



International Student Guide

Coastline Community College • Orange County, California



Welcome to California



Each year, thousands of international students flock to Southern California for its fantastic weather, great beaches, world-famous landmarks, and great schools.

Coastline is located in Orange County, just 30 minutes south of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and 10 minutes from John Wayne Airport (SNA). It's also close to internationally-known attractions like Disneyland, South Coast Plaza, Fashion Island, and Newport Beach.

So start your American education at Coastline—Tomorrow's College Today.



Welcome to Coastline



Coastline Community College has an international reputation as one of the nation's most innovative institutions. Founded in 1976, Coastline is committed to student success through accessible and flexible education within and beyond the traditional classroom. A majority of students take at least one class via the College's state-of-the-art Distance Learning program, which allows flexible learning via the internet, CD-ROM, Emmy award winning telecourses, and even classes on hand-held PDA.

Unlike most colleges, Coastline does not have one main campus. Instead, instruction is offered at three mini-campuses—in Costa Mesa, Garden Grove and Westminster—as well as online. There is also an administration building (offering enrollment services, counseling, a bookstore, and more) in Fountain Valley.

International Students who need to perfect their English-language skills start by taking "ESL" courses at the Le-Jao Center. Then, when they are proficient enough, they add general college courses to their schedule and take those at our other sites, online, or at our nearby sister colleges.

Besides multi-level ESL courses, Coastline offers an array of classes to prepare you to transfer to a 4-year American university or to train you for an exciting career. That's why more than 24,000 students from near and far enroll at Coastline each semester!

Here's what else you'll find at Coastline:

- Personalized attention and small class sizes;
- International Student Advisors to help you manage your F-1 student status;
- Counselors to help you prepare an educational plan tailored to your needs and interests.

Top to Bottom:

Coastline's sites include the Le-Jao Center in Westminster; the College Center in Fountain Valley; and the Garden Grove Center. International Students will find their courses and all the services they need at these locations.

The Coastline Campus



Coastline has three main campuses within the area, but most International Students take classes on-site at our newest campus, the Le-Jao Center in the City of Westminster California (shown above and at right).

This campus is in the heart of what's known as "Little Saigon"—named for its vibrant Vietnamese community.

You'll certainly visit our Fountain Valley headquarters too, called "College Center." This center is home to the bookstore, counseling offices, admissions and records, and the President's Office.

Coastline also has a campus in Garden Grove (shown on the previous page) that offers ESL courses and several core-subject classes.



Learn English in America

Many international students choose Coastline because of its highly regarded ESL program. The program is tailored to the needs of non-native English speakers.

The ESL program is headquartered at the Le-Jao Center located in Westminster, California. Offering 8-24 hours of English language instruction per week at seven different levels, the program starts each student at an appropriate level.

In Coastline's ESL program, you will master:

- Speaking English
- Comprehending English
- Reading English
- Writing English

You will also have access to modern computer labs and software to help you learn. Plus, Coastline's "Student Success Center" offers tutoring and extra assistance.

The courses are taught in the day or evening by highly qualified instructors that have at least a Masters degree and years of experience working with students of diverse backgrounds and origins.

Best of all, students who wish to enroll only in Coastline's ESL Program do not have to take the TOEFL exam!

ESL students have access to:

- Computer labs staffed by helpful professionals.
- Tutoring.
- Counseling and support.
- Concurrent enrollment in non-ESL classes.



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Deadlines & Requirements



Applicants for admission to Coastline must be high school graduates or equivalent and 18 years of age or older.

Coastline admits international students for both the fall and spring semesters. The fall semester begins in late August, and the spring begins in late January. Continuing international students also have the option of attending a summer session.

Admission materials listed below must be submitted by July 1 for the fall semester and by December 1 for the spring semester. If your application is denied or incomplete, Coastline will hold your materials for one year to facilitate re-application. No application fee will be charged for reapplying.



More Requirements

1. International students (F-1 Visa) are required to enroll in and maintain a minimum of 12 units per semester and must maintain an overall grade point average of 2.0 ("C"). Failure to do so will constitute a violation of visa status. Students wishing to graduate or transfer in a two-year period will need to complete at least 15 units per semester.
2. International students are required to maintain the same academic standards as other students and shall be subject to the same rules for probation and disqualification.
3. Employment during the first year of enrollment at Coastline is not permitted by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. Students may be eligible to apply for employment only after they have been in F-1 status for one academic year. International students are only permitted to work part-time, and cannot depend on employment for financial support.
4. Students are encouraged to provide their immunization and health records (if available) in the event that medical treatment is needed while in the United States.



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Programs & Services

On these pages, you'll find a list of services and programs available to students at Coastline Community College.

