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Welcome to Hillsborough Community College!

Are you looking for a great educational and living experience in the United States? Hillsborough Community College has everything you could want:

- A Center for International Education dedicated to your support, well-being, and success.
- A strong university transfer program to help you attend a four-year college or university in the U.S.
- A culturally diverse student population.
- A waterfront community with year-round beautiful weather and miles of white sand beaches nearby.

About HCC and Our Academic Programs

At HCC, we support our international students with programs and services from start to finish—from admission and U.S. entry, all the way through your two years of study at HCC, with support for transferring to a four-year U.S. university. We make sure you have everything you need to get the very best education.

HCC is a fully accredited, public community college in the metropolitan region of Tampa, Florida. Since 1968, we've been providing a high-quality, contemporary education to a large and diverse domestic and international community. We help more than 47,000 students—including 2,600 students from 134 different countries—take advantage of our vast course offerings across our five campus locations. We're proud of our role in helping our students gain employment or transfer to four-year universities throughout the United States.



Your Academic Advantage at HCC

With our wide variety of degree programs, our top rankings in the number of students we graduate, and our success in helping students transfer to four-year universities, HCC is a great place to start your education. Here are some highlights, facts, and figures on our academics:

- We offer more than 150 academic programs, including 18 associate in arts (AA) degree tracks for university transfer students, and 64 associate in science (AS) or associate in applied science (AAS) programs.
- Among the 1,173 community colleges in the United States, HCC ranks in the top 30 in graduating students with associate degrees and in the top 40 in graduating minorities with associate degrees.
- We provide our students with a conditional guarantee of acceptance to a four-year university and articulation agreements with 11 state universities in Florida and with many other major universities throughout the United States.
- HCC graduates get jobs! Nearly all of our associate in science and associate in applied science programs boast a 100 percent job placement rate.





University Transfer Opportunities

If you're an international student in F-1 visa status who intends to earn your bachelor's degree or higher in the United States, HCC is a great place to start. First, our tuition and fees are generally much lower than most four-year institutions. After earning an associate degree at HCC, we make it easy for you to transfer to a U.S. four-year university. Our articulation agreements with 11 state universities in Florida and with many other major U.S. universities give you a conditional guarantee of acceptance after completing your associate degree.

HCC's Many Paths to Advanced Degrees

We offer international students more than 150 associate degrees and career programs, many of which qualify you for enrollment in four-year universities.

Our associate in arts degree is designed to satisfy general education requirements for a four-year degree; you may also take introductory courses in your intended, upper division major. That gives you a chance to learn if your intended major is a good choice and to change it if you like. Popular HCC majors for university transfer include:

- Business Administration
- Computer Information Systems
- Education
- Engineering
- Health Sciences
- Hospitality Management
- Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Mass Communication

More Great Reasons to Choose HCC!

Did you know that more than half of all first-year college students in the U.S. attend a community college? And at HCC, we offer you the very best of the community college experience:

- Low tuition
- Small class size
- Solid accreditation for transfer
- Intensive English language programs
- Tutoring and academic assistance
- Luxury housing on campus
- Clubs and organizations
- Athletics, to play or watch
- The Tampa Bay area's tropical climate and many coastal attractions



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STUDENT APARTMENTS

AIRPORT



HCC also offers associate in science and associate in applied science degrees. While many associate in science degrees are transferable — including nursing, radiography, engineering, and business administration — we also offer innovative degrees and certifications (taking less than two years) that prepare you for immediate employment in fields such as business administration, accounting, computer science, and hospitality and tourism management.

English for Academic Purposes/ Intensive English Summer Program

In line with our educational philosophy, we support our students with services that reinforce their classroom success and their social welfare. One way we help our international students is with our English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program. Upon arrival at HCC, a placement exam will help us determine if students require EAP courses prior to enrolling in college-level courses.

English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Program

The EAP program is designed to help our international students develop the academic language skills necessary to effectively participate in an academic setting at HCC. It gives you an opportunity to improve your performance in four skill areas: Grammar, Writing, Reading, and Speech / Listening.

Our EAP program places you in one of six levels of study, from Low Beginner to High Advanced, depending on your results on the placement exam. Levels 1 to 4 are comprised of Grammar, Writing, Reading, Speech / Listening. Levels 5 and 6, if your English grammar skills are more advanced, offer Writing, Reading, Speech / Listening. Students enrolled in Levels 5 or 6 may take other approved credit courses that count toward a degree. For your convenience, classes are small, with approximately 25 or fewer students, and are offered during fall, spring, and summer semesters.

Intensive Summer (IS) English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Program

The Intensive Summer EAP program is a new program designed to help our international students improve their English language proficiency so they can advance quickly to either a higher level of EAP instruction or to enrollment in a degree program at HCC.

You'll find that the IS/EAP program is structured as a "learning community." That means that over the course of eight weeks, you and other students study English four days per week, but you'll also receive orientation activities from an advisor to help your adjustment to life in the U.S.

