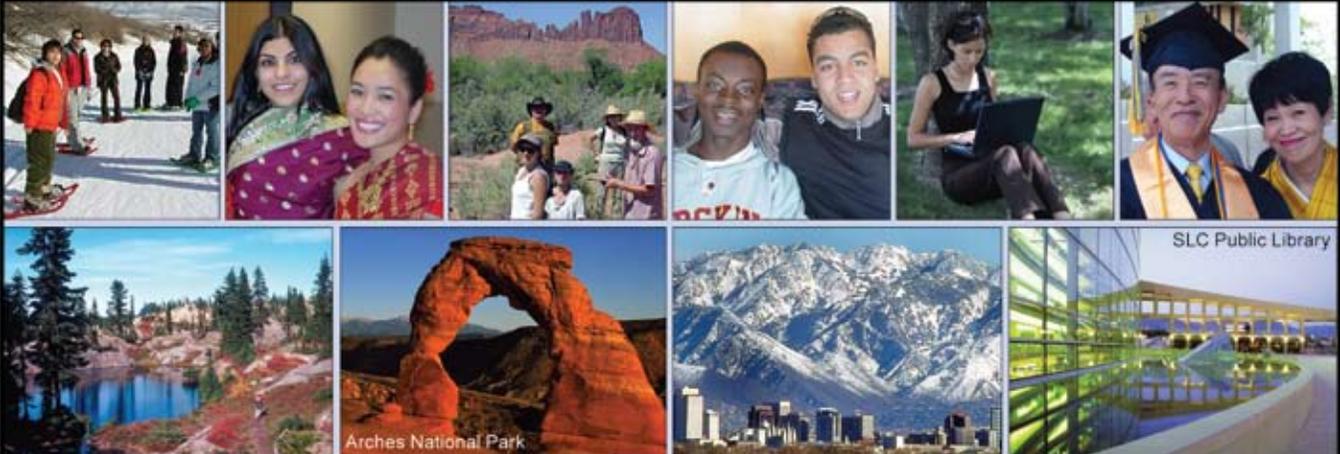
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# Living in the United States

## The best source for information, advice, and support about living in the United States 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 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 a 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 in the same building). If you have a preference for a particular type of dorm, inform 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



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in one, contact your college as soon as possible to request dorm housing. If it is unclear how to make the request, the international office can guide you.

## Homestays

Living with a family will provide you with excellent opportunities to practice English and experience U.S. life and culture. Many community colleges arrange homestays with a family for a semester, a year, or other time period. Some host families include meals, family activities, and even transportation to the college.

The homestay arrangement is designed to provide you with a rich 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 make new friends and share expenses for rent and utilities.

The college's international office may keep a bulletin board with announcements of available apartments and other students who

seek roommates. You can e-mail the college in advance of your departure so you can contact potential roommates before arriving. There are two types of apartments you can rent—furnished or unfurnished. Furnished apartments come with essential furniture (such as beds, couches, chairs, and tables). Unfurnished apartments may have only kitchen appliances, such as a refrigerator and stove.

## Renting a Room

The college's international office maintains 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 not circulated. The following are the most commonly used U.S. bills and coins:



**Penny:** copper colored, valued at \$0.01 (1 cent)



**Nickel:** silver colored, valued at \$0.05 (5 cents)



**Dime:** silver colored, valued at \$0.10 (10 cents)



**Quarter:** silver colored, valued at \$0.25 (25 cents)

## Checking Accounts

Students usually open a checking account to pay bills such as rent and utilities. You can deposit cash or traveler's checks to open and maintain the account or have money wired directly from your home bank (there may be a service charge). You can deposit and withdraw money from a 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.

## Savings Accounts

If you want to keep money for future use and have it earn interest, you may want to open a savings account, another type of bank account. You can transfer money from a savings to a checking account, and you can withdraw savings at any time, although you

cannot write checks from a savings account. A savings account usually pays a higher rate of interest than a checking account.

## ATM and Debit Cards

Your bank will give you an automated teller machine (ATM) card so that you can withdraw money from your checking or savings account. Some ATM cards are also debit cards that businesses 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

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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.

