

Welcome to **MiraCosta College**

International Student Information

Your coastal community college in
Oceanside and Cardiff-by-the-Sea, California





Why do international students choose MiraCosta?

Fast Facts

Founded: 1934

Accreditation: Fully accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Location: Coastal North San Diego County; approximately 35 miles north of the San Diego airport and 90 miles south of Los Angeles.

Faculty: more than 400 full-time and part-time faculty.

Total student enrollment: 10,000; 200 international students from more than 30 countries.

Average class size: 30

Popular majors: Business administration, hospitality, travel and tourism management, psychology, biological sciences, biotechnology, accounting, child development, commercial music, communication, art, liberal studies, licensed vocational nursing.

Transfer rate: Highest UC transfer rate of all community colleges in San Diego County. Most popular transfer institutions: UCSD, San Diego State University, and CSU San Marcos.

Student Resources: New Library and Information Hubs at both the Oceanside and San Elijo campuses, more than 1,000 networked computers for student use, Wellness Center at the Oceanside Campus, free tutoring in nearly every subject, Honors Scholars Program and active national honor society.

Athletics: Women's soccer and men's basketball. Surf team won the national championship in 2004.

Housing: Host family placements and apartments nearby; none on campus

Price

International students save money by attending MiraCosta College. Tuition at MiraCosta is less than one half the cost than it is at public four-year universities.

Strong academics

Instructors at MiraCosta hold advanced degrees and are selected for their expertise and interest in teaching. They care about your academic success!

Easy transfer to universities

MiraCosta transfer programs will get you into the best universities for your major. Our international students are accepted for transfer to top universities such as San Diego State University, UCLA, UC Berkeley, New York University, and more.

Personal Attention

Most classes have fewer than 30 students, so you get individual help from your instructors. It is easy to make friends and meet teachers because the campus is friendly and supportive.

Academic support

MiraCosta offers free tutoring in every subject, writing and math centers, and Internet access on campus for all students.

Safe and Beautiful Campuses

MiraCosta is located in a suburban area that is a safe environment for students. Our beautiful buildings, landscaping, and ocean views make our campuses a great place to study.

Student Success



Charlotte
Sweden

"MiraCosta has excellent professors that encourage students to become critical thinkers. I meet so many wonderful people from different backgrounds at MiraCosta and that has really changed the way I look at the world." Charlotte is continuing her education with a bachelor's degree in print and broadcast journalism and political science.



Daisuke
Japan

"I chose MiraCosta College because of tuition and unique courses they offer. I recommend this program for anybody, even with basic English language skills. Also the staff at the International Student Office is very friendly. Japanese staff in the office is also available if you want to talk about your programs and educational goals. The mild and dry climate is very comfortable."

Choose MiraCosta College and save money!

Average Tuition Prices

		Bachelor's Degree	
Four-year University	Year 4	Transfer to four-year university	Four-year University
	Year 3		
	Year 2	Associates Degree	
	Year 1	MiraCosta College	

4 years x \$20,000/year =
\$80,000

2 years x \$4,700/year +
2 years x \$20,000/year =
\$49,400

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Adriana
Brazil

Adriana is from Brazil and always wanted to have an international education. She decided to visit a friend in sunny Oceanside and study English at nearby MiraCosta College. She loved MiraCosta and her instructors so much she just kept on taking classes. Two years later, Adriana completed her studies—and received admission to Haas Business School at UC Berkeley. “Everyone here motivated me and recognized my potential.”



Thuy
Vietnam

Thuy didn't speak much English when she applied to MiraCosta's English Language and College Skills Institute (EL&CSI) from Vietnam. “I liked it. It helped me a lot,” says Thuy. “My English improved so much from that program.” Thuy took three eight-week sessions of EL&CSI, then moved directly into MiraCosta's academic program. After two years, she transferred to California State University Long Beach, where she earned her bachelor's degree in computer science.

Success:

It starts at

MiraCosta

College



Certificates

Certificates focus training in a specific career area. Certificates can be completed in one or two years.

MiraCosta will help you gain **practical experience** through internships, work experience, and career-enhancement workshops.

Focus On Your Career

MiraCosta offers more than **75 short-term certificates** designed to provide practical training for today's job market. Graduates from MiraCosta's certificate programs work in the largest and most prestigious companies related to our fields of study.



