

# ADMISSION

## Eligibility

Admission to Sierra College is open to any person who:

1. Has a high school diploma, GED, or passed the high school proficiency examination, or
2. Is over 18 years of age and capable of profiting from instruction.

## Admission Procedures

All new students and students returning to Sierra College after an absence of one primary (Fall or Spring) semesters must submit an application for admission prior to registering for classes. Electronic applications are available online at [www.sierracollege.edu](http://www.sierracollege.edu) (<http://www.sierracollege.edu>). Paper applications may be obtained at a campus Admissions and Records office. Students are encouraged to submit official high school and college transcripts to Admissions and Records.

Each semester the college offers registration opportunities to those who file an application for admission. For more information regarding registration steps, please visit the Admissions and Records website (<https://www.sierracollege.edu/admissions/>).

## Residency Requirements

For the purpose of determining tuition and enrollment fees, Sierra College students are subject to the legal residence restrictions established by the California legislature. Residency is determined at the time of admission and requires a statement of legal residence. Supporting documentation may also be required.

Any student who has not established California residency will be classified as a nonresident for tuition purposes. Regulations allow certain students to apply for nonresident tuition waivers. Nonresident students who wish to request a residency status change must submit a Residency Reclassification Petition and required documentation by the end of the semester in question to Admissions and Records. Additional residency documentation options are available for active and discharged members of the military.

For further information on how California residency may be established, or how to apply for a nonresident tuition waiver, please click [here](https://solutions.sierracollege.edu/TDClient/1795/Portal/KB/ArticleDet/?ID=74019) (<https://solutions.sierracollege.edu/TDClient/1795/Portal/KB/ArticleDet/?ID=74019>) or contact Admissions and Records.

## International Students

International students attend Sierra College from around the world. Assistance with the application and registration process is provided by Admissions and Records. Students can access international student information and application forms on the college website (<https://www.sierracollege.edu/student-services/support-programs/international-students/>).

International students wishing to apply for study to the college on an F-1 visa must submit the following to Admissions and Records:

1. A completed Sierra College International Student Application.
2. Meet at least one of the following English Language Requirements: TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score of 98 iBT (internet-based test), Duolingo Score of 130, Cambridge English Score (CEFR) of C1, or IELTS (International English Language Testing

System) 7.0. This requirement is waived for students from countries that use English as the primary language in their educational systems. This requirement is waived for students from countries that use English as the primary language in their educational systems.

3. An official bank statement (in English) dated within three months indicating that there are sufficient funds available to cover tuition expenses (minimum \$50,000.00 U.S. dollars).
4. Official transcripts translated into English indicating successful completion at a secondary school equivalent to completion of an American high school and transcripts from any colleges or universities attended.
5. A copy of valid passport (photo page).
6. A non-refundable application processing fee of \$200.00 payable to Sierra College in the form of a MasterCard or Visa credit card, cashier's check, or check drawn on a U.S. bank (do not send cash).

## International Student Priority Application Deadlines

Fall semester	May 1
Spring semester	October 15

NOTE: Prior to arriving in the United States, prospective students shall submit to Sierra College proof of freedom from tuberculosis dated no more than 90 days before the start of classes. This report must be professionally translated to English.

## Health Insurance

In the United States, health care can be costly. All international students must purchase medical insurance that covers their medical needs while studying in the United States. It is strongly encouraged that you purchase medical insurance that covered emergency medical travel if you need to return home for medical reasons.

## Academic Enrichment Program

Sierra College provides special part-time admission to students who have completed the eighth grade and have demonstrated satisfactory academic standing.

Students must attend a high school which has a current Academic Enrichment Compliance form on file. Home schooled students must have an affidavit indicating they are legally home schooled.

Students must submit a Sierra College application for admission, an Academic Enrichment Permission form, and a high school transcript as needed. Enrollment must be recommended by the school principal or counselor/designee, and have the consent of a parent or guardian. Students should be counseled by the high school staff to determine the courses in which they should enroll. Enrollment is limited to a maximum of 11 units per semester. Specific courses in which students may not enroll are published online on the Academic Enrichment Restricted Course List. Students admitted under these provisions are subject to all college rules and regulations and are not eligible for student employment. For more information please contact the Outreach Office at (916) 660-7340 or visit the College in High School website (<https://www.sierracollege.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/attending-college-in-high-school/>).

## Dual Enrollment Program

Sierra College provides special part-time admission to students at participating high schools to enroll in college courses offered on their high school campus. Students can receive high school and college credit upon successful completion of these courses. Students must submit a

Sierra College application for admission, a Dual Enrollment Permission Form, and transcripts if requested. Enrollment must be approved by the high school counselor or designee and have the consent of a parent or guardian. Enrollment is limited to 11 units per semester, unless a 15 unit exception is allowable for specific course types. Students admitted under these provisions are subject to all college rules and regulations and are not eligible for student employment.

For more information please visit the College in High School website (<https://www.sierracollege.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/attending-college-in-high-school/>).

Reference: Sierra College Board Policies/Administrative Procedures Chapter 5.