## Travelers Checks

Travelers checks are one of the safest ways to transport money. If the travelers 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 9% of the purchase 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 accept major credit cards and ATM or debit cards with a credit card logo. Prices in the stores are fixed, so it does not help to bargain

with the sales clerk. Negotiating a price is more acceptable when buying from a private individual, shopping at a thrift store (where items are previously owned or used) or yard or tag sale (a sale at someone's home), or buying a large, expensive item such as a car. Some people shop at large department stores, supermarkets, and malls, and others prefer smaller shops. Try shopping at 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 variety of items—from electronics to cosmetics to clothing—all in one store.
- Malls and shopping plazas are collections of stores connected by an inside corridor or an outside sidewalk. The stores in a mall or plaza range from discount

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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, which are more common in downtown areas where customers can easily walk from one shop to another.

Keep the receipt for all purchases. The receipt is proof that you have bought an item. Most stores allow you to return purchases that 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 to your credit card.

## Driving

If you want to drive or buy a car in the United States, contact your college's international office for

information about the laws that apply in your state. Once you satisfy the legal requirements, you can drive in any state. Be aware that it is against the law to drive without a license or vehicle 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

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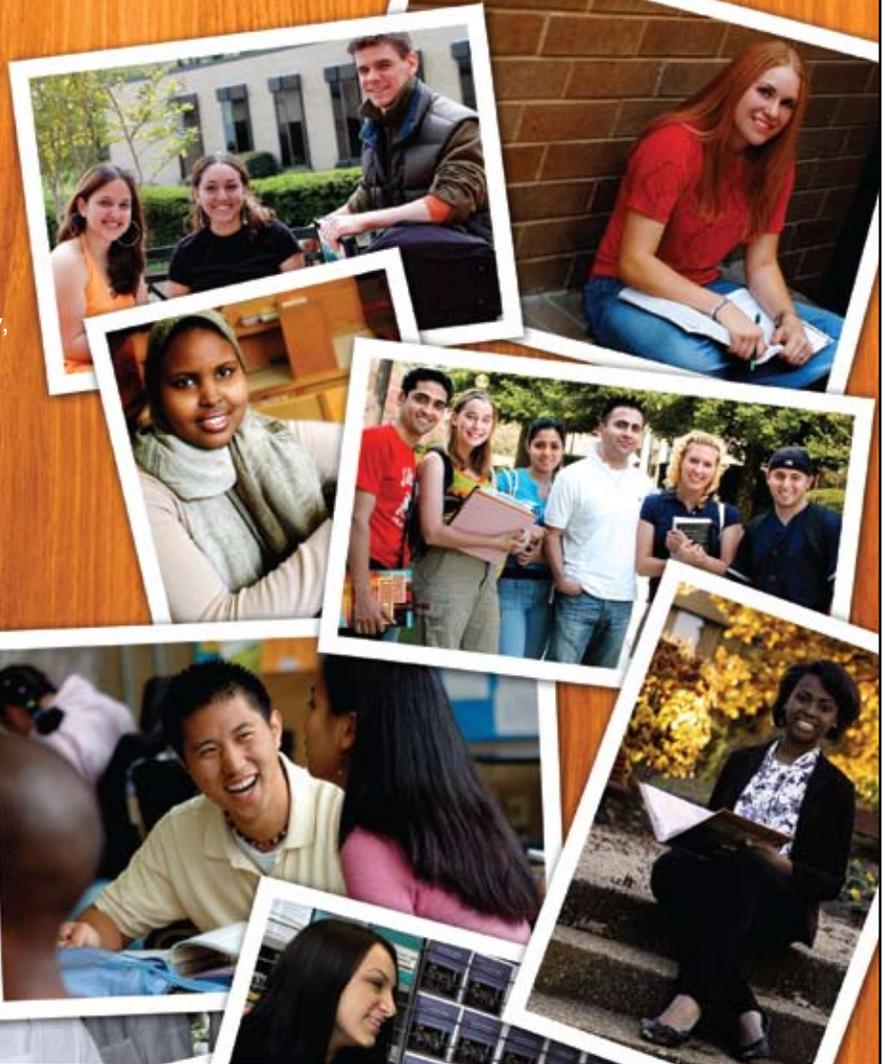
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## Public Transportation

Many cities have public transportation: subways, buses, or commuter trains. You will want to learn whether public transportation goes from your residence to the college and how long it takes to get there. You will also want to learn the schedule for public transportation.

