

International Student Application

Welcome to Folsom Lake College! The faculty and staff of Folsom Lake College, El Dorado Center, and Rancho Cordova Center are committed to supporting student success. International students are considered a very important part of the college community.

Please read this information carefully and submit the required documents to the Admissions and Records office for review.

REQUIREMENTS FOR I-20 ISSUANCE

1. Evidence of English Proficiency:
 - A. Official [TOEFL](#) test result of 450 minimum (*written*) or 133 minimum (*computer based*), or 45 minimum (*Internet based*), or;
 - B. [IELTS](#) test result of 5.0 minimum, or;
 - C. [STEP Eiken](#) – Completion of Level 2, Grade Pre-1 or higher (available for Japanese students), or;
 - D. Pearson Test of English Academic ([PTE](#)) test result of 38 minimum, or;
 - E. [FLC ESL Assessment](#) Exam test result of 310 minimum (only available at Folsom Lake College)

2. Financial Support:
 - A. Folsom Lake College Financial Requirements & Sponsor form
 - B. Official bank letter/INS affidavit of support in the exchange rate of \$20,000.00 U.S. Dollars (Additional \$2,500 USD for each additional dependent)
 - C. Bank Statement—No older than three months prior to 1st day of the semester
 - D. If being sponsored by a U.S. citizen, an additional USCIS Affidavit of Support Form I-134 is required (download at www.uscis.gov)

3. Educational History:
 - A. Official high school diploma and transcript showing graduation, and/or;
 - B. Official college transcript (s)

4. International Student SEVIS form completed
5. Folsom Lake College online application
6. \$50.00 (USD) Non-refundable application fee payable to Folsom Lake College
7. Certification of Negative Tuberculosis Skin Test
8. Passport size photo
9. Evidence of Health Insurance (after you arrive in the United States)
10. Under age 18; must provide an official power of attorney from home country stating guardianship

All Non English documents must be translated into English

If you are currently in the U.S. attending another school as an F-1 student, please submit these additional forms.

11. FLC Transfer Form
12. Copy of VISA stamp in your passport
13. Copy of your current school's I-20 issued to you

ACADEMIC PLANNING AND REGISTRATION STEPS TO SUCCESS

As soon as you have submitted your international student application packet, you should begin to prepare for enrolling in your classes. Please keep in mind that it can be difficult to get the classes you want your first semester. As an international student, you are required to enroll and complete 12 units per semester. There are not exceptions to this without the approval of the International Student Advisor. Each of the following steps must be completed to prepare for enrollment.

1. Application:

You will need to apply to Folsom Lake College in order to receive your FLC Student ID Number. Complete the application online by going to the [FLC](#) website, click on Apply and complete the Folsom Lake College application. Approximately 1 hour after completing the application, your student Identification number will be e-mailed to you. If you do not receive your student ID number within 24 hours, contact the International Student Advisor.

2. Orientation:

Once you receive your Student ID number you will be able to complete the online Orientation. This can be accessed by going to the [Orientation](#) page on the Folsom Lake College website. This is a requirement for all new students and will provide you with important information to help you succeed. In addition to the FLC Orientation, you will also be required to attend the International Student Orientation which will be held the week before the semester begins.

3. Assessment:

After you have arrived, you will need to take the FLC assessment tests. The purpose of the assessment tests is to place you in the appropriate English as a Second Language (ESL), English and math classes based on your current skill level. To find out more about assessment testing go to the [Assessment](#) page on the FLC website.

4. Counseling:

Inna Tikhonov is the current international student academic counselor. She is available to assist you with planning your academic program and choosing your classes. Inna will also prepare a Student Educational Plan for you to follow while at Folsom Lake College. You will be required to meet with your academic counselor once every semester. Once you have taken your placement tests, the International Student Advisor will assist you in setting up your first appointment with your academic counselor.

5. Registration:

The registration period for new students begins in May for the Fall semester and December for the Spring semester. Most of you (*unless you are visiting the U.S. during this time*) will enroll in classes online from your home country. Your international student advisor and your academic counselor will assist you in choosing and enrolling in your first semester classes. The [class schedule](#) is available online from the FLC website and you will enroll in classes from your [eServices](#) account. *Note: Folsom Lake College has three locations: Folsom Lake College main campus (FLC), El Dorado Center (EDC), and the Rancho Cordova Center (RCC). The El Dorado Center is located in Placerville and the Rancho Cordova Center is located in Rancho Cordova. Both locations are 30 minutes away from Folsom Lake College main campus.*

6. Health Insurance:

Hospital, doctor, or dental fees can be very expensive in the U.S. After you arrive, you will be required to purchase health insurance which will help you pay for any medical expenses you may incur. FLC does not sell health insurance. During the International Student Orientation you will learn about your options for purchasing health insurance.

SEVIS ENROLLMENT FORM

A

Please provide complete and accurate information

Current Immigration Status:

Not in the U.S.	F-1	F-2	B-1 or B-2	J-1	H-1B	H-4	Other (please explain)
<input type="checkbox"/>							

Name, as appears on passport _____
Family First Middle

City/Province of Birth _____ Country of Birth _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) _____ Male Female

Social Security Number (if you have one): _____ - _____ - _____

Driver's License Number _____ State of issuance _____

Three Major Fields of Study _____, _____, _____

I am applying for: Fall 20__ Spring 20__ Summer 20__

I-20 will be: Picked Up By _____ Mailed

Email Address: _____ Current Phone: _____

B

Address Information: You are required to keep your US residential address current with the College at all times. Please indicate here your current residential address in the US (no P.O. Box) and report any changes to the College. Your foreign address is your permanent address outside of the US.

