

Chapter 5 - Student Services

AP 5012 International Students

References:

Education Code Sections 76140, 76141, and 76142; Title 5 Section 54045; Title 8 U.S.C. Sections 1101 et seq.

International Student Admission and Enrollment Requirements:

A. Mt. San Antonio College may issue a Form I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status to an international student to obtain a Student Academic Visa (F-1) after the student has:

- completed a Mt. SAC Application for Admission;
- completed an International Student Application;
- paid an application processing fee;
- provided confidential financial support documentation;
- provided proof of English proficient in one of the following ways;
 - Be a citizen of a country in which English is the official primary language.
 - TOEFL: Minimum iBT score 45.
 - IELTS: Minimum overall band score 4.5.
 - Duolingo English Test: Minimum score 75.
 - Attended a U.S. high school or foreign American school for at least three years. Must show transcripts or official letter from Principal or Head Master.
 - International Baccalaureate (IB): Language A1 (English) exam score of 5 or higher.
 - ELS Language Centers: Completion of Level 109 or higher
 - American Language Institute at California State University, Long Beach: Completion of Level 4 or higher.
 - Any other accepted method of proof of English proficiency listed on the International Student Program website: https://www.mtsac.edu/international/application_process.html
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- provided academic transcripts from all U.S. colleges attended (if applicable); and
- provided a TB (Tuberculosis) skin test that is dated within the last six months. If the test result of the skin test is positive, the student is required to provide a current chest X-ray. If the chest X-ray is negative, the student is required to get a current (within the last six months) TB symptom review. If during the review, the applicant is found to be asymptomatic or TB-free, the student will be admitted. If the student has both a positive skin test and a positive chest X-ray, they will be denied admission.

B. F-1 Visa students already attending a U.S. institution of higher education or high school may apply for admission to Mt. San Antonio College for F-1 student status and be issued a transfer I-20 provided the following criteria are met:

1. must have attended an accredited college or university as a full-time student, completing at least 12 units of course work per semester; or graduated or will graduate from a U.S. high school; and
2. must have maintained an overall grade point average of at least 2.0.

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D. Mt. San Antonio College may admit to the College, on a part-time basis, individuals who have valid United States visas, provided the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) allows persons with their particular visa classification to attend school.

E. International F-1 Visa students must complete the International Students Orientation prior to enrollment.

Economic Hardship Exemption:

Per California Education Code Section 76142, any prospective international student who possesses an economic hardship is exempt from paying the international student application fee. Economic hardship, in this instance, refers to the prospective student's and/or his/her family's ability to pay for the application fee by proving a prior year income (adjusted to U. S. dollars) of \$80,000 or less. Students qualifying under Education Code Section 76140 who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition, are also exempt from paying the international student application fee.

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Commented [MP1]: at one time we had put this in our application per AYN; but then she had us remove it. We never had a student who was eligible, but we the consensus was that if students couldn't pay the application fee how would they pay their tuition. But i would double check with GB. @Dickson, Christopher