The IS/EAP program is a fee-based program. In addition to the course, you'll receive an airport reception, move-in assistance, accommodations at HCC's Hawks Landing student housing complex, 12 credit hours of instruction, health insurance, orientation programming, and ongoing support from a dedicated IS/EAP coordinator.



Housing/Accommodations

HCC offers international students an exciting on-campus housing option at Hawks Landing.

Not at all typical of a student dormitory, Hawks Landing offers the comfort, recreational facilities, and amenities of many of the more desirable private living communities in the U.S. But it's exclusively for HCC students like you.

Hawks Landing gives you the perfect environment for studying, relaxing, and having fun with fellow students. You can choose a lease from three floor plans of spacious 1-, 2-, and 4-bedroom apartments, each fully furnished, with nine-foot (2.74 meters) ceilings, high-speed internet, keyed-entry bedrooms, cable TV, and modern kitchens. The complex also includes a resort-style swimming pool, a computer lab, and a state-of-the-art fitness center.

Consider the advantages of living at Hawks Landing:

- Quickly make new friends—Americans and other international students.
- Get regular exercise by swimming and using the gym (and avoid the cost and time of finding another facility).
- Ensure good study habits with internet access and a 24-hour computer lab.
- Save money and time by avoiding furniture shopping.
- Find social activities anytime in the clubhouse, game room, and other public amenities.
- Choose whether you want to live alone (1-bedroom) or with roommates (2- and 4-bedroom options).

Hawks Landing also puts you in proximity of everything you would want or need. It's only a few blocks away from shopping, restaurants, and nightlife, and within walking distance of Raymond James Stadium—home to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (American football)—and Steinbrenner Field—the spring training home of the 2009 Baseball World Series Champions, the New York Yankees!

For an overview of Hawks Landing luxury student apartments and leasing information, please visit www.hccstudenthousing.com.



CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

At HCC, we're very proud of our cultural and international diversity. And we believe strongly in the importance of international education—teaching our domestic and F-1 visiting students to appreciate professional and personal life as a member of a global community.

That's why we provide special international programs and services for our visiting F-1 students and our domestic students through our Center for International Education, established in 2000. The HCC Center for International Education creates a learning environment that prepares students for an increasingly interconnected and changing global community.

For our international students on F-1 visas—today representing more than 50 nations—you'll find that the center provides a variety of services from start to finish to support your needs while attending HCC:

- Admissions, including guidance with your application to HCC, your visa interview, and entry into the U.S. Admissions can also help with information on tuition and expenses, health insurance, and any F-1 visa-related questions you may have.
- Upon arrival at HCC, helping you get started with an orientation, completion of any necessary placement tests, and registration for classes.
- Advising, including academic advising and degree / pathways instruction, as well as other counseling services.
- University transfer support, helping you find and apply to the appropriate four-year university to continue your studies in the U.S.
- Student life, helping you adjust to life in the U.S., establishing housing, and getting involved in other campus and community activities.

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HCC Student Life: Academics and Enjoyment

International students from around the world are an integral and vibrant part of the HCC community. We are committed to providing you with a well-rounded education and excellent academic preparation for a successful career. But we also want you to have an enjoyable and fulfilling student life, making new memories and forging new friendships that will last a lifetime.

On and off campus, we offer you a chance to do just about anything!

- Become a student government official.
- Write for the school paper and other publications.
- Attend or participate in our many art and cultural events.
- Play your favorite sport in our varsity sports program.
- Join one or more of our many clubs and organizations to stay involved in your unique interests.



Tampa Bay, Florida: An Ideal Location — Your Home in the Sunshine State!

Long known for its nearby white sand beaches, diverse culture, and year-round recreation, Tampa Bay is a great tourist destination, with plenty of outdoor fun, culture, and evening entertainment. So imagine how great a place it must be to live year-round?

It starts with our weather—an annual average temperature of 73 degrees F. (22.7c). With that, you'll find that the Tampa Bay region is home to magnificent beach and marine life and plenty of related activities like swimming, scuba diving, boating, sailing, and fishing—or just hanging out at the beach. On land you'll also find lots of opportunities for hiking, horseback riding, biking, tennis, and golf.

But Tampa is much more than just a recreational city. We showcase some of the leading entertainment, world-class cultural venues, and shopping and dining in the U.S. Right in town, we host attractions such as Busch Gardens, the Florida Aquarium, Lowry Park Zoo, and the Museum of Science and Industry. And world-renowned theme parks such as Walt Disney World, Universal Studios, and SeaWorld are just a short drive away. You'll find great indoor and outdoor eating, with sumptuous cuisine from all over the world. And we offer the best of American spectator sports, with our Tampa Bay Buccaneers football team, and two U.S. Major League Baseball teams, the Tampa Bay Rays, and the New York Yankees, playing here during their spring training.

We look forward to welcoming you to HCC!