Admission Criteria for International Students

1. F-1 visa students must provide evidence of high school completion or academic achievement equivalent to a U.S. High School education.

2. F-1 visa students must offer evidence that they possess sufficient knowledge of English language to profit from instruction at the college level.

3. F-1 visa students who have attended a college in the United States must show satisfactory academic progress.

4. F-1 visa students must participate in the Assessment, F-1 Orientation, and Counseling before enrolling in classes.

5. F-1 visa applicants must present evidence that they are financially capable of defraying all costs during the period of attendance at the college. These costs are approximately $15,000 per school year per student, which include housing, living expenses, textbooks and supplies.

6. F-1 visa students must certify that their intent is to attend college full-time and that no employment is required. Students are required to enroll in no less than 12 units (full-time) per semester and expected to complete their community college education in a timely manner.

7. Foreign nationals who enter the United States on a Visitor visa must change their visa status to an F-1 student visa in order to be admissible to Bakersfield College. The B1/B2 visa must be valid while USCIS evaluates your admission application.