## 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 student visa, you may not work off campus without authorization. However, you may be eligible to work on campus 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 college's international student adviser. F-1 Visa students completing an AA degree are eligible for up to 1 year of employment through an Optional Practical Training (OPT) program for paid employment related to your field of study. See the description of the U.S. higher education system on page 10 for information about OPT. 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 adviser.

## Understanding U.S. Culture

Many people who have lived in another country have experienced

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 their 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 to adjust. Talk with other members of the college's international student organization, ask native 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 culture of the United States.

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

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○ People in the United States value independence and individuality. Students often

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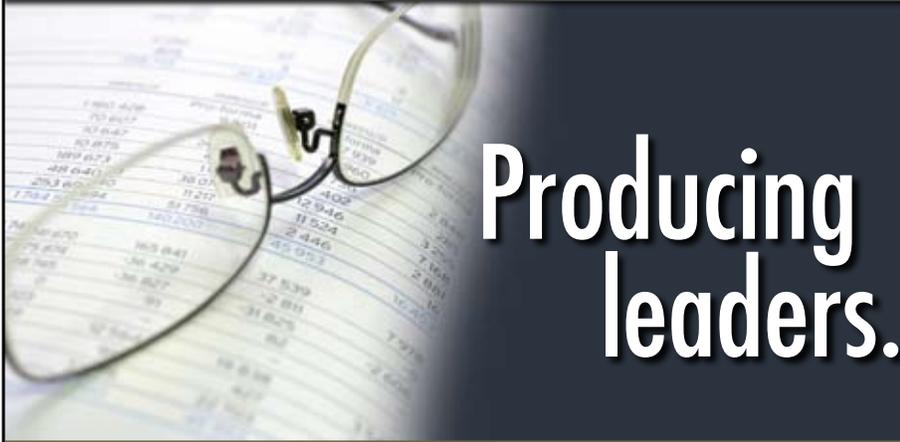
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The International Programs and Services Department helps individuals who come to Central Piedmont Community College from more than 161 countries. CPCC offers over 100 degree, diploma and certificate programs. All programs can be viewed at [www.cpcc.edu/programsofstudy/](http://www.cpcc.edu/programsofstudy/).

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### Services offered:

- International admissions
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- Registration information
- Pre-arrival information
- International student orientation

### About CPCC

CPCC is a public, nonresidential, two-year community college with six full-service campuses in Charlotte. The college serves over 70,000 students, and CPCC has been recognized as one of the top community colleges in the United States.

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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.
- The population of the United States is very diverse. Any one community may have a variety of places to worship—churches, mosques, synagogues, and temples. Ethnic minorities and women are represented in all

types of occupations and social positions, including government and business.

### Time

- It is customary to arrive at the specified 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 few minutes early to take your seat and get out your books.

- Exams 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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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 in case you do have to wait.

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

## Dates

In the United States, dates are usually written with the month first, the day second, and the year last: May 8, 2008, or 5/8/08.

## 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 most of their money 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 if trash cans are visible in the restaurant.

○ Many restaurants and public places do not allow smoking. Do not smoke in public places without determining whether it is allowed.

○ Dinner is usually served between 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. 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 to visit a friend, call first to ask about coming for a visit. 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.

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It is normal for international students to feel culture shock. Getting involved with a variety of people and activities will help you to adjust. Talk with other international students at college, ask native students to explain things that are unfamiliar to you, or speak with a college counselor about what you are experiencing.



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○ “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.

### Hygiene

There is an abundance of personal hygiene products available for sale in the United States. Body and oral hygiene are of great importance. People normally bathe at least once each day and wash their hands frequently. Typical products that everyone is expected to use are underarm deodorant, nail clippers, and products to prevent bad breath.

