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ABOUT MESA COLLEGE

Among the largest community colleges in California and the nation, San Diego Mesa College is a fully accredited, two-year college offering 160 Associate Degree and certificate programs. The college's excellent academic and career preparation programs cover a wide range of disciplines, making Mesa an important economic development catalyst and the number-one transfer institution in San Diego. Mesa's premier programs include six programs in the allied health fields, fashion design, architecture, multimedia, hospitality and event management, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), American Sign Language, and interior design.



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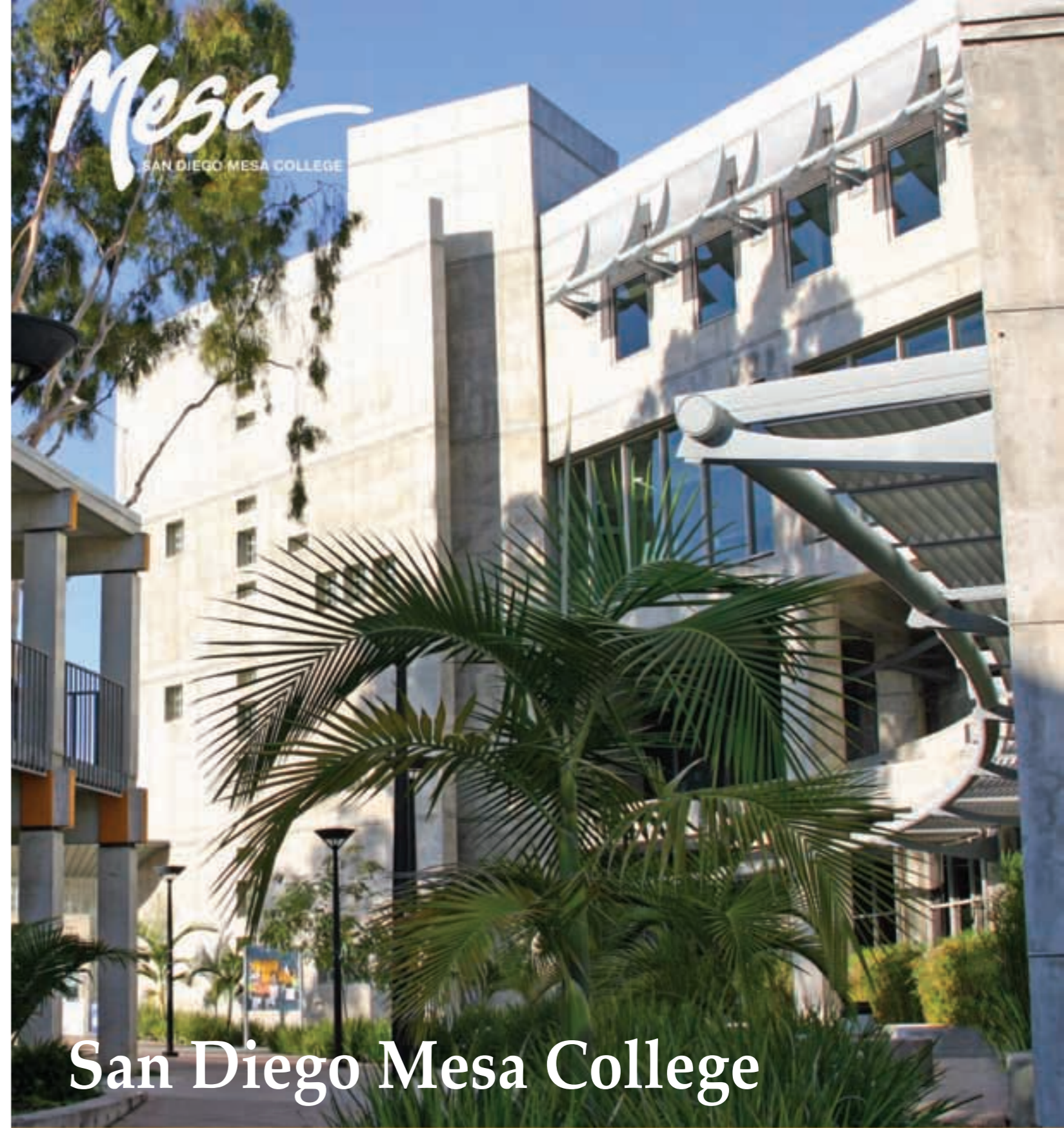
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International Student
Admissions Information

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

Phone: (619) 388-2717 FAX: (619) 388-2960

San Diego Mesa College welcomes your application as an international student. Our staff will make every effort to assist you. Our admission requirements conform to the regulations of the US Government for issuing F-1 student visas.

Please send all official transcripts, certificates, official test scores, and other documents required for admission with your application to:

San Diego Mesa College
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Admissions, I-410
7250 Mesa College Drive
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APPLICATION DEADLINES

To allow time for the exchange of correspondence, processing, and evaluation of your academic records, all admissions requirements must be completed by:

June 1 Fall Semester
November 1 Spring Semester

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

English Proficiency

To be accepted as an international student at San Diego Mesa College, you must be able to speak, read, write, and understand English at a level that will allow you to successfully complete college work. To verify your level, we require that you pass the International TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) with a minimum score of 61 on the Internet version (iBT), 173 on the computerized version (CBT) or 500 on the paper version test BEFORE THE STATED DEADLINES listed above.

This requirement is waived if you completed a college level English composition course in the United States, or if you come from a country that has English as the primary language in the educational system.