- Associated Student Government (ASG)—International students are welcome to join the college's student leadership group, ASG. Ask your counselor for more information
- Assessment—At College Center, this team provides placement-testing in the subjects of reading and mathematics
- Bookstore—On-site at College Center or online at coastlinebookstore.com, it's the place to find all of your textbooks, school supplies and Coastline-branded gear
- Counselors—Supportive people who will help you develop and achieve your educational and professional goals. Talk with your counselor on-site, online, or via telephone.
- Special Services for the Disabled—Coastline's Disabled Student's Center provides large print materials, interpreting services, note-taking, and more in order to help students achieve academic success.
- Student Success Center—Assistance for math and English classes as well as placement-test preparation.
- Transfer Center—If you want to transfer to another college or university, stop in here to get information on other schools and their entry requirements. (Located at Coastline's Garden Grove Center).
- eLibrary—An online library putting books, journals, periodicals, and other publications at your fingertips.
- Housing—Coastline is located in an area where many different kinds of housing are available. Unfortunately, Coastline does not provide housing at this time.



Admissions Checklist

1. Complete and sign the International Student Application Form and return it with a non-refundable \$30 application fee in U.S. currency (check, money order, or credit card).
2. Have your financial institution complete the "Bank Certification Form."
3. Have your sponsor complete the International Student Financial Support affidavit. Your sponsor can be yourself, a parent, a friend, or other relative. This form serves as evidence that you have sufficient financial resources to meet your expenses during your period of attendance at Coastline.
4. Take the TOEFL test. If you are only taking ESL courses at Coastline you do not need to take the TOEFL test. But if you are an applicant from a non-English speaking country and are applying for the regular Coastline program, you must take the TOEFL test and score a minimum of 450 on the paper-based test, 133 on the computer-based test, or 45 on the TOEFL iBT. A copy of your most recent score should be forwarded to Coastline (Institutional Code #004086).
5. Gather your transcripts. Complete, official transcripts of college or high school grades (translated into English) should be submitted with your application packet. It is not necessary to include a high school graduation certification. Coastline does not accept faxes or photocopies of these documents.
6. Complete your "Notice of Intent to Transfer." If you are transferring from another college or high school, you must also complete a Notice of Intent to Transfer form, copies of your I-94, a copy of your visa page in your passport, and a copy of your I-20 A-B form. A student who transfers must be in good standing and in status at his/her current school with a 2.0 grade point average or better.

When all necessary documents have been received and requirements have been met, Coastline will issue you an I-20 A-B form. The I-20 is normally issued 60-120 days prior to the start of the semester. You will also receive an acceptance letter from the International Student Office.

About the Area

Coastline Community College is located about 35 miles (22 kilometers) south of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and only 8 miles (5 kilometers) north of the Orange County/John Wayne Airport (SNA).

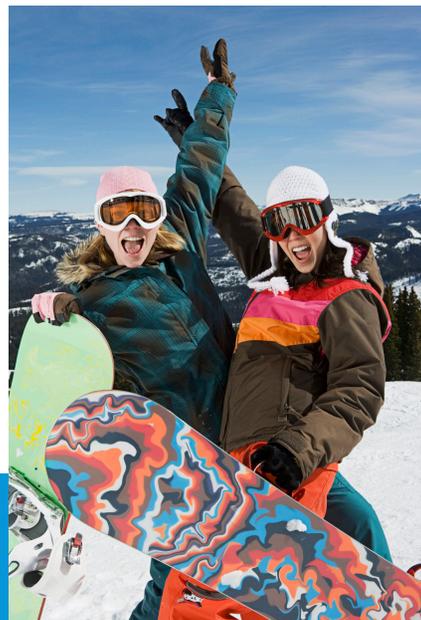
The climate is temperate with an average temperature of 70°F (39°C) year-round.

Orange County is ideally situated for both beach and mountain fun. The Pacific Ocean is just minutes from campus, and the ski slopes (usually open from November to March) are only 90 minutes away!

Downtown Los Angeles, Hollywood, Beverly Hills, and San Diego are all within a 60 minute drive.



The beach is just down the street.



Mountain activities are only a short drive away.

About the College District

Coast Colleges



Inspiration. Innovation. Graduation.

The Coast Community College District is a multi-college district that includes Coastline Community College, Golden West College, and Orange Coast College. The three colleges offer programs in transfer, general education, occupational/technical education, community services and student support services. Coastline, Golden West and Orange Coast enroll more than 60,000 students each year in more than 300 degree and certificate programs. Since its founding in 1947, the Coast Community College District has enjoyed a reputation as one of the leading community college districts in the United States. Governed by a locally elected Board of Trustees, the Coast Community College District plays an important role in the community by responding to needs of a changing and increasingly diverse population.

Contact Information

Coastline Community College is looking forward to having you as an international student! For assistance, or for general information, please contact:

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