

Dear prospective student, thank you for your interest in the Southwestern College International Student Program. You will find that the following information will outline the admission requirements, deadline dates and other important relevant information.

Southwestern College is a two-year public community college located in Chula Vista, a suburb of San Diego, California. The college is approximately 15 kilometers east of the Pacific Ocean on a mesa above the Bonita Valley. The college provides post-secondary education and offers a wide variety of day and evening courses to assist students in achieving their educational needs.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

SPRING SEMESTER - October 1st

FALL SEMESTER - Deadline extended to JUNE 1st

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Students will only be admitted for the start of Spring and Fall semesters
- New and returning students will not be admitted for the summer session
- We do not admit students to English as Second Language classes
- Applicants must present their high school diploma and transcripts. High School Diploma must be equivalent to a U.S. high school diploma standards (12 years of schooling)
- Students must be a high school graduate, have achieved a "B" or 3.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) and meet the placement recommendation for admission as referenced in the Country Index.
- Submit \$100 application fee - Checks or Money Orders must be made payable to Southwestern College
- To be accepted as an International Student, Southwestern College requires applicants obtain a minimum score of 50 points on the Internet-Based TOEFL test (IBT).
- Applicants must have official TOEFL test scores mailed to the Southwestern College Admissions & Records Department to be considered for admissions. All courses offered at Southwestern College are conducted in English and students must have sufficient command of the English language. Students who can verify that their native language is English may be exempt from presenting TOEFL scores.
- Submit a 300 – 500 Hand Written Essay (Personal Statement - include your educational goals and why you would like to attend Southwestern College)
- If you currently possess a passport, visa, I-20, I-94 , and/or other non-immigrant status, please submit copies of those documents

NOTE: Additional TOEFL information can be found on the TOEFL website at: www.ets.org/toefl

TOEFL Practice Online community information is available at: www.ets.org/toeflpractice

TRANSFER STUDENTS ONLY:

Students transferring from a college or university in the United States must have completed 15 semester units with a minimum 2.5 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale). Students transferring from a college or university in the United States must have also had their academic transcripts mailed directly to the Southwestern College Admissions & Records Office. Transfer Students must have submitted Transfer Clearance Form (completed and signed by PDSO or DSO from last school attended).

*Further instructions will be provided upon acceptance

COST OF ATTENDANCE

Tuition varies per semester. Refer to a current class schedule for current fees. Students must purchase textbooks and other related instructional supplies.

ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE

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

ITEM	COST
Enrollment Fees	560.00
Non Resident Tuition.....	5,068.00
Health Fees.....	28.00
Student Center Fees.....	10.00
Books and Supplies.....	1,566.00
Living Expenses.....	10,692.00
Transportation Costs.....	990.00
Miscellaneous.....	2,556.00
TOTAL.....	\$21,470.00

HOUSING

Please be aware that Southwestern College does not have on-campus housing or dormitories. Therefore, it is the student's responsibility to arrange their housing accommodations.

ACCEPTANCE

Students admitted will receive notification approximately 30 days after the application deadline. The college will issue an I-20 form only after the student has admitted, has met all admission requirements and has paid the **non-refundable** \$100 application fee.

Once you receive the I-20 form and have a valid passport, you should contact the nearest United States Consulate or Embassy in your home country to apply for an F1 visa (student visa). For applicants who are already here in the US, please contact the International Student Advisor for instructions. You will be instructed on how to apply for a change to an F1 student status or how to complete your transfer to our college.

Form I-20 - Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status

A Congratulations Letter and an Immigration Naturalization Service (INS) form I-20 will be sent to you after you have met all of the admissions requirements. To avoid delays in receiving your form I-20, please notify our office immediately if you have changed your mailing address.

Note: For applicants who currently possess an F1 visa and I-20 from another institution. Please meet with the International Student Advisor in the Admissions Office. You will be instructed on how to complete your transfer to our college.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Upon acceptance, all International Students must complete the following prior to official class enrollment:

- ◆ Attend a pre-registration orientation
- ◆ Take the College Placement Exams
- ◆ Receive academic counseling prior to course enrollment
- ◆ Obtain medical insurance policy information
- ◆ Sign an International Student agreement
- ◆ Receive International Student Handbook - Please be aware that the student assumes responsibility for keeping current and being compliant with all Immigration and Naturalizations Services.

MANDATORY ORIENTATION

F1 students are required to attend a mandatory orientation and enrollment session. Orientation is scheduled approximately two to three weeks prior to the start of the semester. **Students are required to bring their I-20 form, passport, visa, and form I-94.**

The following activities will occur during orientation:

- ◆ Completion of the College Admissions Application
- ◆ Discussion of immigration regulations
- ◆ Overview of the U.S. educational system
- ◆ Math and English assessment tests
- ◆ Registration
- ◆ Campus Tour

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Southwestern College

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International Student Application

900 Otay Lakes Road, Chula Vista, CA 91910 (619) 482-6584 Fax (619) 482-6489 www.swccd.edu

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE YOUR RESPONSE.

