



Lake Tahoe Community College

International Student Information Packet

(February 2022)

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 serving approximately 2,500 students in total and 60 international students annually. 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 a Pathway for English Proficiency Program, 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: Administration, Finance, Management,

Marketing

Commercial Music

Criminal and Administration of Justice

Culinary Arts

Early Childhood Education

English

Elementary Teacher Education

Fire Science

Geography

Geology

Hospitality Management

Kinesiology

Liberal Arts, Arts and Humanities, Math and Science, Social Science

Mathematics

Medical Office Assistant

Psychology

Sociology

Spanish

Pathway for English Proficiency



COMMUNITY IN LAKE TAHOE

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 outdoor sports, hospitality, and tourism. 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 mountains.

HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

LTCC offers off-campus housing to full time students. Additionally, many rental options are available in the community. You should arrange for living accommodations as soon as your F-1 visa is granted. To learn more about housing available in South Tahoe area and to apply for LTCC student housing please visit www.ltcc.edu/campuslife/housing.

Public transportation is available via Tahoe Transportation District and students receive a free bus pass with a valid LTCC student id.

All F-1 international students coming to the U.S. to study, can enter the U.S. as early as 30 days before the start date for the program listed on their I-20 form. We strongly recommend that students use this early arrival option to have enough time to adjust to time change, to get to know the new area and to finalize housing arrangements.

FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT



International students are required to enroll in and complete approximately 15 units per quarter. International students are not eligible for financial assistance, and they must comply with all requirements of the USCIS, SEVIS 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 tuition and living expenses without employment.

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

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 who do not have the required English Proficiency can now apply for Pathway for English Proficiency Program.

Quarter	New student application deadline*	Transfer student application deadline*
Early Fall (athletes only)	June 1	July 10
Fall	August 1	August 30
Winter	November 1	December 5
Spring	February 27	March 27



* If you are applying for admission after the application deadline, contact the International Student Office at international@ltcc.edu 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 or college bachelor's degree (if applicable). You must submit transcripts from all high schools or universities attended. Transcripts from institutions outside the United States must be translated into the English language.
3	English Proficiency *	<p>To be accepted to academic program you must demonstrate that you are fluent in the English language. Please submit <u>one</u> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ TOEFL score report: minimum score of 55 on the Internet-based version; ▪ Duolingo score report: minimum of 85; ▪ IELTS score report: minimum of 5.5; ▪ GTEC CBT score report: minimum 1055; ▪ Cambridge English Assessment test: B2 level or higher; ▪ iTEP English Proficiency test 3.5 or higher; ▪ ELS 109 level or higher; ▪ proof of successful completion of an appropriate ESL level from an Intensive English Language School <p>Note: If English is the primary language of your home country, you do not need to submit any of the above</p>
4	Financial Resources	<u>You must have assured a minimum of \$20,700 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.</u> Students on an F-1 visa are not allowed to work off-campus in most cases. Provide recent (last 6 months) confirmation of ability to meet all financial obligations including tuition and school fees, housing/living arrangements, and textbooks. Written statement from the sponsor will be required. 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 (6 months)</u> physical examination and Tuberculosis screening (TB test) with your admission packet. LTCC will accept results from tests conducted within the last 6 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. Letter must be typed and signed by hand.
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 processing fee with your application.
10	Medical insurance	You will be required to have international health/medical coverage in place and active on the first day you arrive to the U.S. Medical costs are high and you must have insurance to protect yourself. Prior to enrollment, submit evidence of medical coverage to cover the academic year you enroll in.

*students interested in enrolling in English Proficiency Pathway Program do not need to submit a proof of English proficiency

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 \$350 non-refundable, processing fee. F-1 students will need to show proof of paying this fee before their visa will be issued. Additionally you will pay approximately \$160 to schedule a visa appointment.

For more detailed information on the SEVIS Fee, 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 \$20,700 (U.S. dollars) per year for their living and school expenses. This is the amount of financial resources you must demonstrate for admission. **Your costs for room, board, books, supplies, transportation, and other living expenses may slightly vary based on where you decide to live and how much you will spend on food and transportation.**

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 tuition up front for the academic year upon arrival in the United States.**



ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR F-1 STUDENTS FOR 2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

Tuition cost paid to LTCC per academic year:

1 unit of tuition **\$252**
1 quarter (at 15 units per quarter) **\$3,780**
1 academic year (approximately) **\$11,340***

Estimated cost of living expenses and textbooks

Rent & Living expenses per academic year	\$ 8,960
Textbooks** per academic year	\$ 400
	\$20,700***

*Total of 90 transferrable units are required to receive an associate degree. Students will enroll in approximately 45 units per academic year.

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

***This amount doesn't include medical insurance and travel

****Student athletes will be required to enroll in additional 4.25 units in the summer quarter



LTCC students from Italy, Nigeria, Brazil, Canada and Kosovo are preparing for final exams.

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

Upon satisfactory receipt of all required items, your application for admission as an International Student will be reviewed. Once your application has been approved, we will send you an I-20 form (Certificate of Eligibility for nonimmigrant F1 Student Status), together with a letter of acceptance via FedEx to the address provided in your application. You will also be notified by email.

COUNSELLING AND ORIENTATION

All new students must attend a New Student online orientation at www.ltcc.edu/orientation and an International Student orientation. Upon arrival 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 visit the International Student Office to verify your presence. The Designated School Official will certify your enrollment status to SEVIS.

Please note that you are allowed to enter the United States no sooner than 30 days prior to the first day of class.

MAINTAINING YOUR STATUS

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



International students from England, Mexico, Australia and Jamaica are celebrating last week of spring quarter.

MORE INFORMATION

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

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