

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students are students who chose to undertake all or part of their post-secondary education in a country other than their own and move to that country for the purpose of studying. International students are admitted through the International Student Office, which provides advising on immigration regulations, aids in maintenance of legal status, and assists in transition to life in the U.S. ECC requires minimum English Proficiency; applicants who completed secondary education from institutions where English is not the official language of instruction are required to submit proof of English proficiency for admission as an F1 status student; TOEFL or IELTS scores are accepted. However, all students who achieve required TOEFL/IELTS score are still required to complete English and Mathematics placement testing before initial registration. Some developmental or supplemental ESL courses may be required. ECC will offer "conditional admission to an academic program" to international students who have met academic standards for admission, but do not meet minimum English language requirements. Conditional admission means the offer of full admission to the academic program is contingent upon the student completing intensive English language coursework before they can matriculate. This is our "Pathway Program for Reasons of English Proficiency."

All international student applicants must submit to Enrollment Services, in addition to the application for admission, the following documents, current and in English: (1) Application for Form I-20; (2) Educational credentials, which indicate equivalence of U.S. high school graduation; (3) Affidavit(s) of financial support and required financial evidence; (4) Affidavit of room & board (if applicable) and required evidence; and, (5) Immunization record(s). International students transferring from another U.S. institution must submit the following additional documents: (1) International Student Advisor's Report Form; (2) Copy of visa page (if available); (3) All previously issued Form I-20s; and, (4) Official college transcript(s). All applications and supporting documentation must be received prior to or on the deadline. International students are not accepted for Summer sessions. For more information, contact the International Student Office or visit our website at www.essex.edu (<http://www.essex.edu>).

International students are assigned to an advisor in the Enrollment Services Office. The International Student Advisor is available for direction concerning visas, international student admission, travel to other countries, employment options and communications from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Every effort is made to bring international students into the life of the community and to make their stay in the U.S. a meaningful experience. International understanding is strengthened by the many contacts these students have in the social and cultural organizations of the College and the community. Housing facilities are not provided by the College. See International Student Checklist (https://essexedu2483.wpengine.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Check_List_2020.pdf).