



Enrollment Services

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F-1 Student Visa Admission Requirements

Southwestern Illinois College is a community college offering associate degree programs. Our Associate in Applied Science degree programs are career oriented and designed for students who plan to begin their careers upon graduation from SWIC. Our Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees are designed for students who plan to transfer to four-year universities upon graduation from SWIC. **Baccalaureate degrees cannot be earned at SWIC.**

International students will be considered for admission to SWIC after the following documents are received by the Designated School Official at least 90 days prior to the start of the semester for which they intend to enroll. Class start dates are:

Monday, June 1, 2020 (documents due March 3, 2020 for **Summer 2020 Semester**)

Saturday, August 22, 2020 (documents due May 25, 2020 for **Fall 2020 Semester**)

Saturday, January 16, 2021 (documents due October 18, 2020 for **Spring 2021 Semester**)

1. A completed SWIC New Student Information Form. Visit SWIC.edu and select **Apply Now**.
2. Official copies of all secondary school and college transcripts, with notarized English translations from one of the following organizations:
 - Educational Credential Evaluators - www.ece.org
 - World Education Services - www.wes.org
3. International applicants are required to take one of the following standardized tests below in order to demonstrate English proficiency:
 - a. TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) test results. The minimum score accepted for admission is 500 on the written exam which equates to 173 on the computer based TOEFL or 61 or above on the Internet-based TOEFL.
 - b. IELTS (International English Language Testing System). The minimum score accepted for admission is 6.0 or higher.
4. Certification of the availability of funds to meet all tuition and cost of living expenses while attending SWIC. The estimated cost for unmarried students during 2020-2021 is \$17,030 (U.S. currency). Our current tuition for international students is \$189 (U.S. currency) per semester credit waived to in-district rate of \$113 per semester credit with an additional \$9 per semester credit institutional fee. This rate is subject to change without notice. You are responsible for verifying whether these funds are transferrable to the United States.
5. Proof of medical and repatriation insurance is required. (For guidance, visit www.healthcare.gov)
6. Home country address along with address you will be living at in the United States; must be provided prior to issuance of the I-20.
7. After acceptance to Southwestern Illinois College and issuance of the I-20, the Form I-901 must be completed and a \$350 immigration fee paid to the consulate prior to seeking a visa. To pay this fee online visit www.fmjfee.com. For detailed information on the fee, visit www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/index.

Once the above translated documents have been received and reviewed, you will be notified of your admission status. For additional information or to schedule a meeting, please contact the designated school officials noted below. Please note that F-1 Student Visa Admission Requirements may change without notice.

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