International Student Application and Guide

2017-2018

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Application deadlines*

Fall semester 2017
• from outside the U.S., June 1, 2017
• from inside the U.S., July 1, 2017

Spring semester 2018
• from outside the U.S., November 1, 2017
• from inside the U.S., December 1, 2017

*All required documentation must be received in the Admissions Office by the deadline dates listed above to be considered for admission.
Dear Prospective Student…

Thank you for your interest in Inver Hills Community College! Inver Hills is a comprehensive two-year college located in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota. Inver Grove Heights has a population of 22,000. It is part of the Twin Cities metropolitan area, which has a population of around 2,500,000.

Inver Hills Community College has a reputation for excellent academics. Outstanding staff and faculty dedicated to quality instruction show a commitment to assisting students in accomplishing educational goals. Inver Hills currently offers over 20 different two-year Associate degrees, including many career programs and our liberal arts transfer degree (Associate in Arts), which is accepted by most four-year institutions. For a complete listing of programs please see our website’s Programs and Majors tab: www.inverhills.edu

While we have experienced a remarkable growth since 1970, the college is small enough to ensure personalized attention. You will also find that Inver Hills provides a variety of academic support through the Learning Center, Peer Tutoring, and Learning Communities. We are sure you will find Inver Hills to be an excellent college to pursue your educational goals and to experience the Minnesota lifestyle.

Facts about Inver Hills Community College

- We are located in a small suburban community 10 minutes south of St Paul, Minnesota’s state capital.
- Enrollment is 5,000 students including over 30 international students. We have had international students representing over 40 different countries and have 31% students of color.
- We offer affordable tuition prices for all of our programs.
- Average class size is in the mid-20’s.
- Student activities include intramural sports, leadership activities, and international clubs.
- Courses transfer readily to four-year universities
- We offer a guaranteed transfer agreement with the University of Minnesota–Twin Cities
- Many two-year degrees with specific career training.

Things you need to know…

- There is no on-campus student housing. There are nearby apartments – one is directly across from campus!
- Financial aid is not available for international students. Part time work on campus is very limited. Do not include anticipated on-campus earnings in your financial statement.
- Students are eligible to apply for scholarships through the Inver Hills Foundation. The application is available on our website, http://www.inverhills.edu/Foundation/Scholarships.aspx
- International students must be enrolled full-time and complete at least 12 credits every semester.
- Students on F-1 visas pay the same tuition as Minnesota state residents.
- All submitted documents must be official or certified copies.
- All International students are required to purchase and carry medical insurance.
- The climate in Minnesota includes all four seasons with the weather ranging from 21 to 32 degrees centigrade during the spring, fall, and summer and 6 to –12 degrees centigrade during December, January, and February. Inver Hills offers activities for all seasons including recreational sports like hockey, basketball, and soccer
International Application Checklist

☐ International Student Application (p. 4-5) $20 application fee!

☐ Official (original) High School (secondary school) transcripts and official (original) College or University transcripts from all colleges attended.
  o Transcripts must be translated into English and officially stamped and mailed by the institution. Copies sent by applicants will not be accepted.
  o Transcripts that reflect credits earned from a foreign college or university must be evaluated by a credential service before IHCC will consider them for transfer. We would prefer you use the service of World Education Services (WES) and have a course-by-course evaluation prepared. www.wes.org.

☐ Documentation of English Proficiency. English proficiency can be documented by presenting the following certification:
  o Official TOEFL results sent directly to Inver Hills from TOEFL – our institutional TOEFL code is 6290
    ▪ Minimum scores required for admission: 61 or higher iBT, or 500 or higher Paper
  o Official IELTS scores results sent directly to Inver Hills from IELTS
    ▪ Minimum scores required for admission: 5 or higher
  o Certificate of completion of Level 109 at ELS Language Center
  o Official college transcripts with college-level English completion (C or better grade)

☐ International Student Agreement Form, with student’s original signature. (p. 6)

☐ Financial Responsibility Statement with documentation. (p. 7-8)
  o Documents must include original or certified bank statements or
  o Form I-134, USCIS - Affidavit of Support (all statements must be less than 3 months old)

☐ If applicable, Transfer Eligibility Form (p. 9-10) signed by a designated school official at current school (if transferring from secondary or post-secondary school in U.S.). Only applicants already in the United States must also submit the following additional items:
  o Photocopy of the photo page of passport showing passport number and issue and expiration dates.
  o Photocopy of both sides of Form I-94 (stapled to your passport).
  o Photocopy of most recent US Visa stamp in your passport.
  o Photocopy of all pages of I-20 form, or DS 2019 form.