U.S. Address:

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Home Address Outside of the U.S.:

Address: _____

City: _____ Country: _____ Province/Territory _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Person in USA to **contact** in case of an emergency:

Name: _____ Relationship to Student _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ zip: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

APPLICATION DEADLINES

1. **NEW STUDENTS RESIDING OUTSIDE OF THE U.S.**

If you are a new student who is currently outside of the U.S. and will need to go through the F-1 visa application process, you should plan to apply **at least three months** before the start of the semester. The following deadlines apply:

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| A. Fall semester: | April 15 th |
| B. Spring Semester | November 15 th |
| C. Summer semester | April 15 th |

It is important to remember that the issuance of an I-20 does not always guarantee that you will receive your F-1 visa. Please plan to apply early enough in case there is a delay with your documentation or difficulty in getting an appointment at the consulate.

According to F-1 visa regulations, international students who are entering the U.S. for the first time with an F-1 visa cannot enter the country more than 30 days prior to the start of the semester. Therefore, if the semester begins on August 15th, you will not be able to enter the U.S. before July 15th. For new students this may present a problem in getting the classes that you want in the first semester as the registration for the semester begins at least 2 months prior to the term. You may need to work with the International Student Advisor closely to enroll in classes online from your country when the enrollment process begins.

2. **TRANSFER STUDENTS:**

If you are currently in the U. S attending school at another institution as an international student in F-1 status, the following application deadlines apply:

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| A. Fall semester: | May 1 st |
| B. Spring semester | December 1 st |
| C. Summer semester | May 1 st |

3. **CHANGE OF STATUS APPLICANTS:**

If you are currently in the U.S. and are in a status other than F-1, you may need to change your status in order to study in the U.S. A change of status can be both time-consuming and expensive. There are two options to change your status. The first is to leave the U.S. to apply for an F-1 visa in your home country and re-enter the U.S. in F-1 status. The other option is to apply for a change of status through the US Customs and Immigration Services. Depending on your current status, there are some important considerations:

- B1 or B2 status: If you are in the U.S. on a visitor's or business visa and would like to become a student in the U.S., you must apply for and receive your change of status before you can begin your program. This can take a long time and the change of status is not guaranteed.
- F-2 status: If you are in the U.S. as a dependent of an F-1 student, you will need to change your status before you begin taking courses to pursue a degree program.

If you are in another status, (J-1, J-2, H-1B, H-4, etc.) please consult with International Student Advisor concerning your options. **ALL APPLICANTS WHO NEED TO APPLY FOR A CHANGE OF STATUS IN THE U.S. SHOULD APPLY AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. The following deadlines apply:**

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| C. Fall semester: | April 15 th |
| D. Spring semester: | November 15 th |
| E. Summer semester: | April 15 th |

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS & SPONSOR CERTIFICATION

Folsom Lake College does not provide financial support to its international students. According to F-1 International Student Regulations, International Students must show sufficient financial support in their first academic year. A student may show a combination of funding from various sources. Appropriate documentation must accompany this form.

Estimated Expenses for One Year

Tuition Fees, including books \$ 8,500.00 (U.S. Dollars)

*Tuition fees are subject to change without notice. International students are required to be enrolled in a **minimum of 12 units each semester.***

Meals/Housing/Health Insurance \$11,500.00 (U.S. Dollars)

Total \$20,000.00 (U.S. Dollars)

(An additional \$2,500.00 U.S. Dollars is required for each additional dependent)

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SPONSOR: Student as Principal Sponsor

I, _____, certify that I will take full financial responsibility, including
Name or the applicant

educational and living expenses for myself while I am enrolled at Folsom Lake College.

The total amount of \$ _____ (USD) per year is guaranteed for up to 4 years.

Name of Bank _____

Student Signature

Date

B

SPONSOR: Other than Student as Principal Sponsor

I, _____, certify that I will take full financial responsibility, including educational
Print Name of sponsor

and living expenses for _____, while he/she is enrolled at Folsom Lake College.
Name of applicant

The applicant is my _____ (relationship to applicant). The total amount
 of \$ _____ (USD) per year is guaranteed for up to 4 years.

Name of Bank: _____

Sponsor signature

Date

C

SPONSOR: Room and Board

I, _____, certify that I will be providing room and board for
Print Name of Sponsor

_____ while he/she is enrolled at Folsom Lake College.
Print Name of Applicant

The applicant is my _____ (Relationship to student).

Sponsor Signature

Date

Student and Sponsor Certification: This is to certify that I have read and understand the information on this form, that it is a true and accurate statement, and that the funds are available and will be provided as indicated.

Student Signature

Date

Sponsor Signature

Date

Sponsor Signature

Date

Los Rios

Community College District

Folsom Lake College is a part of the Los Rios Community College District (www.losrios.edu). The Los Rios Colleges also include American River College, Sacramento City College, and Cosumnes River College. If you are an international student at Folsom lake College, you may take classes at any of the other colleges, but must get prior approval. The total number of units you must take to maintain your F1 status is 12 per semester.