

# College of the Sequoias

## International Students Admission Requirements



Thank you for your interest in attending College of the Sequoias (COS) as an international student. All applicants must meet and complete all the requirements listed below:

### Complete these items prior to arrival to College of the Sequoias:

Complete the **International Student Application**.

Complete the **online application to COS at CCCApply:**

<https://www.openccapply.net/uPortal/f/u6311s1000/normal/render.uP>

Within 24 hours you will receive an email with your College of the Sequoias Student Banner Identification number: Enter your Banner identification number here: \_\_\_\_\_

As an International Student you will be required to register and complete a **minimum** of 12 credit units for each Spring and each Fall semester. At this current time, the cost is \$319 per unit per semester (\$273 non-resident tuition + \$46 per unit) along with other fees. All fees are subject to change. COS does not provide housing, dormitories, transportation or food.

Please complete the **Financial Sponsorship** form verifying \$28,559 U. S. dollars are available for the first year of attendance. We will also accept the information in English on the financial institution's letterhead or you may attach a copy of your statement in English showing this amount. If the statement is not in English, it must be submitted with certified translation.

Complete the international student credit card charge form for the **\$100 non-refundable application fee**. If preferred, you may submit a check for \$100 on a check drawn on a United States financial institution.

Submit complete certified English translations of transcripts from colleges/universities attended.

Submit test scores for one of the following test unless English is your native language:

- **TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) - minimum score: 500 paper test; 173 computerized test; 61 Internet Based Test (iBT) OR**
- **APIEL (Advanced Placement International English Language) - examination score: 3 OR**
- **IELTS (International English Language Testing System) - minimum score: 5**

Exceptions: If you have not taken the TOEFL test or if your TOEFL score is less than the above minimum scores, and are interested in admission to College of the Sequoias, you can be **CONDITIONALLY** admitted if you meet all of our requirements, except English proficiency, plus the following:

- You must enroll in English as a Second Language (ESL) courses each Fall/Spring
- You may not enroll in regular COS academic classes until you have received an authorization letter from your ESL instructor stating you have achieved English proficiency.

- ☐ Submit copy of your passport (pages showing name, date of birth, country of birth, photo, and passport expiration date).

**NOTE:** Once all the above items have been received and approved by the Designated School Official from the Office at COS, applicant will receive an email with a copy of the acceptance letter. An official copy of the acceptance letter and the I-20 will be mailed to applicant's address listed on the COS International Student Application form.

For questions, please contact Osiris Deleon. Designated School Official at 559-730-3970.

**Complete these items after you have received your I-20:**

- Make an appointment with the nearest US embassy or consulate in your country to request an F-1 Student Visa. You can check the anticipated wait times for an appointment in various cities of your country on the following website: [U.S. Visas](#)  
Learn how to schedule an appointment for an interview, pay the application processing fee, review embassy specific instructions, and much more by visiting the U.S. [Embassy or Consulate](#) website where you will apply.
- Effective September 1, 2004, individuals seeking an F-1 Student Visa must pay a \$350.00 SEVIS I-901 fee. If you do not pay the fee, you will:
  - Not be issued an F-1 visa and will not be admitted to the United States, OR
  - If you are present in the United States, your application will not be processed.A copy of form I-901 is available at The Department of Homeland Security website. Review the SEVIS I-901 instructions to determine if you might be exempt from the fee and for other information regarding the submission of the form.
  - Click here for information [about the I-901 SEVIS Fee](#)
  - Click here to pay fee: [Here](#) or visit the SEVIS website at <https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/index.html>

**Complete these items after you have obtained your VISA and you have arrived to United States:**

Report to the Office of International & Global Education located in room 103 (Counseling Center) of the Sequoia Building. Please bring the following documents:

- a. your passport
- b. I-94 (be sure it is marked "D/S" and NOT an expiration date)
- c. stamped I-20
- d. copy of your medical insurance policy which includes accidental, hospitalization, repatriation and medical evacuation for a term of one year.

Obtain a health clearance through the College of the Sequoias Health Center (Tuberculosis (TB) testing).  
[Click here to view the Health Services website](#)

Sign up for student orientation. [Contact osirisd@cos.edu for details](#)

Meet with a counselor. Email [osirisd@cos.edu](mailto:osirisd@cos.edu), to learn how to schedule a counseling appointment. Or view the [Counseling](#) website.

Register for classes. International students must be a full-time student by completing a minimum of 12 units each Fall and each Spring semester. W's do NOT count toward the 12 units. A maximum of three units of distance education classes will count toward the 12 unit requirement each semester for academic classes. If you are taking ESL classes, NO distance education classes will count toward the 12 unit requirement. Summer classes are optional.

Click here for [Registration](#) or visit the Welcome Center at COS for assistance.

Purchase your textbooks and required course materials.

Attend your classes.

Pay your fees. Fees must be paid within 14 days of registering for classes. If you fail to pay on time, your classes will be dropped. See the Counseling Technician in room 103 (Sequoia Building). Click here for more information: [Fees & Expenses](#)

**Note:** International Students may not work off-campus during the first year of attendance and must be approved by SEVIS proving a financial hardship with documentation if you are needing to work off campus during your second year. COS currently does not provide financial aid or scholarships available to International Students.