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Monterey Peninsula College maintains a year-round International Student Office that assists with academic and personal counseling, housing assistance, transfer placement and student activities.

The presence of international students on our campus and in our community increases our understanding and respect for the many cultures of our world. MPC recognizes the importance of preparing students to take their place in an increasingly global community.

International students gain a deeper understanding of American life by living and studying at MPC.

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| **The International Students Office provides the following services:**   * Admission for qualified overseas students * Interpretation of immigration regulations * Academic advising * An ongoing orientation program * Host families, airport pick-up and housing assistance | | |
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**Please use the** [**checklist**](Checklist_ISP.pdf) **to guide your progress and ensure that you are completing all required steps!**

**Six Easy Steps to Apply to Monterey Peninsula College (MPC):**

1. Complete and submit the **application** with a copy of your passport and a recent photograph.
2. Complete the **Educational Institutions form** and submit official copies of ALL academic credentials-with literal English translation.
3. Submit **proof of English proficiency**.
4. **Statement of Purpose**: a short essay stating why you wish to study at our college.
5. Complete and submit a copy of the **Confidential Financial Statement**.
6. **Mail** ALL application materials to:

Monterey Peninsula College

International Student Programs

980 Fremont Street

Monterey, CA 93940

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1. You must print and complete the International Student Programs [Application for Admission](http://www.mpc.edu/studentservices/internationalstudentprograms/Documents/ISP%20App%202-13.pdf).

*This form must be submitted with a copy of your Passport and a recent photograph.*

In order to complete the application you will need to provide the following information:

* International Home Address
* Immigration/Visa Information
* Emergency Contact Information
* Dependent Information if applicable
* Agent Information if applicable
* Educational History
* English Proficiency Scores
* Academic and Career Plans
* Statement of Purpose
* Confidential Financial Statement

*Please print the application and fill out the form in its entirety in clear and legible handwriting.*

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1. The [Educational Institutions Form](http://www.mpc.edu/studentservices/internationalstudentprograms/Documents/Educational%20Institutions%20Revised%202-13.pdf) asks you to list all schools beginning with Secondary/High School that you have attended. All years must be accounted for.

Educational History includes:

* Name of School of institution
* Location of School
* Type of School (High School, College, etc…)
* Attendance Dates
* Degree Received/Date of Graduation

Complete and submit official copies of ALL academic credentials-with literal English translation.  All previous academic work must be included:  **Secondary School, college, University, Technical School, English Language Programs, and all postsecondary education, whether in the USA or another country.**

Syllabi of coursework may be requested by MPC at a later date.  We require copies both of your diplomas**and**your academic transcripts which list course names, grades, and duration.  Transfer students must show satisfactory progress at their current institution with a minimum GPA of 2.0.

**Note:**  International student applicants must have a high school diploma/certificate and submit documentation with their application packet.

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Monterey Peninsula College does not evaluate foreign transcripts for course waivers or to transfer credits.

Students who have completed College or University level courses outside of the U.S. and are requesting credit for those courses at MPC must submit the following documents to MPC. It is a student’s responsibility to provide us with all necessary documentation.

1. Official Transcripts- including English translation.
2. Detailed Course Descriptions or College Catalog- in English.
3. Official Transcript Evaluation- Transcript Evaluations must be completed by one of the following Credential evaluation Services. Reports must include Course-by Course Reports with semester unit equivalencies.

**Additional Information for Foreign Transcript Evaluation, click here.**

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3.  Submit proof of **English proficiency**.  This portion of the application requests your English Language Proficiency score.

The current TOEFL requirement for admission to MPC is:

* Internet-based total:  45
* Computer-based total:  133
* Paper-based total:  450

An official TOEFL score report is required and must be recent (within two years of application to MPC).  Our ETS code is:  4490.

**OR**

The current IELTS requirement for admission to MPC is: 5.  An official IELTS Test Report Form is required and must be recent (within two years of application to MPC).

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4. The **Statement of Purpose** is a portion of the application that asks you to explain, in writing, a statement that includes:

* An accurate statement of your academic and professional goals.
* Details that will help us understand and get to know YOU better.
* The reason that you are applying to Monterey Peninsula College. Include educational goals and explain why you want to study at MPC specifically.
* Your current educational background.
  + If you are not currently enrolled in a secondary school, college, or university- please indicate what you have been doing since the time of your last enrollment.
* Your plans for after you complete your studies at Monterey Peninsula College.

