Policy Statement

Terra State Community College (TSCC) welcomes qualified international students. An international student is defined as one who is in the United States on an F-1(student)visa. TSCCs goal is to prepare students from all backgrounds to be successful after completing their education here. Acceptance can be made for fall, spring or summer semesters if a student meets the requirements listed in this policy.

Policy Details

The College shall require, prior to consideration for admission for international students' compliance with the requirements of the Immigration and Naturalization Services.

1) In accordance with this policy the college shall require the following:
    a) Proof of English Language Proficiency demonstrated by one of the following:
        i) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of at least 61
        ii) International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 5.5
        iii) International Language Testing Systems (iTEP) score of at least 3.5
        iv) Duolingo English test score of at least an 85
        v) Upon admission by TSCC student must obtain a student visa.
2) International Students seeking to transfer from another college or university in the United States must meet the additional conditions:
    a) Have not violated their immigration status and/or fallen out of status
    b) Fulfilled financial obligations to the previous college or university
3) Submit application for admission online at www.terra.edu. Terra state does not accept international applications for summer semesters as International students must have a full-time course load and may not take online classes toward the full-time course load. Applications for admission and the issuing of I-20's will follow the set deadlines. Students who missed the set deadline may apply for a future semester.

	Fall	Spring
Application Completion Deadline *All application materials and supporting credentials must be submitted the deadline.*	June 1	November 1
Deadline for Issuing I-20 *I-20 processing will stop, students not meeting the deadline may choose to apply for a future term.*	June 15	November 15

4) Submit required documentation
    a) Proof of English Language Proficiency
        i) All international students are required to demonstrate English proficiency by achieving a minimum score of 61 on the internet-based TOEFL®, or at least 5.5
        ii) on the IELTS™, or at least 3.5 on the ITEP, or at least 85 on the Duolingo, International test of English proficiency. Scores must be sent directly from ETS® or
        iii) be available for download through IELTS™ or Duolingo. International students who have completed high school in the United States will not be required to
        iv) submit test scores. For information on how to send TOEFL® scores, please visit: http://www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/scores/send/
    b) Proof of Adequate Financial Support

           i) The estimated cost of attendance for international students studying at Terra State is $23,796 annually. International students are required to submit documentation from a government or bank official demonstrating that the student or the student's sponsor has sufficient funds to cover the student's cost of attendance. Immigration regulations prevent the student from earning any substantial portion of this amount through employment in the United States. In addition, international students are not eligible for federal financial aid.

    c) Provide Official Transcripts
           i) Official high school transcripts indicating a graduation date or certification of a diploma are required before acceptance. All documents submitted to Terra State must be translated into the English language if the original language used is not English. If an international student has previously attended a college or university, an official copy of those transcripts must be submitted as well. Students transferring from an international institution must have their transcripts evaluated by an evaluation service provider on one of the following websites: www.naces.org, www.ece.org or www.asha.org.

    d) Passport
           i) TSCC requires a scanned copy of your passport before acceptance. If you do not have a passport, we will need a scanned copy of your official ID. The scans can be emailed to admissions@terra.edu.

5) Get student visa and provide a copy to TSCC
6) Secure housing. Complete the NG Accuplacer placement test at TSCC or submit scores from the ACT or SAT. Email academicservicecenter@terra.edu for any questions.
7) Meet with the International Student Advisor.
    a) Jessica McCarthy
       Building A, Room 100
       419-559-2349
       international@terra.edu
8) Complete Academic Advising and Class Registration.
9) Provide travel information to International Student Advisor before departure.
10) International students must arrive by the start of the term.

Resources

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Documentation

Definitions

Term	**Definition**
IELTS	International English Language Testing System
TOEFL	Test of English as a Foreign Language
iTEP	International Language Testing Systems

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