### 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.

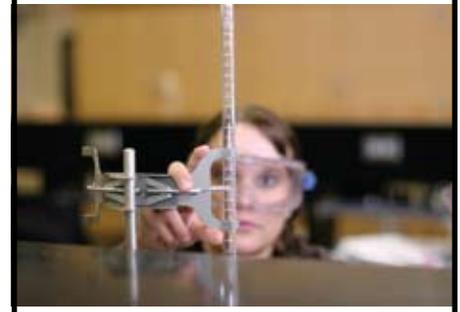
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### Bribery

A bribe is a favor given or promised to influence the judgment or conduct of a person in a position of trust. Bribery is 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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# Common Terminology Used in This Guide

**2 + 2 transfer** An agreement whereby students complete 2 years of education at a community college and then transfer to a 4-year college or university to obtain a bachelor's degree.

**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 is either divided into two semesters or three quarters, and typically runs from September to June.

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

**advanced placement classes** Programs dedicated to academically accomplished students who want to take more challenging or accelerated courses.

**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

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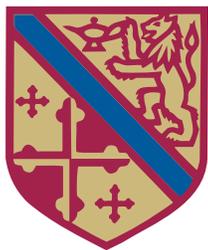
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undergraduate program, typically 4 years of academic study.

**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. U.S. campuses are known for their ample size, architecture, landscaping, and numerous locations.

**coed** An educational environment that includes students of both sexes.

**college** An institution of higher education 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 depends on the individual completing coursework or meeting specified criteria, such as English language proficiency, prior to enrollment.

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

**credits** Colleges and universities typically assign each course 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.

**department** Subdivision of a school, college, or university based

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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 that are usually on campus. Dorms offer rooms with shared common space. Most dorms also provide meals in a common dining hall.

**ESL** English as a second language program, sometimes referred to as an Intensive English Program (IEP).

**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 nonimmigrant visa status.

**grade point average (GPA)** A combination of all grades received during a course of study that range from 4.0 to 0 with 4.0 indicating the highest level of excellence.

**homestay** A living arrangement that involves staying with an American family.

**Intensive English Program (IEP)** A term used to describe all programs that teach English to nonnative speakers in a concentrated course load.

**internship** An unpaid work

experience related to a student's field of study or interests.

**junior** A student in the third year of undergraduate study.

**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



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**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 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

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educational record. Most colleges will require an official transcript of previous course work, 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, semester, or for the entire year. Tuition payments can vary depending on the number of credits for which you are enrolled, as well as your status as a nonresident, 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.

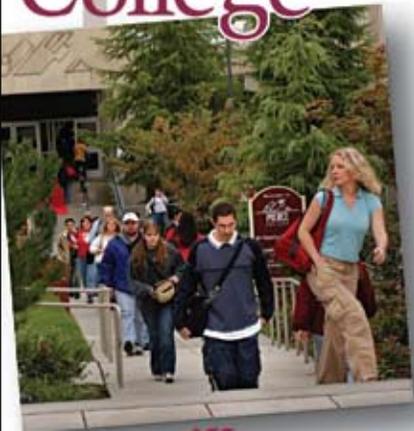
**vocational or technical college** A college offering programs that prepare students for a career or profession related to a specific trade, such as electronics.