☐ If applicable, photocopy of Application to Extend/Change/Reinstate Visa Status Form (I-539).

☐ Pay SEVIS I-901 fee. For more information about SEVIS and the I-901 fee, please see the following web site: http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/

All materials should be submitted to: Inver Hills Community College
International Admissions Coordinator
2500 80th Street East
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076
651-450-3000
www.inverhills.edu
International Student Admission Application

Complete the front and the back of the application. Please supply data for every line if possible. International students MUST supply a home country address even if currently in the United States.

Submit a non-refundable $20.00 application fee payable to Inver Hills Community College by check.

When do you hope to begin at IHCC?  FALL semester_____________ SPRING semester_____________

Have you attended this college before?  □ YES  □ NO  If yes, last year attended: _______________________

**PERSONAL INFORMATION** – Print or type clearly

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List your spouse with relation (husband or wife) and/or dependents; and indicate sex (male or female) of person(s) that will accompany you or have already accompanied you into the United States.

**VISA INFORMATION** (Only complete if you are already in the United States.)

If already in the U.S., circle your current visa type and provide your I-94 admission number:

VISA type:  B  F-1  F-2  H-1  H-4  J-1  Applied for political asylum  Other ____________________________

I-94 admission number: _______________________

Attach copies of passport, visa, both sides of I-94 form, and current I-20, if applicable, to this application.

**EMERGENCY CONTACTS** (List both a U.S. contact, if appropriate, and home country contact.)

**In the United States:**

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**In Your Home Country:**

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EDUCATIONAL GOALS Please indicate which degree you plan to pursue. Only mark one box.

☐ Associate of Arts Degree: (transferring to a four-year college.) Intended major/program of study:

x __________________________________________________________

☐ Associate of Science Program (Circle your intended program):

Accounting
Biology
Chemistry
Construction Management
Contemporary Business
Criminal Justice
Emergency Medical Services*
Engineering Fundamentals
Exercise Science
Human Service Worker
International Business
Law Enforcement
Legal Administrative Assistant
Nursing – LPN Mobility (RN)*
Nursing – Paramedic Mobility (RN)*
Nursing – Traditional Track (RN)*
Paralegal
Physical Education
Teacher Education

☐ Associate in Applied Science (Circle your intended program)

Information Technology Support
Contemporary Business Practice
Network Technology and Security

☐ Associate in Fine Art (Circle your intended Program):

Art
Music
Theatre

*Applicants for Nursing and Emergency Health Services must satisfy specific admission criteria and submit a separate application for acceptance into these programs. I-20 will state admission status of Pre-Nursing or Pre-EMS until accepted into the program. At that time I-20 can be changed to reflect acceptance into program.

EDUCATIONAL RECORD

List ALL prior high schools (secondary), college, and universities you have attended. Begin with the time your entered secondary school and continue to the present school you may be attending. Request official transcripts be sent directly to the Inver Hills Admissions Office by the listed schools, colleges and/or universities. Unofficial copies will not be accepted.

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<th>Name of Certificate, Diploma, or Degree obtained</th>
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CERTIFICATION (Your application must be signed and dated)

I certify that the information I have provided on this application and all other materials are complete, accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that it is my responsibility to request that official transcripts from each academic institution I have attended be sent directly to Inver Hills Community College.

As a student in a public institution, I understand that my photo may be taken in a group setting, classroom or large group gathering for promotional purposes.

Applicant’s Signature: ____________________________________________

Date: __________________________________________________________

Access to your student records and data privacy notice

Inver Hills Community College complies with federal and state privacy laws and regulations. Those who may gain access to information in your student records include staff and faculty who have a job-related need to gain access, institutions involved with providing or documenting eligibility for financial aid, and outside agencies in limited circumstances as authorized by state or federal law. In addition, you may review your student records. No one else may review your student records without your written consent or a court order. Certain elements of data on a student/applicant are considered directory information and may be disclosed without consent unless you notify the records office in writing that this information should not be released. These include: name, address, phone number, enrollment status, dates of attendance, degree earned, honors, and major field of study.

Criminal Record Disclosure

If you have been arrested, charged or convicted of any criminal offense, you should investigate the impact that the arrest, charge or conviction may have on your chances of employment in the field you intend to study.