*\*\*This statement may be typed, or written legibly*

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5. The **Confidential Financial Statement** is a portion of the application that asks that students that are applying for F-1 student visa status to submit proof of financial availability for a 9 month academic year.

*Please print, and fill this form out in its entirety. Be sure to include:*

1. Current bank statement from each sponsor.
2. Affidavit of support from each sponsor OR signature and amount of support indicated on the Confidential Financial Statement.



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6. **Submit** all required forms along with your application!

Please review the [Checklist](http://www.mpc.edu/studentservices/internationalstudentprograms/Documents/Checklist%20Revised%202-13.pdf)before you mail your application materials.

*Mail ALL application materials to:*

**Monterey Peninsula College**

**International Student Programs**

**980 Fremont Street**

**Monterey, CA 93940**

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**Costs of Attendance**

The following costs of attending Monterey Peninsula College apply to international students in F-1 status.  F-1 students are required to enroll in a minimum of 12 college units during fall and spring semesters, and must also purchase a mandatory health insurance plan.

**Estimated Annual Expenses for F-1 Students** (for two semesters not including summer)

Tuition and Enrollment Fees**\***

(based on $236.00 per unit for 12 units minimum per semester)                  $5,664

Health Insurance (mandatory)                                                              $1,592

Estimated Living Expenses

(books, supplies, room and board, etc.)        $9,044

**Total Estimated Cost**                                                                 **$16,300**

**\*Tuition and fees are subject to change.**

*The tuition is based on a minimum of 12 college units required for F-1 students to remain in F-1 status.  Many students typically enroll in more than 12 units, so the actual tuition expenses may be slightly higher.*

**Payments**

*There are several ways to pay tuition.  Tuition and health insurance fees are paid each semester, not in an annual sum.  Tuition cost is based on the number of units taken and may be different each semester.  For this reason, payments are not due until you have chosen and enrolled in your classes.  All other expenses, including books and housing are paid separately. Cabrillo College is a state subsidized institution and cannot offer financial assistance to international students. International students are*not*eligible to establish California residency for the purposes of paying resident tuition. Students are required to pay international student tuition rates throughout the duration of study.*

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**Congratulations on your admission to Monterey Peninsula College!**

***Checklist for admitted students:***

1.  Submit an [application for admission](http://www.cccapply.org/applications/CCCApply/apply/Monterey_Peninsula_College.html).

2.  Schedule an English and Math assessment online by visiting the Assessment website, click [here](http://www.mpc.edu/studentservices/assessment/Pages/default.aspx) for more information about the assessment.

3.  Attend a **mandatory**orientation for International Students.

4.  Schedule an appointment with the International Student Counselor to discuss your classes.

5.  All new international students must register for Personal Development 10 which is a 1.0 unit orientation course specifically designed to prepare students for a successful college career!

6.  Arrange housing or begin searching for an apartment.  We do not have on-campus housing (dormitories) etc.  However, we do have a list of Host Families that will rent rooms to our international students.  For housing assistance you may contact Mr. John Steers at [jsteers@isiwebnet.net](mailto:jsteers@isiwebnet.net).  You may also check [MPC's Housing List](http://www.mpc.edu/campuslife/Pages/HousingInformation.aspx).

7.  Getting to Monterey:  Purchase a connecting flight to the Monterey airport, if traveling by air.  Please mail the [Arrival and Housing Information Form](http://www.mpc.edu/studentservices/internationalstudentprograms/Documents/Arrival%20and%20Housing%20Information%20Form.pdf) to inform us in advance of your arrival date and time so that we can arrange for one of our volunteers to meet you at the Monterey airport or the bus plaza or you can take a taxi or a shuttle bus to your destination.

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**Health Insurance**

***International students must maintain valid health insurance at all times.****International students attending Monterey Peninsula College (MPC) are therefore mandated to purchase a comprehensive medical insurance policy through MPC.****The health insurance fee of $678.00 must be paid by each student at the time of enrollment.  This fee cannot be deferred.***

**Medical Insurance**

Student Health Insurance Information for F-1 students at MPC.

A copy of the insurance policy may be reviewed at the International Student Programs (ISP) Office.  You will receive a student medical insurance identification card, which is for your use only.  Never lend this card to other students.