**withdrawal** The administrative procedure of dropping a course or leaving a college or university. 🌐

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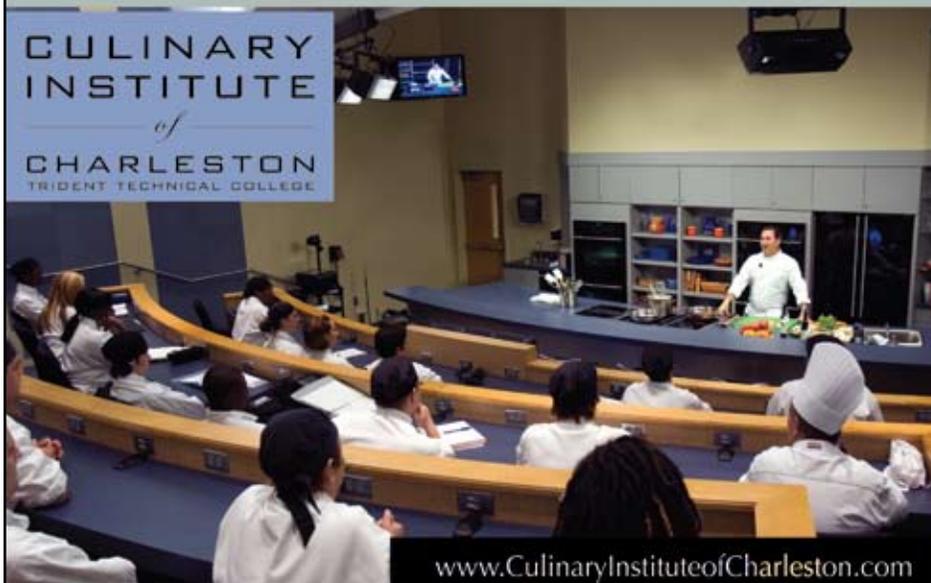
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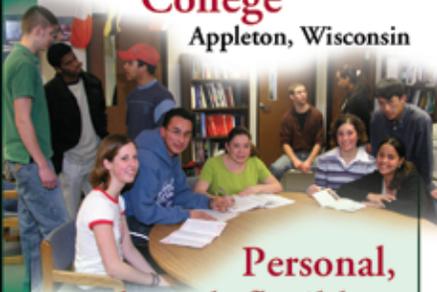
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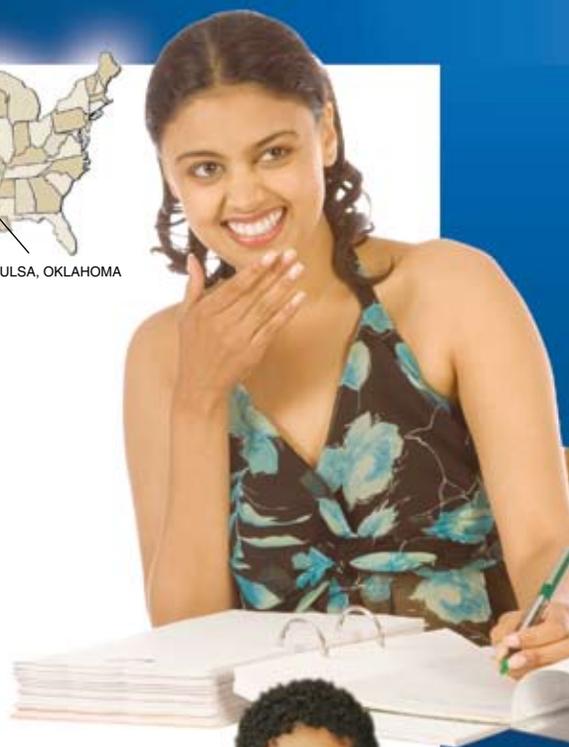
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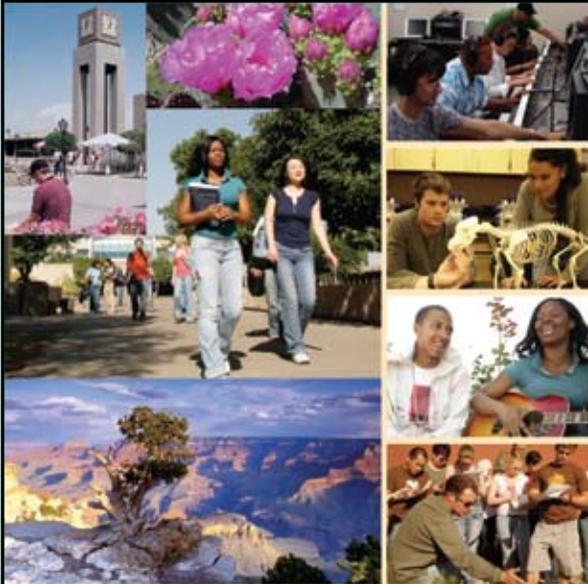
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Pasco-Hernando Community College  
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## IDAHO

