

El Camino Community College District is an approved institution by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and Student Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) for nonimmigrant F-1 and M-1 Visa students to study. The District adheres to all federal requirements regarding the admission of international students.

**New International Students**

The International Student Program (ISP) may issue a Form I-20 Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status to any international student who provides the following admission requirements:

- Completed international student application
- Copy of valid passport
- Payment of application processing fee (may be waived in certain circumstances)
- Confidential financial support documentation
- Non-native English-speaking applicants must provide proof of English proficiency. No test score is required for admission into the Intensive English Program
- Academic transcripts from high school and/or college (college transcripts must be evaluated by an approved evaluation service)

**F-1 Visa Transfer Student**

Transfer students who currently hold an active F-1 Visa and valid I-20 may receive an acceptance letter and transfer into El Camino College after submitting the following documents:

- Completed international student application
- Copy of valid passport
- Copy of valid Form I-20
- Payment of application processing fee (may be waived in certain circumstances);
- Confidential financial support documentation
- Non-native English-speaking applicants must provide proof of English proficiency or achieve equivalent English training at partner learning institutions
- Academic transcripts from high school and/or college (college transcripts must be evaluated by an approved evaluation service)

**Concurrent F-1 Visa Students**

F-1 Visa students enrolled at another SEVP approved institution may enroll part time at El Camino College after submitting the following documentation:

- Completed international student application
- Completed concurrent enrollment form

- Letter from DSO at current school allowing to take units at El Camino College
- Copy of valid Form I-20

### **F-2 Visa Students**

In accordance with United States Federal Register (80 FR 23680), F-2 dependents of an F-1 Visa student may enroll part-time in classes at El Camino College. F-2 dependents may apply through the ISP office to enroll in part time courses.

Prior to the start of their initial semester, International students must complete the International Student Program orientation where they will take ESL assessment tests, meet with their academic counselor and be assisted in registering into 12 units.

While attending El Camino College international students must maintain lawful status and abide by all laws and regulations of the United States and the policies and procedures of the college.

### **Exemptions from Non-Resident Tuition**

F-1, J-1, and M-1 students may be exempted from nonresident tuition provided they have a documented case of economic hardship. This exemption will not exceed 10% of the international student population. The district reserves the right to limit any exemption to one term. The district also reserves the right to rescind any exemption. Exemptions shall only be granted upon the recommendation and approval of the Registrar.

Reference:

Education Code 76141, 76142: Title 5, Section 54045: Title 8,  
U.S.C. Section 1101. Et seq.

Exemptions from nonresident tuition as authorized by Education Code section 76140(a)(2) for financial need.

Reference: Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C., 1101(a)(15), as amended by Immigration Act of 1990, Public Law 101-649, Carlson v. Trustees (1/4/99)

Reference; Federal Register Volume 80, Issue 82 (April 29, 2015)

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