



Sierra College, Rocklin, California, USA

Thank you for your interest in attending **Sierra College!**

Choosing a college is one of the most important decisions you'll ever make! Sierra College is located in the foothills of the beautiful Sierra Nevada mountains of California, 160 Km east of San Francisco. Our main campus is located in Rocklin, just minutes from Sacramento, the State Capitol of California. Within 48 Km of our campus, there are many recreational opportunities including golf courses, rivers, and lakes. The beautiful Lake Tahoe region, which is only a one-hour drive from Rocklin, offers skiing, hiking, horseback riding and boating. Other popular places to visit are San Francisco, the Napa Valley, and the Northern California coast.

With an enrollment of approximately 20,000 students, Sierra College has a national reputation of excellence and offers over 70 degree programs including Business, Computer Science, Engineering, Liberal Arts, Nursing, Communication Studies and many more!

Transfer Opportunities

Once a student is proficient in English, students may complete their first two years of university study at Sierra College and then transfer to a university for their final two years. Our Transfer Center provides free resources and individualized services to help our students transition from Sierra College to the four-year college or university of their choice. UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UCLA, UC San Diego, and California State University, Sacramento are some of the many colleges chosen by our transfer students.

English as a Second Language Program (ESL)

Sierra College offers a multi-level (beginning through advanced) ESL program, which is offered throughout the year with start dates in August and January. Our program is designed for students who wish to improve their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. Enrollment in our ESL program provides the opportunity for students to be admitted with a TOEFL score of less than 450 PBT, 133 CBT or 45 iBT.

Housing Options

On-campus - Sierra College is one of the few community colleges in California to have residence halls on campus. The rate includes a weekly food allowance and all utilities. Spaces fill quickly, so students are encouraged to apply early.

Homestay - For students wishing to live with an American family, they may apply for our homestay program. Students and families will decide on one of two rates depending if food is included or not. The number of homestay families is limited—so apply early.

Rentals - The International Students Office has information on a variety of rentals: apartments, rooms for rent, people looking for roommates, etc. You may stop by the office or e-mail to find out about the listings.



Residence Halls on campus

Applying for Admission

It is easy to apply for admission to Sierra College. Our staff will provide individualized attention to help students through the application process. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us at **Sierra College, International Students Office, 5000 Rocklin Road, Rocklin, CA 95677-3397, USA Telephone: (916) 660-7330 • Fax: (916) 630-4522 • internet: www.sierracollege.edu/int • email: internationalstudents@sierracollege.edu**



Application Deadlines:

Fall Semester – July 1 and Spring Semester – December 1

Summer Session – May 1

Summer Session for students transferring from other American colleges or coming from countries, where English is the primary language in its educational system.

The following items are required for admission:

Please note, that our admission requirements meet all U.S. government regulations for issuing F-1 student visas.

- 1. A Sierra College International Student Application
- 2. Meet one of the following English language requirements (We do not accept institutional TOEFL scores; TOEFL scores are for admission ONLY; Upon arrival, students will take assessment tests to determine placement in appropriate courses):
 - Score at least 133 CBT (Computer Based Test), 450 PBT (Paper Based Test), or 45 iBT (internet Based Test). Please send your original TOEFL score report; our TOEFL code is 4697 **OR**
 - Enroll in the English as a Second Language (ESL) program at Sierra College. The English language requirement is waived if you come from a country that uses English as the primary language in its educational system.
- 3. Submit an original bank statement (in English) dated within 3 months indicating there is a minimum of \$16,000 U.S. dollars available to cover tuition and expenses. You will need 2 official copies; submit 1 to Sierra College and keep 1 for the embassy or consulate. If the student has a sponsor, please send letter of support.
- 4. Submit official transcripts translated into English indicating successful completion from a secondary school, equivalent to completion of an American high school. Also submit transcripts from any other college or university you may have attended. You will need two official copies; submit one to Sierra College and keep one for the embassy.
- 5. Submit a copy of your valid passport (photo page).
- 6. Send a non-refundable application processing fee of \$100 payable to Sierra College. Please send the fee by the following methods:
 - Wire transfer (contact us for specifics)
 - MasterCard or Visa (contact us for specifics)
 - Cashier's Check drawn on a U.S. Bank (must have a 9 digit U.S. routing number in the MICR line)

The \$100 will be credited towards your tuition at the time you register. We also ask that you send a recent photo of yourself, if possible.

**Submit your application and other documents to: Sierra College, International Students Office
5000 Rocklin Road
Rocklin, CA U.S.A. 95677-3397**

Once all the items have been received, approved, and you have been admitted to Sierra College, you will be sent an I-20. You will use the I-20 to apply for a student visa (F-1) at the U.S. Consulate or Embassy in your country. Official transcripts and original documents will not be returned or copied. **Please note that if you enter the United States on a Sierra College I-20, you must attend Sierra College at least one semester before transferring.** 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 into English.

