

Polk State College District Board of Trustees Rule

Rule Number	Subject	Rule Making Authority	Statutory Reference	SBE Rule Reference	Effective Date
4.15	International Students	FS 1007.263			12/2/19

I. Purpose

Polk State College is authorized to enroll nonimmigrant alien students. This document defines those who qualify as nonimmigrant aliens for enrollment and indicates the parameters associated with this status.

II. Definitions

Non-immigrant alien students are classified as either international students (i.e., F-1 Visa holders) or other non-immigrant visa students.

An individual in the United States with a B-1 Temporary Business Visitor Visa, B-2 Tourist Visa, or a J-1 Exchange Student Visa is not eligible to attend Polk State College until after he or she has completed the Polk State International Student Admission Requirement and obtained an F-1 Student Visa (or has obtained a United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) approved change of status to an F-1 Student Visa).

A B-1 Visa or B-2 Visa holder, or J-1 Exchange Student Visa holder, may submit a new application for an F-1 Student Visa at a U.S. embassy in his or her home country (or other foreign country). Alternatively, he or she may submit a change of status application to the USCIS while in the United States to change to F-1 Visa status. An M-1 Visa holder who wants to apply for an F-1 Visa must travel to his or her home country with the SEVIS I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility for Non-Immigrant F-1 Student Status) to apply for an F-1 Visa at a U.S. embassy abroad. A change of status while in the United States is not available.

III. Process

A student who is interested in applying to Polk State College and maintaining enrollment as an international student must meet the criteria set forth in this rule and its supporting procedures.

History:

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