***Note:****If you have been injured or need medical services, you should go to the*[*Student Health Services Offices*](http://www.mpc.edu/studentservices/studenthealth/Pages/default.aspx)*before incurring off-campus medical expenses that may not be reimbursable.  If the Student Health Services Office is closed, contact the health insurance company directly for a referral at 800-821-7710 or visit their website at:*[*http://www.lewermark.com/find-a-doctor-or-pharmacy*](http://www.lewermark.com/find-a-doctor-or-pharmacy)*, You can also contact Wells Fargo Insurance Services at: 800-853-5899 or visit their site at:*[*https://studentinsurance.wellsfargo.com*](https://studentinsurance.wellsfargo.com/)

**Students on Post-Completion Optional Practical Training**

As an international student who is participating in post-completion Optional Practical Training (OPT), you are not required to have medical insurance.  However, because of high health care costs in the United States, the ISP Office strongly encourages F-1 students to make sure they always have adequate insurance coverage.  We urge you to protect yourself financially by purchasing health insurance during your post-completion period.  A major illness or accident in the United States can be financially devastating if you do not have adequate coverage.  If you have questions or would like further information, please consult the International Student Program Coordinator in the ISP Office.

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**Waiving Medical Insurance**

Students may purchase a health insurance policy other than the insurance provided by MPC.  The outside insurance benefits MUST be comparable to what MPC provides for international students and you must follow the strict guidelines below in order for your insurance to be approved by the ISP Office.

1. The health insurance must be a United States (US) based company.  If it is a foreign insurance company, they must have an office in the US.
2. A [Health Insurance Affidavit](http://www.mpc.edu/studentservices/internationalstudentprograms/Documents/Insurance%20Affidavit%201.pdf) must be completed and signed by the insurance agent working for the insurance company.
3. The [Health Insurance Affidavit](http://www.mpc.edu/studentservices/internationalstudentprograms/Documents/Insurance%20Affidavit%201.pdf) must be presented to the ISP Office at least one week before you register for classes for approval.
4. If you register prior to approval for your new insurance, you will automatically be paying for MPC insurance.  If this is the case, you will either have to request a refund from the outside insurance or you will have two insurances.



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**Transferring In and Out of Monterey Peninsula College**

**Transferring In:**

Download [International Students Transfer Form](http://www.mpc.edu/studentservices/internationalstudentprograms/Documents/InternationalStudentsTransferForm.pdf).

*Information for Students Transferring In To Monterey Peninsula College from Another U.S. Institution*

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) requires a transfer process to track a student who attended one U.S. institution and is now applying for admission to another.  This includes students who:

* Began a degree program at one school and wish to continue it at Monterey Peninsula College
* Completed an ESL program at one school and wish to begin academic studies at Monterey Peninsula College

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You may complete the transfer process by either:

* Leaving the United States, and if you are admitted to Monterey Peninsula College (MPC), using our I-20 to re-enter.  The USCIS will complete the transfer procedure at the port of entry.  Please note that the USCIS does not usually process a transfer if reentering after a short trip to Canada.

OR

* Remaining in the United States and completing the transfer notification at Monterey Peninsula College’s International Student Program (ISP) Office.  You must appear in person at the ISP office, Art Dimensional Building, Room 102 within 15 days of the start of classes.  Bring with you the following documents:
  + Your Monterey Peninsula College I-20
  + All previous I-20’s
  + Your passport
  + Your I-94 card (small, white card)

The International Student Programs Office will complete the transfer process by endorsing your I-20 and notifying your previous school and USCIS that you have transferred to Monterey Peninsula College.

 Download [International Students Transfer Form](http://www.mpc.edu/studentservices/internationalstudentprograms/Documents/InternationalStudentsTransferForm.pdf).

**International Student Transfer Out Information**

Information for Students Transferring Out to another U.S. Institution

If you are transferring to another institution, you will need to bring your acceptance letter to the ISP Office.