TOEFL information, registration forms, and score reports may be obtained from: EDUCATIONAL TESTING SERVICE (ETS) Rosedale Road MS-49N Princeton,

NJ 08541 USA. Phone: 1-800-241-5393
Fax: (609) 683-2667 www.ets.org

Students must request that the Educational Testing Service office send the scores directly to San Diego Mesa College, Code number 4735.

Academic Achievement

Graduation from a secondary school that is equivalent to an American high school with readiness to enter an institution of higher learning such as college or university is required. If you have obtained a GED (General Equivalency Diploma), you must have passed with a minimum score of 45. Official records and academic transcripts not in English must be accompanied by a notarized English translation and submitted at the time of application. Please note that photocopies are not accepted.

Application

Complete the enclosed two-page international student application in full, attaching a passport size photo to the top right corner of the application and all other documents including a non-refundable deposit of \$100 (one hundred dollars) in U.S. or international money order. For credit card payment, please complete the payment form included in the application. Personal Checks ARE NOT accepted.

Financial Resources and Estimated Expenses

Complete the Confidential Financial Statement to show proof that you have sufficient financial support to pay for your a) tuition and b) living expenses for one year. We estimate this cost at approximately \$17,500.00 (seventeen thousand five hundred dollars).

a) Tuition: Non-resident tuition and fees for international students are \$199.00 per unit. Since you must enroll in a minimum of 12 units each semester to maintain your F-1 visa status, you should be prepared to pay a minimum tuition of \$2,404.00 per semester. If you wish to also attend next year summer session, an additional \$1,204.00 should be included in your estimations.

b) Living expenses: Although there are no provisions for on-campus

housing, apartment rentals are usually available in the vicinity of Mesa College. Rental fees, food, utilities, and personal expenses are estimated at about \$990 per month or approximately \$11,880 per school year.

Financial Aid is NOT available for international students.

Health Certification

Students are required to be in good general health and free of communicable diseases. The health examination report completed by a physician must be submitted with your application. The medical examination must certify against polio, diphtheria, measles, rubella, tetanus, and must provide tuberculosis clearance.

Certification and Release of Information (page 2 of the application)

For your protection and because of U.S. Privacy Act considerations, we ask that you sign a Release of Information Statement prior to release of personal information to third parties.

Transfer (F1 students currently attending other US institutions)

Transfer Clearance:

If you are presently attending another U.S. educational institution and are seeking a transfer to San Diego Mesa College you must submit the completed Transfer Clearance form in your application materials. This form is to be completed by the Designated School Official (DSO) at your current institution certifying that you are in good standing.

Transcripts:

You must request official transcripts be sent directly to our office from your present institution and any other U.S. institutions that you have attended.

Immigration Documents:

To verify your current or transfer status, if you are already in the United States, you must submit to our office, immigration information including copies of the visa page of the passport, I-94 form, and I-20 (page 1 & 3) if applicable.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Before you complete the International Student Application, please read carefully the following information:

Academic Standards

- As an F-1 visa student you must enroll in a full-time program of study, complete a minimum of 12 units each semester and maintain a minimum of 2.0 GPA.
- A mandatory three-day enrollment orientation for all international students will be held about three weeks prior to the start of the semester. Spring semester orientation will be held the second week of January and Fall semester orientation will be held the second week of August. Applicants who are not able to attend the orientation in its entirety are encouraged to apply at a later date.

Academic Programs

- San Diego Mesa College does NOT offer an intensive program of English as a Second Language.
- San Diego Mesa College offers lower division course work towards a two-year Associate Degree, and preparation for a four-year Bachelor's Degree or graduate program.
- If you are already in possession of a Baccalaureate or college degree or the equivalent (completion of about 60 units) you may be considered beyond the course offerings of San Diego Mesa College and are encouraged to apply to a four-year college or university. Exceptions may be granted for students declaring new majors or needing additional lower division courses.

College Catalog

You may obtain a college catalog containing course descriptions by writing to the Mesa College Bookstore at our address, enclosing a check/ money order. Catalogs are mailed within the United States for \$8.50. Catalogs are mailed outside the United States for \$17.00.

Health Insurance and Insurance

If admitted, you are expected to present satisfactory evidence of an active health and accident insurance policy for coverage while you are residing in the United States.

You will be required to provide proof of health insurance that will pay a United States provider. If you have not obtained health insurance at the time of the orientation, you will be able to do so then.

IT IS THE APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY to read and understand the requirements and carefully follow the directions. Please understand that no action will be taken unless all necessary documentation is on file in the International Student Admissions Office by the stated deadlines. If you have questions in completing this form, please write or call the office at (619) 388-2717, Fax (619) 388-2960.

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Degree and Certificate Programs Offered at Mesa College

Accounting
American Sign Language
Animal Health Technology
Anthropology
Architecture/Landscape Architecture
Art/Fine Arts
Biology
Black Studies
Building Construction Technology
Business
Chemistry
Chicano Studies
Child Development
Computer Business Technology
Computer and Information Sciences
Consumer Studies
Culinary Arts/Culinary Management
Dental Assisting
Destination and Events Management
Dramatic Arts
Engineering
English
Escrow
Fashion
French
Geographic Information Systems
Geography
Health Information Technology
History
Hotel Management
Interior Design
Japanese
Liberal Arts
Marketing
Mathematics
Medical Assisting
Music
Nutrition
Philosophy
Physical Education
Physical Therapist Assistant
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Radiologic Technology
Real Estate
Selected Studies
Sociology
Spanish
Speech Communication

An Associate Degree option is also available to students who plan to transfer to a university after completing lower division pre-major and general education at Mesa College.

Associate Degree and/or Certificate of Achievement available.
Not all courses are scheduled each semester.