Return international application form to: Inver Hills Community College – International Admissions Office
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ON AN F-1 VISA MUST:

- Pay tuition in full every semester.
- Enroll for at least 12 credits each semester.
- Purchase the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities international student accident and illness insurance plan.
- Take the Mantoux test at the college’s Health Services before they enroll to determine exposure to tuberculosis.
- Submit documentation of immunization.

If admitted to Inver Hills Community College, I agree to:

1. Maintain my status with respect to United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) regulations for the duration of my studies at Inver Hills Community College.

   **This includes, but is not limited to:**
   
   A. Enrolling as a full-time student (12 credits) each semester.
   B. Accepting employment only when proper authorization has been obtained.
   C. Maintain a valid passport and US visa at all times.

2. Purchase before time of registration the MnSCU Injury and Sickness *Insurance* Mandatory Plan designed for International Students. Students must maintain insurance coverage throughout duration of attendance at IHCC. Student coverage will be re-verified every year. It is the students’ responsibility to make sure insurance is renewed every year of attendance. IHCC reserves the right to suspend students who do not comply with insurance requirements. IHCC assumes no responsibility for medical expenses. The insurance cost is estimated at $1,356* USD/year. *2016-2017

3. Have adequate funds to meet all my expenses during my studies at Inver Hills Community College. I understand that if admitted to the college, I may be required to make an advance deposit for all or part of the first year’s educational expenses in order to receive an I-20. International students must pay in full every semester.

4. Take the Mantoux Test at the Inver Hills Community College Health Center before the first semester to determine exposure to tuberculosis. This service and any necessary treatment is provided at no charge to the student.

5. Abide by Inver Hills Community College policies and procedures as they apply to student conduct and academic progress.

6. Attend the International Student Meeting. (Scheduled in a week before start of term.)

Student signature_____________________________ Date _________________

School Official _____________________________ Date _________________

Copy issued to student: _________
Financial Responsibility Statement

You must complete the reverse side of this statement and return it with your application. Please attach required documentation.

Inver Hills Community College requires certification of adequate financial support from applicants with non-immigrant visas. Such a statement must be on file in this office before admission will be considered. A student must be prepared to pay for his/her first semester tuition and fees, books and supplies, and the annual injury and sickness insurance costs, immediately upon arriving at Inver Hills. Financial aid is not available to international students.

**ESTIMATED COSTS FOR 2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR**

Single students must provide evidence of minimum financial support in the amount of US $25,380 to meet expenses for one calendar year in the United State. These charges are subject to change without notice and the student should be prepared for any adjustment in expenses. Tuition for the 2017-2018 academic year was $176/credit. At present, estimated expenses for a single undergraduate student are as follows (US dollars):

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<th>Second Semester ($176 x 12 credits)</th>
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<td>Tuition $176/ credit</td>
<td>$2,112</td>
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<td>$4,224</td>
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<td>Books, supplies, and fees</td>
<td>500</td>
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<td>1,000</td>
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<td>Medical Insurance (required)***</td>
<td>516</td>
<td>840</td>
<td>$1,356</td>
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<td>Room and Board</td>
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<td>Transportation</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous/Personal Expenses</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>$12,478</strong></td>
<td><strong>$12,802</strong></td>
<td><strong>$25,380</strong></td>
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*** All international students are required to purchase medical insurance (approx. $1,356*) through the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System. This medical insurance must be paid each year before the time of registration. You can view the insurance brochure online at [http://www.studentresources.com/](http://www.studentresources.com/). At this website, click on the direct link “Find My School’s Plan.” On the next screen, enter “Policy Number” 22-1251-4, and click “Search.” Then click on the “Minnesota Community and Technical College” direct link, also on the same page. All immunization and mantoux test results must also be submitted before a student may register for classes.

If you will be receiving support from a sponsor (family or friend) in the United States:
- **Form I-134, USCIS - Affidavit of Support** (available at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov)) should be completed to provide evidence of support for room and board, transportation, and miscellaneous/personal expenses, which compose $18,700 of the total $25,380 annual costs. This would leave you responsible for $6,680 to be covered by banking documents. Students who cannot demonstrate that they have sufficient funds will not be admitted to the college.

INVER HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE MAY REQUIRE AN ADVANCE DEPOSIT FOR ALL OR PART OF THE FIRST YEAR’S EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES BEFORE ISSUING AN I-20.