Health Insurance

In the United States, health care can be costly. All international students must purchase medical insurance from Sierra College's carrier. There are no exceptions—even for students who may have health insurance in their home countries. Medical insurance enrollment materials will be provided to you prior to your arrival.

Transfer Students

For students currently studying in the U.S.A. and transferring to Sierra College from another college, you must also submit the following:

- 7. A copy of your departure record (I-94 card in your passport), a copy of the visa in your passport, a copy of your passport, and a copy of your I-20 from your current college.
- 8. A transfer clearance form completed by the college you are presently attending. Please contact the Sierra College International Students Office for this form to be sent or emailed to you.
- 9. Official college transcripts from all colleges or universities that you have attended in the United States.

You will receive an admissions decision within 2 weeks after all documents have been received.

International Student Application

SECTION I – Personal Information

Complete all sections, incomplete applications may delay processing.

Application for: Fall Spring Summer 200__ (year) SSN: _____ (if applicable)

Name: _____ Male Female
Last (Family Name) First (Given) Middle

Birthdate: ____ / ____ / ____ (Month/ Day /Year) Native (First) Language: _____

Country of Birth: _____ Country of Citizenship: _____

U.S. Immigration requires that all international students provide a legal address in their home country.

Student's Home Foreign Address (REQUIRED):

United States Address or Advising Center address:

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

City: _____

Province / Territory: _____

Postal Code: _____

Country: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Indicate where you want the I-20 sent: Foreign Address United States Address Advising Center

How did you find out about Sierra College? _____

Applying as a: Freshman (applying directly from secondary level)

Transfer (By the time a student begins Sierra, the student will have completed some course of study in the United States. This includes study at high school, English language school, college, or university.)

Major: _____ **(REQUIRED)**

SECTION II – Visa Information

Are you currently living in the U.S.? Yes No

If No: Country passport issued: _____ Passport number: _____ Passport expiration date: _____

Are you currently in SEVIS? _____ What is your SEVIS number? _____

If you are currently living in the United States, provide the following information:

Date of entry: _____ I-94 expiration date: _____

F-1 Visa, issued by: _____

Name of institution you are currently attending:

B-1/B-2 visa H visa J-1 visa other (specify): _____

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SECTION III - Educational Background

TOEFL test date: ___/___/___ TOEFL score: _____ CBT (Computer Based Test) PBT (Paper Based Test) iBT (internet Based Test)

TOEFL scores are for admission ONLY. Upon arrival, students will take assessment tests to determine placement in appropriate courses.

If TOEFL score is below 133 CBT, 450 PBT, 45 iBT would you like to apply for admission to our ESL Program? Yes No

Name of high/secondary school: _____ Attended From: ___/___/___ To: ___/___/___

High/secondary school graduation date: ___/___/___ Years of formal study of English: _____

Did you graduate from High School in California? Yes No

Name of university: _____ Attended From: ___/___/___ To: ___/___/___

SECTION IV – Financial Status

To be admitted as an F-1 student, documentation must be provided indicating that there are sufficient funds (a minimum \$16,000 U.S. dollars) available to cover your expenses. Students must pay tuition in full at the time of registration. The college does not offer any financial assistance to international students.

1. Indicate the sources of financial support

It is estimated that you will need approximately \$16,000 per academic year. Please indicate the funds (in U.S. dollars) available to cover your tuition and living expenses during the time you are studying at Sierra College.

Are you planning on bringing any dependents? Yes _____ No _____. If yes, add \$5,000 for an accompanying spouse and \$2,000 for each accompanying child to the expenses.

- From Family \$ _____ Family member's name: _____ /Relationship: _____
 - From Sponsor \$ _____ *Sponsor's name: _____ /Relationship: _____
 - Government/Scholarship \$ _____
 - Personal Savings \$ _____
 - Other Source \$ _____
- TOTAL \$** _____

2. Submit an original bank statement

An original bank statement must accompany this application and indicate a minimum of \$16,000 U.S. dollars to cover tuition and expenses.

*** Letter of support:** If you are being sponsored, your sponsor must write a letter of support stating that they will cover your educational expenses while you study at Sierra College. The letter must be dated, signed, and in English.

SECTION V - Release of Information

I hereby give permission to Sierra College to release information concerning my student status and records to the following person(s):

- Father: _____ Mother: _____
- Other: _____ Sponsor: _____

I hereby certify that the information set forth in this application is true and complete. If accepted to Sierra College, I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations set forth by the college. I further understand that information and documentation provided by my sponsor or me may be made available to the Department of Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___