Check one:

Initial Attendance Continued Attendance School Transfer Former Student

Semester you are applying for: Spring _____ YEAR Fall _____ YEAR

Number of semesters you plan to attend: _____

Intended Major: _____

Name: _____
LAST NAME FIRST MIDDLE

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: Male Female
MONTH/DATE/YEAR



Country of Birth: _____ Country of Citizenship: _____

(FOREIGN ADDRESS) # STREET ADDRESS APT. #

CITY COUNTRY ZIP

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____
INCLUDING COUNTRY CODE & AREA CODE

Mailing Address: _____
STREET ADDRESS CITY COUNTRY ZIP CODE

U.S. Address: _____
#STREET ADDRESS CITY COUNTRY ZIP CODE

THIS SECTION MUST ONLY BE COMPLETED BY STUDENTS WHO ARE IN THE UNITED STATES

Date of last entry into the U.S. _____ Current Visa type (B1/B2, F1, etc.) _____ Expiration Date _____

If your visa status has changed, the date change approved by INS: _____ Date your I-94 Expires _____

List institution(s) that have issued you an I-20 _____

Did you attend that institution on an F-1 visa? No YES Date(s) attended: _____

I-94 Admission Number : _____ SEVIS Number _____

U.S. Driver's License Number _____ Issuing State _____

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS ARE REQUIRED FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND ALL COLLEGES

Please list in chronological order the names of all schools and colleges that you have attended and list all diplomas and/or certificates that you have earned:

Attendance Dates: FROM (month/yr) TO (month/yr)	Name of School and Country	Grades or Levels Completed	Certificates or Units/Diplomas/Degrees Received	Grade Point Average

CERTIFICATION: I declare under penalty of perjury that all information provided refers specifically to me and it is true and correct. I understand that falsification or withholding information requested on this form shall constitute grounds for dismissal.

Signature of Applicant

Date

AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION

I, _____, authorize Southwestern Community College to release information about my application status, or enrollment status to the following people or institutions.

Student's Signature _____

Date _____

Please print or type:

1. _____
NAME RELATIONSHIP

ADDRESS (COUNTRY CODE) (AREA CODE) PHONE NUMBER

2. _____
NAME RELATIONSHIP

ADDRESS (COUNTRY CODE) (AREA CODE) PHONE NUMBER



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Applicant's Name: _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

You must submit proof that you have adequate financial support to attend Southwestern College and to cover your expenses while residing in the United States. Please verify affidavit of support to cover at least one year worth of expenses. Also, please note that the requested amount listed below is based on the applicant being single with no dependents. If you would like to apply for a dependent(s), please see dependant application.

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST PER YEAR: \$21,500 U.S. Dollars (includes incidental expenses)

From family \$ _____
From own savings \$ _____
From sponsor or government \$ _____
From other sources \$ _____

FINANCIAL STATEMENT CERTIFICATION

I certify that I will be responsible for the financial support of the applicant as shown in the confidential statement above.

Name (Please Print)	Signature	Relationship	Amount in US \$
Address	City, State	Foreign Phone #	Local Phone #

BANK CERTIFICATION

I certify that I have read the information give by the applicant on this form. The information indicated is true and accurate as of today, and funds available are listed below:

Bank Name and Address: _____

Current Funds Available: _____

Bank Official's Name and Title (printed): _____

Bank Official's Signature: _____ Date _____

*In lieu of completion of this **BANK CERTIFICATION**, you may attach an official letter from your bank written on official letter head or a copy of your most recent bank statement.

**PLACE OFFICIAL BANK STAMP
OR SEAL HERE**

I certify that I have adequate funds as indicated above to cover my expenses while attending Southwestern College:

Student's Signature

Date

- This Transfer Clearance Verification must be submitted with application if you are currently attending a school in the United States. Please have form completed by the Designated School Official (DSO) or Primary Designated School Official at your current or last school attended.
- Official transcripts from current and prior U.S. institutions attended. Transcripts must be mailed directly from school to school.
- Copies of your current immigration status (valid passport, visa, front & back copies of I-94 & all I-20 copies).

Name of Student _____
FIRST
MIDDLE
LAST

Date of Birth: _____ Dates of Attendance: _____

Did Student Maintain a full-time Status? Yes No

Does Student have Any Financial Obligation to Your School? Yes No

Is the Student in good academic standing? Yes No

Is the Student authorized to continue studies at your institution? Yes No

Type of Program Taken (ESL, Academic, Voc. Etc.) _____

Major Course of Study _____ Total Units Completed _____

Was the student granted Optional Practical Training while enrolled at your institution? Yes No

If yes, please specify dates: **Beginning** _____ **Ending** _____

School Name: _____ INS School Number: _____

Designated School Official Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature of Designated School Official & Date School Seal/Stamp