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"*I really enjoy studying at MPC because all of my professors and my American friends are very caring, helpful, and friendly here.  I am getting ready to start a new experience studying Chemical Engineering at UC Irvine.  I am happy that MPC International Student Programs has given me a foundation of success to take with me wherever I go from here."*

*"I am a Vietnamese international student and it has always been a great pleasure to be a part of the excellent International Student Program here at MPC.  I have been making lots of great friends and have so many beautiful memories about the American culture.  Academically, MPC provides students with a professional and bright educational environment where you can get individual attention from the instructors and at the same time develop teamworking skills.  I know I can count on the help from the school faculty whose attitudes are always enthusiastic, positive, and warm hearted.  I would never regret choosing MPC as my academic institution outside of my mother country to pursue my dream as being an actuary.  Hence, I hope all future international students will have wonderful moments while studying at MPC.  I wish you all success in pursuing your dreams."*

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Transferring to UC Santa Barbara

in Fall 2013

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**Thao Vuong Le-Vietnam**

Transferring to UC Irvine in Fall 2013



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**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q:  What is an F-1 student?**

A:  An F-1 visa student is a nonimmigrant who is pursuing a "full course of study" to achieve a specific educational or professional objective, at an academic institution in the United States.

**Q:  What is an F-1 visa?**

A:  The F-1 Visa is a type of nonimmigrant visa that allows students to enter the United States as a full-time student at an accredited academic institution or language training program.  You must be enrolled in a program or course of study that culminates in a degree, diploma, or certificate and your school must be authorized by the U.S. government to accept international students.

**Q:  How many units do I have to take per semester if I am an F-1 visa holder?**

A:  United States immigration law requires that all international students on the F-1 visa be enrolled full-time, a minimum of 12 units each Fall and Spring semester.

**Q:  Can I take online classes?**

A:  International students may take up to one course or up to three units online each semester.  If you are considering taking an online class, we strongly suggest that you discuss this with the Designated School Official prior to registration.

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**Q:  Can I still be accepted to the college if I do not meet the minimum TOEFL or IELTS score?**

A:  Monterey Peninsula College offers conditional admission for students who meet our academic requirements but do not meet our English proficiency requirements.  Conditional admission may be granted based on academic performance in subsequent language training courses and contingent upon obtaining the required minimum TOEFL or IELTS score.

**Q:  Do I need to take the TOEFL or IELTS exam if I am from an English speaking country?**

A:  Students from English speaking countries are not required to submit TOEFL or IELTS scores.

**Q:  How long does it take to find out whether or not I've been admitted?**

A:  Once we have received the completed application materials, we will begin our evaluation of your application and can usually provide an admissions decision within one to two weeks.

**Q:  What is an I-20?**

A:  The I-20 is the Certificate of Eligibility that provides supporting information on your F-1 visa status and verifies that you have been accepted at a U.S. school.  All F-1 visa applicants must present the I-20 when you apply for a visa at the U.S. Consulate or U.S. Embassy.

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**Q:  Can I just take English classes to learn or improve my English?**

A:  Currently, MPC only issues I-20s to international students who wish to pursue studies towards an academic degree.  While English as a Second Language classes may be part of the requirements needed to complete an Associate Degree or transfer program, we do not offer a separate English language program for international students.  If you are looking for short-term English language study only, we recommend that you contact our nearby language training programs at[Monterey Institute of International Studies](http://www.miis.edu/?page=1) or [California State University, Monterey Bay](http://csumb.edu/).

**Q:  Can my education from another country count towards my degree at MPC?**

A:  It is possible to have your education from another country count toward your degree at MPC.  Your transcript will need to first be evaluated by a current member of the [National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES)](http://www.naces.org/members.htm) organization and then submitted to the MPC International Student Programs Office.  We can only provide credit for classes that are equivalent to courses offered at MPC.

**Q:  Can I work while having the F-1 visa?**

A:  You may work **on campus** for up to 20 hours per week.  During the vacation periods you may work full-time (any amount over 20 hours per week).

An F-1 student may be authorized to work **off-campus**on a part-time basis after having been in F-1 status for one full academic year provided that the student is in good academic standing as determined by the Designated School Official.

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**Q:  Is there financial assistance and/or scholarships available for international students?**

A:  International students are not eligible for State and Federal aid.  MPC does not offer scholarships for international students.

**Q:  Why do I have to purchase health insurance?**

A:  Private health care in the U.S. is very expensive so MPC requires all international students to have health insurance.  You must purchase the health insurance using our campus provider at the time of registration.  If you choose to purchase health insurance on your own, you must have your insurance agent complete the [Health Insurance Affidavit](http://www.mpc.edu/studentservices/internationalstudentprograms/Documents/Health%20Insurance%20Affidavit.pdf) verifying that your policy meets or exceeds the MPC health insurance coverage plan.

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