Our **graduates** work for:

- Japan Airlines
- Invitrogen and Genentech biotechnology firms
- Qualcomm Incorporated
- Four Seasons Resorts
- Marriott Hotels
- Callaway Golf Corporation

"I like that I get lots of hands-on experience in my classes. Instructors are very knowledgeable having worked in their subject area for years." says Raemiel from Australia completing the Biotechnology Research and Development Certificate.

Chris describes the Business Office Certificate as fun as well as practical. "This was something I could use on my job application."

Academic Excellence

With more than **50 academic majors** to choose from, MiraCosta Colleges offers the best academic experience for international students seeking a two-year degree or transfer to a university. International students at MiraCosta transfer to top public and private universities and succeed!

Making Transfer Easy

"The classes at MiraCosta are taught at the same level as the four-year year universities, but MiraCosta provided a personal environment which I need since I was new to the United States," says Lyudmila from Ukraine who transferred to California State University San Marcos.

"I learned so much from my teachers and experiences at MiraCosta. I know that is why I was successful at film school," says Takao from Japan, who transferred to New York University.

"I've enjoyed the classes and the instructors at MiraCosta and the international office which helped me adjust to a completely new setting," says Tommy from France, who transferred to UCLA.



Associate Degrees

The associate degree is equivalent to the first two years of a bachelor's degree. Students can transfer to a four-year university or begin work.

Find out more about academic and certificate programs at MiraCosta College, visit our Academic Disciplines web site at www.miracosta.edu



Academic Support

Quality academic instruction.

Teachers at MiraCosta care about your academic success. Instructors are selected at MiraCosta for their advanced academic degrees as well as excellent teaching abilities.

Small class size

Unlike most universities where you may be in a class with hundreds of students, the average class size at MiraCosta is 30 students. Teachers are very helpful and know students in their class by name.

Free tutoring in nearly every subject

MiraCosta offers group and one-to-one academic tutors to help students with their class assignments, including a specific center for writing and math support.

E-mail and Internet access on campus for all students

MiraCosta offers more than 1,000 networked computer labs for student use. Staff is available at each lab to help with student computer assignments and computer questions.

Internships and employment support

International students can learn professional skills through internships and occupational work experience classes supported by the Career Center. International students at MiraCosta can take advantage of working permission available to full-time students and graduates.

Personal Attention

The International Office is here for you! The International Office at MiraCosta is committed to help international students from the time they first contact MiraCosta to the day they graduate. Full-time staff are available year round to answer any questions about our college.

Academic Counselors

International students meet regularly with academic counselors to get assistance with class selection, graduation requirements and career planning.

Small, friendly campus

Students at MiraCosta appreciate the warm and friendly approach of students and faculty. Because of the small size of the campus and classes, international students can quickly meet friends and feel comfortable on campus.

English Language and College Skills Institute

The English Language and College Skills Institute (EL&CSI) at MiraCosta College offers a full time intensive English program intended to help students develop the skills they need to enter a college or university in the United States. The EL&CSI provides individualized instruction in small classes. Dedicated professional faculty and state-of-the-art computer software facilitate learning. Each session is eight weeks long. There are five sessions per year, and students may attend multiple sessions. For an application and more information, visit this web site: www.miracosta.edu/commsvcs/elcsi.html





Oceanside Campus



San Elijo Campus

One great college, two spectacular locations

Both campuses are within driving distance to points of interest in Southern California such as the San Diego Zoo, Disneyland, Mexico, Los Angeles, La Jolla, and the beautiful California beaches.

Oceanside Campus

The Oceanside Campus is situated on a panoramic hilltop site with views of the ocean and mountains. This campus features a new library/information hub with 400 computers for student use, a Wellness Center, and a beautiful theater. There's also a large student center with an art gallery, bookstore, game room, study lounge, and dining room with indoor and outdoor seating.

San Elijo Campus

The San Elijo Campus is a small campus located next to the San Elijo Lagoon reserve in Cardiff-by-the-Sea. Facilities here include a library and technology center, student lounge and patio, and a multi-purpose outdoor amphitheater.

Oceanside Harbor, just minutes from the Oceanside Campus



MiraCosta College Surf Team, 2004 National Champions



Anza-Borrego Desert



View north from the Oceanside Campus



Apply Now!

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application form

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for the application and
list of admission requirements.

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