



Lake Tahoe Community College

International Student Information Packet

(updated April 2016)

Thank you for your interest in attending Lake Tahoe Community College. This information packet should provide all the information you need to apply for admission at this college. It also provides the rules and regulations with which you must comply while attending, so please consider this information carefully.

COLLEGE

Lake Tahoe Community College is a small two-year college with approximately 2,500 students in total and 60 international students. The staff and faculty are dedicated to providing the highest quality education. Combine the surroundings with the LTCC campus and what you get is a world-class educational experience. The College offers courses necessary for transfer to a four-year college or university and has transfer admission agreements with schools like UC-San Diego, UC-Santa Barbara, and UC-Davis. In addition we offer an Associate in Arts, Associate in Arts for Transfer, or Associate in Science for Transfer in the following areas of study:

Addiction Studies

Anthropology

Art

Art New Media

Business

Business Administration

Commercial Music

Computer & Information Sciences – Web

Development

Criminal and Administration of Justice

Culinary Arts

Early Childhood Education

English

Fire Science

Geography

Geology

Humanities

Kinesiology

Liberal Arts

Mathematics

Medical Office Assistant

Natural Science



Psychology

Social Science

Sociology

Spanish

Visual and Performing Arts



COMMUNITY

The College is located in South Lake Tahoe, California, a small resort community in the beautiful Sierra Nevada Mountains at 6,200 feet above sea level. The town's main industries are casinos, tourism and skiing. The permanent population is about 30,000.

Outdoor recreation is year-round at Lake Tahoe. Students are within minutes of three ski resorts, with twelve others to choose from around the lake. Summer brings water sports and access to an extensive network of hiking and mountain biking trails. The sun shines an average of 274 days a year giving students plenty of chances to get out and explore the Sierra Nevada.

HOUSING/TRANSPORTATION

There is no student housing on campus, but many rental options are available in the community. You should arrange for living accommodations before your arrival on campus. Public transportation is available via BlueGo. If you have friends or relatives living in this area we recommend that you ask them to help arrange for your living quarters. If you require help arranging housing please contact International Student Office.

FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT



International students are required to enroll in and complete at least 12 units per quarter of attendance. International students are not eligible for financial assistance, and they must comply with all requirements of the U.S. Immigration Service and Lake Tahoe Community College. We recommend you take advantage of our counseling services in planning your coursework throughout your attendance at Lake Tahoe Community College. As a condition of your F1 visa you will need to show sufficient funds to cover all expenses without employment.

International students from England, Spain, Ireland, and Brazil signing up for Fall quarter classes.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International student admission applications are considered each quarter. Admission is contingent upon completing the application process in a timely manner. International students are not accepted for intensive English language study only.

The non-refundable application fee is \$100. However, the fee will be credited towards the first quarter's tuition for individuals who submit a complete application packet by the *early application deadline and are accepted to LTCC.

Quarter	Early Application Deadline*	Application Deadline**
Early Fall (athletes only)	March 1	June 1
Fall	May 1	August 1
Winter	October 1	November 10
Spring	January 10	March 1



**** If you find yourself applying for admission after the application deadline contact the International Student Office to find out if any special arrangements can be made.**

Lake Tahoe Community College accepts F-1 students provided they have met the following requirements. Your application must be submitted with the following items by the deadline to be considered.

	Requirement	Documentation to be Submitted
1	Minimum Age	You must be 18 years of age or older. Provide proof of date of birth such as a copy of your passport, birth certificate, or other official document.
2	Previous Education	You must have the equivalent of an American high school education. You must submit transcripts from all high schools attended. Transcripts from institutions outside the United States must be translated into the English language. <u>Transfer students only:</u> If you are transferring from another college or university in the United States, you must submit college transcripts in addition to high school transcripts. A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher is required.
3	English Proficiency	You must demonstrate that you are fluent in the English language. Please submit <u>one</u> of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Official TOEFL score report: minimum of 500 on the written test, a computer score of 173, or a score of 60 on the Internet-based version; scores are valid for two years after the date of the exam ▪ Official IELTS score report: minimum of 6.0; scores are valid for two years after the date of the exam ▪ Mastery of Level 109 coursework at an ELS Language Center ▪ LTCC English assessment score indicating placement into a course equivalent to ENG-151R/W or ENG-152 (transfer students only) ▪ Transcripts from accredited colleges or universities in the United States verifying at least one year of attendance and completion of general education courses with a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or above Note: If English is the primary language of your home country, you may be eligible to waive this requirement.
4	Financial Resources	You must have assured a minimum of \$16,000 in United States currency for each year you expect to attend Lake Tahoe Community College. A student should not assume he/she can live on less than this amount per year. Students on an F-1 visa are not allowed to work off-campus in most cases. Provide confirmation of ability to meet all financial obligations including tuition and school fees, housing/living arrangements, and transportation from and back to your country. Lake Tahoe Community College does not have a financial aid program for international students.
5	Health	You must be in good health prior to arrival in the United States. Provide evidence of a <u>recent</u> physical examination with your admission packet. In addition, you will also be required to have a tuberculosis screening upon arrival. LTCC will accept results from tests conducted within the last 12 months if documentation shows a PPD (Mantoux skin test for tuberculosis administered and reported in millimeters in the United States.
6	Letter	Write a personal letter containing information about your interests, your career goals, as well as your future plans. Submit the letter in English and in your own handwriting.
7	Immigration Documents	Please provide a copy of your passport page(s) showing name, picture, date of birth, and expiration date. Transfer students should also provide copies of their visa, I-94 arrival/departure card, and current I-20 form.
8	Application	Complete all sections of the International Student Application form.
9	Application Fee	You must submit a \$100 non-refundable application fee with your application. If you submit your complete application packet by the early application deadline and are accepted, your application fee will be credited towards tuition for the first quarter. Please see the International Student Application for further details.
10	Medical insurance	You will be required to have International Student coverage in place and active on the first day of classes. Medical costs are very high and you must have insurance to protect yourself. Prior to enrollment, submit evidence of medical coverage to cover the term of your stay here.

