



## Welcome to Florida and Polk State College

### Who is an international student?

International students are individuals who hold an F-1 or M-1 Visa and enter the United States specifically for the purpose of obtaining an education.

### What are the admission deadlines for international students?

Fall Semester: May 15

Spring Semester: October 15

Summer Semester: March 15

### I applied online to Polk State College. What is next?

- You must submit additional documents to the Admission and Registrar's Office found on the [International Student website](#).
- Print, complete, and mail documents and supporting information.
- E-mail registrar@polk.edu for additional help.

### How do I get my foreign credentials evaluated?

- All foreign high school and secondary school transcripts must be evaluated through our preferred provider, [International Education Evaluations, Inc.](#) or a service approved by [NACES](#) such as [Josef Silny and Associates](#)
  - **High School Transcripts:** Request a document-by-document report to show that you meet the requirements of a US high school diploma translated to English.
  - **College-level Transcripts:** Request a course-by-course evaluation translated to English.
- The evaluation service will require an official transcript and exam results, so have your school send an official transcript directly to the evaluation company. The cost of evaluation is the student responsibility.

### How do I get an I-20 form?

- Complete all of the admission requirements as outlined on [International Student website](#).
- After you receive an acceptance letter with the I-20 form, go to [SEVIS](#) to pay the \$200.00 SEVIS fee. (You must have a complete and accurate I-20 form to complete this step.)
- Print the Form I-901 payment coupon or I-901 payment receipt when you complete the form online.



**How do I know if I need to take English as a Second Language classes?**

If you do not meet any of the English proficiency criteria found in Step four on the [International Student website](#); you will be given the Levels of English Proficiency (LOEP) exam when you take your placement test. The LOEP will be used to place you in the appropriate level of [English as a Second Language](#) classes. Polk State's English as a Second Language program is English for Academic Purposes (EAP). The EAP program prepares students for college-level instruction in the English language.

**What are the most common ways to prove English proficiency?**

- TOEFL scores of 61 by Internet or 500 by paper
- Completion of an English as a Second Language program
- English language affidavit
- Five years of education in English instruction; documentation required
- IELTS score of 5.5

**Can an international student be eligible for in-state fees?**

No, students on F-1 or M-1 Visas are required to attend school full time (minimum of 12 credit hours per semester) and pay out-of-state tuition and fees during their entire enrollment at Polk State College.