**If you are married and/or have other dependents**, you must include $3,500 for your spouse and $2,500 for each child or other dependent. For example: if you have a spouse and one child you should add $3,500 for your spouse and $2,500 for your child to the minimum total of $25,380 making your adjusted total $31,380. You must show financial support on the Financial Responsibility Statement worksheet for yourself, and any additional family members/dependents.
Both Student Applicant and Financial Sponsor must complete and sign the lower part of this form, in front of a notary public, prior to submitting it along with supporting financial documents.

By signing this form, the student affirms that:

- I will have sufficient funds available to pay all of my necessary expenses in the amount indicated on the Financial Responsibility Statement for my studies at IHCC, and will be able to pay for travel to and from my home country.
- I understand that I will not receive financial aid (a grant, loan, or work-study) from the federal financial aid program.
- The specified sources of my funds and the amount in US dollars to be received from each are listed below

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<th>Source of Funds- Mark with “X” all that apply</th>
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<td>Parents/Family: Relationship and name____________</td>
<td>Include bank statement and certification</td>
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<td>Personal Funds/Self-Supporting__________________</td>
<td>Include bank statement and certification</td>
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<td>Sponsor support (Specify name)__________________</td>
<td>Include bank Statement and certification</td>
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<td>Your Government (Specify name)__________________</td>
<td>Include signed copy of the award letter</td>
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<td>Scholarship____________________________________</td>
<td>Include signed letter with details of scholarship</td>
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<td>Other (Specify name)____________________________</td>
<td>Form I-134, Affidavit of Support and supporting evidence, see <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a></td>
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If a friend or relative is providing your room/board and etc., you must have a letter of verification from that person along with employment and/or other verifications. Room and board, transportation, and misc. is worth approximately $18,700.

TOTAL FUNDS: (MUST BE AT LEAST $25,380)

ADJUSTED TOTAL: (for students with dependents)

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS AND AMOUNTS

SOURCE CONTRIBUTING THE LARGEST AMOUNT MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION

This is to certify that I have read the information furnished by the applicant on this form. These are true and accurate statements. Funds will be available and will be provided as long as the student is enrolled at Inver Hills Community College.

Name (print) ________________________________
Address:______________________________
Signature_____________________________ Date________________

My commissions expires on____________________
Notary/Legal signature__________________________

Legal seal or stamp

STUDENT MUST COMPLETE SECTION BELOW

This is to certify that I, the student applicant, have furnished true and accurate information on this form, and that funds will be available for educational and living expenses for me to study at Inver Hills Community College. I understand that any misrepresentation may be cause for refusing or revoking my admission.

Name (print) ________________________________
Signature_____________________________ Date________________

My commissions expires on____________________
Notary/Legal signature__________________________

Legal seal or stamp

Note: You may be required to present documentary evidence of financial support at the time you apply for a visa, and again, when you enter the United States.
Transfer Eligibility Form
For F-1 students transferring in to Inver Hills Community College

Section 1 to be completed by the student

A. Name ____________________________
   Family name ____________________________ First name ____________________________ Middle Initial __________________

B. Are you currently enrolled in a U.S. school, college, university, or ESL program?
   ☐ Yes, If yes, continue with Section 2.
   ☐ No, If no, you may omit Section 2 and continue with Section 3.

Section 2 – If you checked “Yes” in Section 1B, you must complete this section and continue with Section 3. If “No”, please sign Section 3 only.

A. Name of current school, college, university or ESL program: ______________________________
   A.1. Type of current Visa ______________________________

B. List all courses and credits you are currently enrolled in or plan to complete at your present school before entering Inver Hills Community College (use additional paper if necessary).

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Please note: Transfer students must have an acceptable GPA to be considered for admissions. If the GPA of the transfer student does not meet IHCC’s academic policy, the student must petition to the Dean of Students for acceptance. The petition must be approved before a new I-20 will be issued. Please check with the Admissions Office or current catalog for outline of policy.

Section 3 – To be completed by all applicants. If you are a current F-1 Visa student, you must also continue with Section 4 on the next page.

I certify that the information I have provided on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

__________________________________________ Date ________________
Your signature
Section 4 – Current F-1 Visa students complete this section and have your current International Student Advisor (or Designated School Official, DSO) complete Section 5 below.

Please print name ________________________________________________________________

Last ______________  First ____________________  Middle Initial ______________

I, (your signature) ___________________________ authorize the International Student Advisor (or Designated School Official, DSO) named below to provide the information requested in Section #5.

Section 5 – To be completed by the current International Student Advisor (or DSO) for F-1 students already in the United States.