Please submit your admission packet to:

By Mail: Lake Tahoe Community College
International Student Program
One College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, USA

By Email: mksternal@mail.ltcc.edu

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

Upon satisfactory receipt of all items, your application for admission as an International Student will be reviewed. If approved, we will send you an I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility for nonimmigrant [F1] Student Status), together with a letter of acceptance. Approved students will be notified by email.

If your application has not been completed, you will not be considered for admission.

SEVIS

The Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) is a web-based system for maintaining information on international students and exchange visitors in the U.S. After receiving your I-20 from LTCC, you must pay SEVIS a \$200 non-refundable, processing fee. F-1 students will need to show proof of paying this fee before a visa will be issued.

For more detailed information on the SEVIS Fee Regulation, visit the SEVP website at: <http://www.ice.gov/sevis>. The I-901 form can be completed online with credit card payment and printed receipt or download the I-901 and mail with payment. You must bring proof of this payment to your embassy appointment.

LIVING EXPENSES AND SCHOOL FEES

Prospective students and/or sponsors must complete a Declaration and Certification of Finances with the appropriate documentation stating that they have a minimum of \$16,000 (U.S. dollars) per year for their living and school expenses.

This is the amount of financial resources you must demonstrate for admission and SEVIS reporting purposes. **Your actual costs for room, board, books, supplies, transportation, and other living expenses will vary based on where you decide to live and the courses you decide to take.**

Tuition and enrollment fees will be collected at the time of registration for each quarter based on the number of units in which you enroll. **You will not be asked to pay the full amount of tuition upon arrival in the United States.**

Estimated annual expenses for F-1 student for 3 quarters (not including summer):

Direct cost paid to LTCC

Tuition and fees (12 units per quarter)*	\$ 6,120
The current tuition is \$170 per unit**	

Estimated indirect cost

Rent & Bills	\$ 6,496
Living expenses	\$ 2,484
Books***	\$ 900
	\$16,000

*student athletes will be required to enroll in additional 3.25 units (\$552.5) in the summer quarter;

**starting in Fall 2016 the cost of 1 unit will be \$181

***the actual cost of books and learning supplies depends on the number and type of courses that a student is enrolled in;

The enrollment and registration fees are subject to change without notice, pending changes in California State legislation.



COUNSELING AND ORIENTATION

All new students must attend a New Student and an International Student orientation. Upon arrival you will also have to complete a placement test for Math and English, determine appropriate course placement. You must also meet with an academic advisor to discuss educational and career goals and develop a plan for their achievement. Please contact the International Student Program Office to make an appointment with a counselor.

Upon your arrival in the United States and no later than the first day of class, please come to Enrollment Services to verify your enrollment. The Designated School Official will certify your enrollment status to SEVIS. **Please note that you should plan on entering the United States no more than 30 days prior to the first day of class.**

MAINTAINING YOUR STATUS

Once you are in the United States, it is extremely important that you do not violate the conditions of your visa to maintain your status. F-1 students must maintain full-time status with enrollment in at least twelve (12) units per quarter. You must notify the Admissions & Records office immediately if you change your address or other contact information. You must also obtain authorization from the Admissions & Records office prior to leaving the country for holidays or other breaks.



International students from England, Mexico, and Australia celebrating last week of Spring 2015 quarter.

MORE INFORMATION

If you have questions or concerns about the admissions process for international students, you may contact the International Student Office:

Lake Tahoe Community College
One College Drive
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150
(530) 541-4660 ext. 755

<http://www.ltcc.edu/web/new-students/international>

International Student Program Coordinator:

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