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North Idaho College

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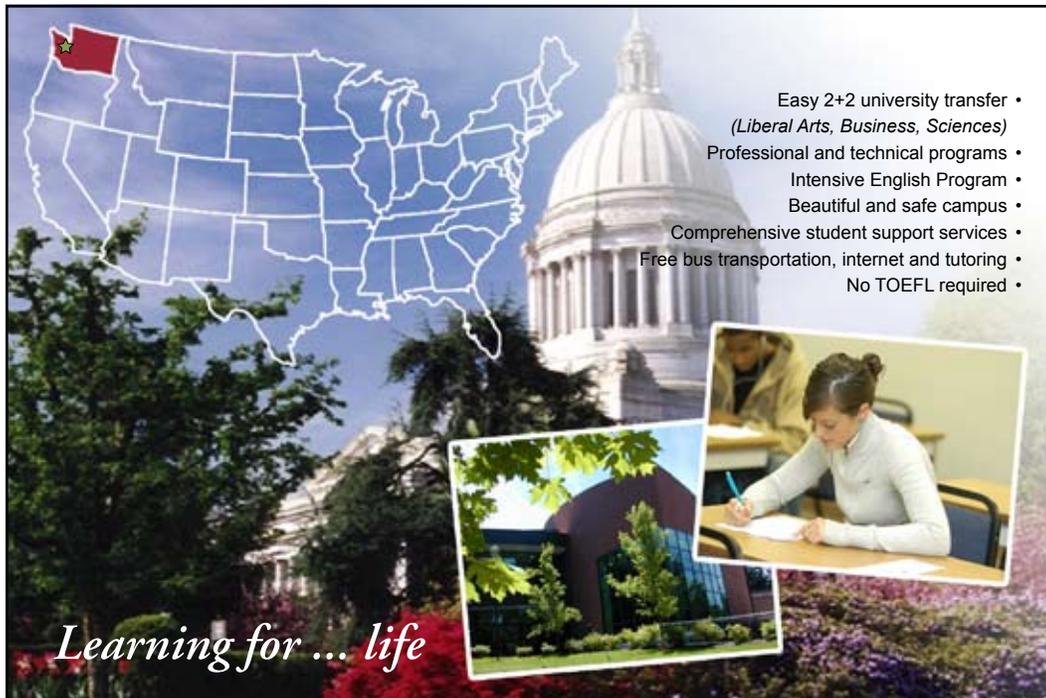
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