Instructions to the International Student Advisor (or DSO):
1. Please complete items A, B, C, and D below.
2. Make sure student has completed Sections 1-3.
3. Mail, email or fax this form to: Inver Hills Community College
   International Admissions Coordinator
   2500 80th Street East
   Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076
   Fax: 651-450-3883 admissions@inverhills.edu

A. The above named student:
   ☐ Is enrolled full-time at this school.  Year __________  Term __________
   ☐ Is enrolled less than full-time at this school because: __________________________
   ☐ Has completed their program of study at this school on (date) __________
   ☐ Did not complete their program of study.  Last known date of attendance was: ______

B. To the best of my knowledge the above named student is:
   ☐ In status with respect to immigration regulations
   ☐ Out of status with respect to immigration regulations because: __________________________

   and

   ☐ A reinstatement to student status is pending
   ☐ Student has been advised that a reinstatement will be required by the new school

C. Has the above named student met all financial obligations to your institution? ☐ Yes  ☐ No

D. Student’s last date of enrollment at your school? _______________  month / day / year
   Student’s SEVIS ID # __________________________  Transfer Release Date _______________
   (Transfer student’s record to: “Inver Hills Community College,” School Code: SPM214F00492000)

__________________________________________________________________________  ______________________________________
School __________________________  E-mail __________________________  Telephone __________________________

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Address __________________________  City __________________________  State __________________________  Zip __________________________

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Name and Title __________________________  Signature __________________________  Date __________________________
Q. How do I apply to Inver Hills Community College?
A. Please see the International Admissions web page:
   https://inverhills.edu/Admissions/EnrollmentOptions.aspx

Q. What can I study at Inver Hills Community College?
A. Inver Hills offers a broad range of degrees and programs. Most students are enrolled in the Associate in Arts degree, which allows direct transfer too many different college and universities in the U.S. and abroad. Other transferable degree options include the Associate in Fine Arts (majors in Studio Arts, Music Industry, or Theatre), and the Associate in Science (majors that transfer easily to four-year schools include Engineering Fundamentals, Education Foundations, Exercise Science, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, and more). Students may also enroll in Career degree programs, including the Associate in Applied Science in Computer Programming, Contemporary Business Practice, Microcomputer Software Support Specialist, and Network Technology & Security. For a complete list of the Inver Hills degrees and programs, check our website at https://inverhills.edu/DegreesAndPrograms/MajorPrograms/index.aspx

Q. Do I have to be a full-time student??
A. Yes, all international students who are on a student visa (F-1) must maintain full-time status as a student. This means you are required to take and complete a minimum of 12 semester credits each term you are enrolled at Inver Hills. If you take less than a full course load, you may fall out of status and risk penalties by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), up to and including deportation.

Q. Can I come to Inver Hills Community College to study ESL only?
A. No, Inver Hills does not offer a separate English language program for international students. Inver Hills only issues I-20s to international students who wish to pursue an academic degree program. Check North Hennepin Community College http://nhcc.edu/admissions/admissions-steps/international-admissions

Q. How much does it cost to attend Inver Hills Community College?
A. Please review the International Application packet, which includes the Financial Responsibility Statement. There you will find the Estimated Costs for the 2017-2018 Academic Year. The estimated costs include tuition, books, supplies, fees, medical insurance (required for all international students), room and board, transportation, and miscellaneous or personal expenses. You must provide evidence of financial support for one calendar year in the United States before we can issue an I-20.

Q. Can I apply for financial aid?
A. Inver Hills does not offer financial aid to international students. All international students must have sufficient funds to support themselves and cover all of their student expenses while attending Inver Hills. These expenses include tuition, fees, books, housing, transportation, living expenses, travel, medical insurance, and other costs related to maintaining visa status.

Q. If I attend Inver Hills Community College, will my credits transfer to a four-year school?
A. Yes. Inver Hills Community College has articulation agreements with many four-year schools, including a guaranteed transfer agreement (MnCAP – Minnesota Cooperative Admissions Program) with the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities for many of its majors and colleges. Inver Hills
advisers and counselors will help you make sure you take courses that prepare you for transfer to your four-year college of choice.

Q. Is on-campus housing available?
A. Inver Hills does not have on-campus housing; however, there is an apartment building across the street from the college where many students live, and other housing within walking or commuting distance. For detailed information about off-campus housing, please see our website: https://www.inverhills.edu/CampusResources/index.aspx

Please note that you are responsible for arranging your own living situation BEFORE beginning classes here at Inver Hills.

