

AP 5012 International Students

Statutory Definition

The F-1 category is created by section 101(a), (15) (f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), which allows international residents to enter the United States as F-1 nonimmigrant students.

An F-1 student is a nonimmigrant who is pursuing a "full course of study" towards a specific educational or professional objective at an academic institution in the United States that has been approved by the United States Department of Homeland Security/Immigration and Customs Enforcement (US OHS/ICE) to offer courses of study to such students.

Once the educational or professional objectives have been attained, the F-1 student is to return to the student's residence abroad.

Enrollment Process for Prospective International (F-1) Students

Prospective students are encouraged to contact the International Student Center, or visit the center's website at www.chaffey.edu/international, for more information. International (F-1) students interested in enrolling at Chaffey College shall complete the following steps:

- Apply to the College and submit the following documents to the International Student Center:
 - International Student Application
 - Chaffey College Application for Admission (online)
 - Proof of English Proficiency (one of the following):
 - TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) with a minimum passing score
 - PTE (Pearson Test of English Academics) with a minimum passing score
 - IELTS (International English Language Testing System) with a minimum passing score
 - A transcript indicating 6 years of English instruction
 - A letter or certificate documenting completion of an Intensive English School Program
 - Official high school, college or university transcripts with certified



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- English translation
- Orientation/Activity fee (non-refundable)
- Financial verification: bank statement verifying that sufficient funds are available for tuition, fees, and living expenses for one year
- Copy of valid passport
- Passport-size photograph
- Proof of recent tuberculosis (TB) testing
- Application materials shall be reviewed and processed in the International Student Center; the Coordinator of International Student Services (the designated school official) will prepare an I-20 for qualified students and forward it and a letter of acceptance to the prospective student.
- Apply for Student (F-1) Visa
After receiving an I-20 from Chaffey College, prospective students shall apply at the embassy or consulate for an F-1 visa.
- Make travel and housing arrangements:
 - May not arrive more than 30 days before the term begins
 - Report to the Coordinator of International Student Services immediately upon arrival
- Complete the Matriculation processes:
 - Attend the orientation for new international students
 - Take assessment tests
 - Meet with a counselor to develop an educational plan
 - Register for classes (must be a minimum of 12 units)
 - Pay required registration fees; purchase medical insurance
- Maintain compliance with College policies and all immigration regulations:
 - Maintain a valid passport and a current, authorized Form I-20 at all times
 - Follow education plan, maintain enrollment in 12 units, make satisfactory academic progress; consult with International Students



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staff before dropping classes

- Report any changes in status, address, degree program, etc., promptly to the International Student Center
- Observe College rules and regulations to ensure good standing
- Obtain a signature from the Coordinator of International Student Services on 1-20 prior to traveling out of the country
- Contact the International Student Center for information and assistance with transfer, applications for practical training, and authorization for campus work

Education Code Section 76140(a)(2) provides for exemptions from nonresident tuition for students who demonstrate a financial need for the exemption. Exemptions from nonresident tuition (for students experiencing extraordinary financial hardship or those with financial need who have exceptional talent/athletic ability) are recommended by staff and approved by the Superintendent/President.

Exemptions from nonresident tuition as authorized by Education Code Section 76140(a)(2) for students experiencing extraordinary financial hardship or students with exceptional talent/athletic ability are recommended by staff and approved by the Superintendent/President. Consideration shall be based on the following:

- A letter of recommendation documenting financial hardship or exceptional talent
- A statement prepared by the student describing financial need and educational goals
- Compliance with all immigration requirements
- A full course load (12 units) and a minimum 2.0 grade point average

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

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