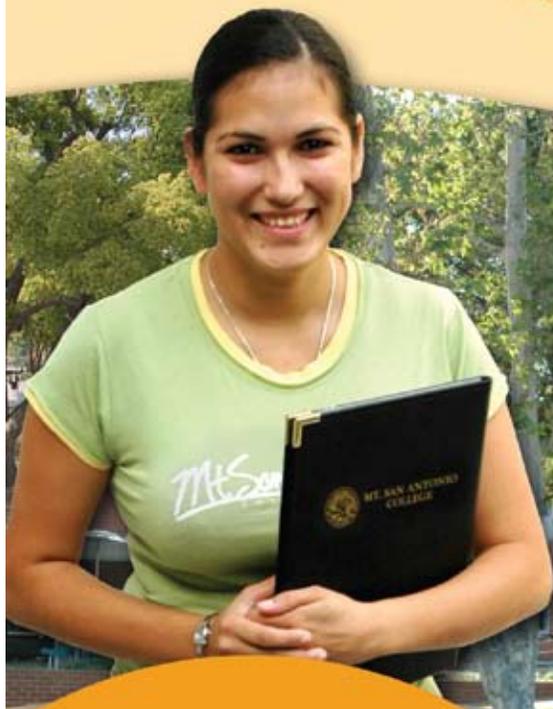
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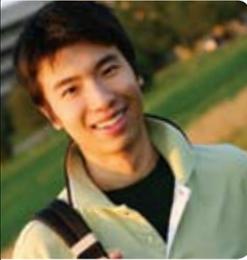
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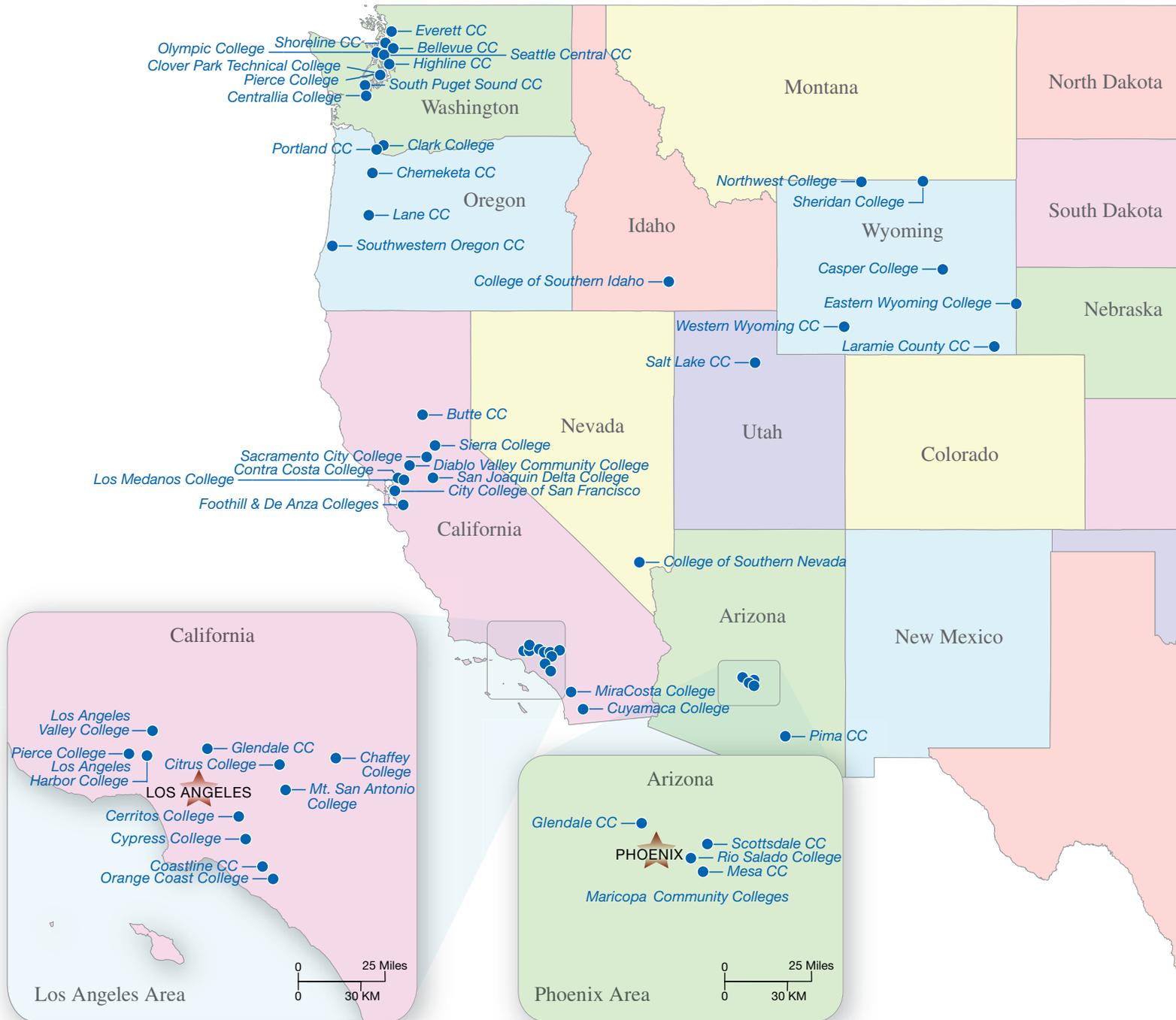


