

**Coast Community College District  
Administrative Procedure**

Chapter 4  
Academic Affairs

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## **AP 4901 International Students**

### **References:**

California Education Code Sections 76141 and 76142  
California Code of Regulations Title 5 Section 54045  
8 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 214.2(f)

Each of the colleges within the District was granted the authority by the United States Department of Homeland Security to accept and enroll international students who possess valid F-1 status permitting them to study in the United States. The colleges will each seek to achieve a broad representation of students from nations of the world to broaden the understanding of cultural differences and the perspectives of students from other nations of the world as a part of the educational experience. An international student is a citizen and a resident of a foreign country who is entering the United States solely for the purpose of pursuing an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree, a transfer program to a four-year college or university, or a vocational or language training program. The following regulations govern the admissions of F-1 status students within the District and acceptance at each college is subject to the requirements of the individual college.

The following are the requirements for international students applying to credit programs at any college in the District.

- Only those non-immigrant international students who have completed secondary education comparable to U.S. high school with satisfactory grades will be admitted and/or non-immigrant individuals 18 years old or older who can benefit from the instruction offered at the colleges in the District
- Applicants must provide proof of adequate financial resources to pay for all applicable college fees and classroom materials and to adequately support themselves while attending college.
- All non-immigrant international students with F-1 status are required to purchase health and accident insurance from the authorized United States insurance company approved by the District. There may be limited exceptions for certain categories of international students either sponsored by external agencies or governments or covered by the U.S. based health care plan of a family member.
- Applicants whose native language is not English must meet a minimum score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), an equivalent score of the college's placement test or other college-approved standardized proficiency test, or recommendation of satisfactory achievement if attending a college-approved English language program in the United States or abroad.

International students who do not meet the minimum English language requirement may be eligible to attend the English Language programs offered at Coastline Community College or Orange Coast College.

Upon admission, F-1 students are issued a SEVIS I-20 and are required to adhere to all federal regulations regarding this immigration status. The Designated School Officials at each college will report required events to SEVIS as mandated by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service.

Each of the colleges in the District maintains the most recent information regarding international student admission and attendance. This is published annually and is available in each college's catalog and on the college website.

Office of Primary Responsibility: International Student Departments and/or Admissions and Records

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