Q. Is an international student advisor available to help me after I arrive in Minnesota?
A. You will be assigned to an international advisor who will be able to answer all of your questions related to your international student status. The international advisor conducts the international student orientation sessions, and provides assistance with immigration matters, referral to other student services, and academic guidance.

Q. What kinds of student clubs or groups can I join at Inver Hills Community College?
A. Information about student life on campus, including clubs, sports and leadership opportunities, may be found on our website at https://www.inverhills.edu/StudentLife/index.aspx

Q. Can I attend Inver Hills Community College if I have a disability? Are there services available to help me be successful?
A. The office for Disability Services (see https://www.inverhills.edu/LearningSupport/DisabilityServices/index.aspx) provides access to the full range of educational programming and activities at the college, through its accommodations and services. The most commonly requested services include testing accommodations, note-taking services, sign language interpreting services, materials in alternative formats, and assistive technology.

Q. When is international student orientation? Am I required to attend this orientation?
A. All students are required to attend an International Student Meeting during the week before the start of the term for which you are admitted. During this meeting you will receive further information about maintaining your international student visa status, involvement and work opportunities for international students, and other key points that will guide your studies as an international student. All students must also meet with an academic advisor before being allowed to register for classes. You may meet with an advisor at a time of your convenience – at this meeting you will discuss your intended major, your transfer plans, and your class choices that will help you achieve your goals in a timely manner.

Q. How can I demonstrate English proficiency?
A. English proficiency can be documented by presenting the following certification:
   o TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score of: 61 iBT, 500 Paper (or higher)
   o IELTS (International English Language Testing System) score of: 5 (or higher)
   o Certificate of completion of Level 109 at ELS Language Center
   o Official college transcripts with college-level English completion (C or better grade)

Q. How do I get more information about or register for TOEFL or IELTS tests?
A. TOEFL: For the most up-to-date information on the Internet-based TOEFL, or for test registration information, please go to www.ets.org/toefl/. This test is offered at Prometric Test Centers in Edina and Woodbury (952-820-5010). The standard cost is $190. The IHCC institutional TOEFL code is 6290. For more information about the TOEFL, please contact:
   www.ets.org/toefl
   TOEFL Services
   P.O. Box 6151
   Princeton, NJ 08541-6151 USA
B. IELTS: For registration information on the IELTS, please visit their website at www.ielts.org. This test is offered at ELS Language Center at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. The standard cost is $205. For more information about IELTS, please contact:

www.ielts.org
825 Colorado Blvd., Suite 112
Los Angeles, CA 90041
Phone: 323-255-2771
Fax: 323-255-1261
ielts@ieltsintl.org

Q. How do I receive my I-20 form?
A. The Admissions Office will send admitted students an admissions packet, which will include the I-20 form. The student must submit the I-20 to a U.S. embassy to apply for a student visa. You can arrange packet pickup and delivery with: https://www.ups.com/ or http://www.fedex.com/us/

![International Student Life Cycle (F-1/M-1)](chart)

1. **Apply to a Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)-Certified School**
   - Student applies and is accepted to an SEVP-certified school.

2. **Receive a Form I-20, “Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status”**
   - A student's Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) record is created and the student is then issued a Form I-20 by the designated school official (DSO) at the SEVP-certified school they have chosen to attend.

3. **Pay the I-901 SEVIS Fee**
   - Student must pay the I901 SEVIS Fee at FMISFee.com.

4. **Apply for Student Visa**
   - Student brings their Form I-20 and other required documents to apply for a student visa from the U.S. Department of State.

5. **Arrive in the United States**
   - Student arrives no more than 30 days before their program start date and presents their Form I-20 and valid student visa to U.S. Customs and Border Protection at the port of entry.

6. **Maintain Status During Program Study**
   - Student must take a full course of study, not work without prior authorization and speak with their DSO if they cannot finish classes before their program end date, or have any other concerns about maintaining lawful status.

7. **Explore Post-Graduation Opportunities**
   - A student has the option to transfer schools, change education levels (e.g., undergraduate to graduate), or if eligible, apply to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for post-completion Optional Practical Training (OPT) opportunities.

8. **Depart the United States**
   - An F-1 student has 60 days to depart the United States after completion of their program of study or OPT. An M-1 student has 30 days after completion of their program of study to depart.

For more Information visit [StudyintheStates.dhs.gov/Students](http://StudyintheStates.dhs.gov/Students)
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