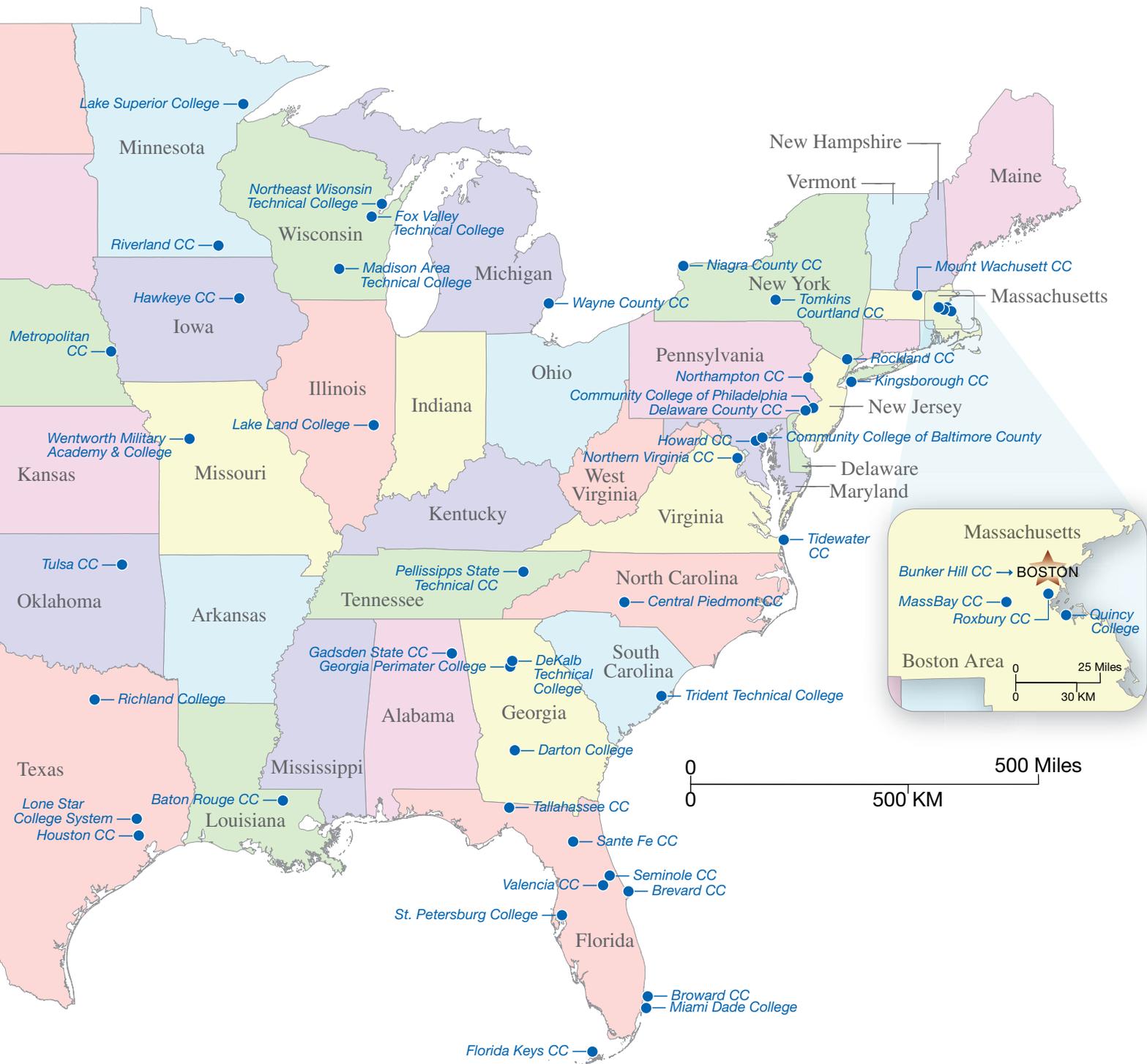
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[www.fmjfee.com](http://www.fmjfee.com)

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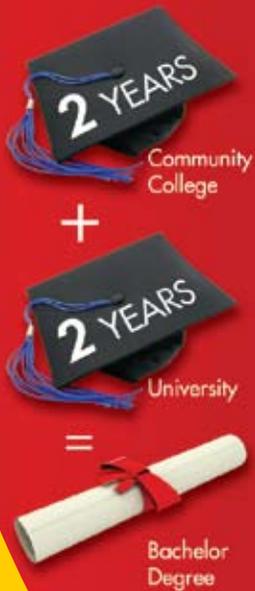
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