



Admission Policies for International Students

International Students - International students will have a quality experience at Otero Junior College. Students from other cultures enrich learning and campus life for everyone. The College is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant students with current visas. These students are classified as international students and will pay the published non-resident student tuition rate.

An international student is any non-immigrant individual in the United States for the purpose of study at an American college or university. The student will hold an F, J or M non-immigrant visa. The term - international student – includes only those on an F-1, M-1 or J-1 student category, visa. International students must follow the general policies of the institution established for all students; however, some specific policies reflect rules and regulations of the USCIS (U.S. Customs & Immigration Services).

International Student Application Packet Forms.

Applicants who wish to be admitted as international students (as defined above) must submit the following documents in order to complete the application process. An application packet can be obtained from Student Services, Otero Junior College, 1802 Colorado Ave., La Junta, CO 81050, online at www.ojc.edu/proIntApplication.aspx or by submitting an email request to international@ojc.edu.

Forms Include:

- 1) International Student Application Form. Supporting documents to include with this form:
 - i. Copy of the identification page of the student passport.
 - ii. Official secondary school record indicating date of graduation, courses taken and grades earned with the official seal of the institution issuing the documents; with translation if the transcripts are in a language other than English.
 - iii. TOEFL score of 450 PBT, 133 CBT or 46 iBT or better; IELTS score of 5.5 or better or other acceptable proof of language ability; for native English speakers, secondary school records will be used to verify that English was the primary language of instruction at your secondary school.
- 2) International Student Financial Support Form. Supporting documents to include with this form:
 - i. An official financial statement bearing a bank's seal or other notarized document showing adequate resources to support the applicant's needs for a period of one year is needed.
 - ii. Affidavit of support form signed and notarized for financial resources other than student's personal funds or governmental scholarship.
- 3) Transfer Request Form (for students transferring from U.S. based institutions)

ONLY). Supporting documents to include with this form:

- i. Copy of current and all former student visas to the United States
- ii. Copy of current and all former I-20 documents
- iii. Official copy of transcripts from all former institutions

Upon acceptance students will need to submit the following:

- 1) Arrival information form (in Welcome Packet included with the I-20 immigration document)
- 2) Medical History form
- 3) Copy of the student's immunization record and English translation if not in English
- 4) Housing Application with a \$100.00 deposit
- 5) Accuplacer test of proficiency before registration. Students will be required to follow course placement in English, mathematics and reading as indicated by their test results. International students will take the Accuplacer and register for courses as a part of International Orientation at the beginning of each term.

Since all documents become the property of Otero Junior College, it is recommended that applicants submit official or certified versions of the document attesting that the document is a true copy of the official version.

Requirements to maintain status include:

- 1) Maintaining enrollment of at least 12 credit hours (a minimum of 9 credit hours must be on-campus to qualify/maintain F-1/M-1 student status) as per USCIS guidelines.
- 2) Make progress toward the completion of the student's educational objectives within a reasonable period of time.
- 3) Pay balance on the student's OJC account at time of registration or by the deadline established by the Business Office.
- 4) Verification of health insurance is mandatory and may be obtained through the college or the applicant's home country. It must be noted that, if the health insurance policy has been written in the student's home country, some doctors may insist on payment at the time of treatment. The student would have the responsibility to collect from their insurance by submitting receipts for payment of services.
- 5) Non-compliance with any USCIS guidelines will result in probation or suspension.

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