Estimated Cost of Attendance
First Semester
Student should arrive to U.S. with ability to pay for all first-semester expenses

- Tuition and Fees $3,000 (based on 12 units for fall 2012)
- Accident and Sickness health Insurance $670 (insurance is mandatory)
- Room and Board $4,100 (host family placement for 4 months + food estimated at $200 per month)
- Transportation $200 (monthly bus pass for 4 months)
- Textbooks $500
- Miscellaneous $450 (personal expenses for 9 months)

Total $8,920
Fees are subject to change without prior notification.

Please note:
- Tuition, fees and insurance must be paid at the time of registration for classes.
- Students can pay tuition and fees using U.S. dollars, U.S. dollars traveler’s checks, Master or Visa cards.
- The transportation estimated cost above does not include the cost of renting, leasing or purchasing a car.
- Living expenses varies based on housing option. Prepare a minimum of $1,000 cash for initial month cost.

Pre-Arrival Information

F-1 International Student Guide

- Getting Ready for Departure
- Local Housing Information
- Arriving in the U.S.
- Transportation to Oceanside
- Important Dates
- Estimated Cost

Getting Ready for an F-1 Visa
1. Pay SEVIS fee at www.FMJfee.com
2. Make an appointment with the U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

Making Airline Reservation
1. Check the new student orientation dates on the back.
2. Consider flying to San Diego (SAN) or Carlsbad (CLD) for easier transportation to Oceanside.

What to Bring to the U.S.?
- Carry your passport, I-20, money and all official documents in your carry-on luggage.
- You will need at least $4,000 USD for the initial expenses including tuition and housing fees.
- If you have medical insurance valid in the U.S., bring proof of coverage in English. You must have insurance while attending MiraCosta.

For U.S. Transferring Students
- Make sure to request a SEVIS I-20 transfer from your current school when you report to MiraCosta.
- Bring the I-20 Forms issued by your current and previous schools to complete your school transfer.

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Finding a Home Stay Family
MiraCosta College does not provide housing. We recommend new students to request a homestay during the first semester. The homestay program allows students to stay with a local family. MiraCosta College assumes no responsibility and has no knowledge of the condition of housing advertised or the character/reputation of housing providers. Information furnished is for your convenience only.

- Y.E.S. at MiraCosta College
  http://www.yesatmiracosta.com/miracostacollege-homestay-airport-pick-up/
- Homestay Services International
  http://homestayservices.com

Renting an Apartment
- If you are interested in renting a room or an apartment, you can refer to the Apartment attachment or look through a Housing Information listing on the MiraCosta website at: http://www.miracosta.edu/student-services/housing/index.html

Finding Temporary Housing
- The Oceanside Chamber of Commerce http://www.oceansidechamber.com/ has a list of local hotels.
- Make sure you make the hotel reservation before arriving in Oceanside.
Arriving in the U.S.

**I-94 ARRIVAL RECORD**

Upon arriving in the U.S., you will be given an I-94 card. Make sure to write your name, date of birth and nationality correctly on the I-94 card. An immigration officer will stamp your I-94 card with your arrival date and handwrite the F-1 and "D/S" (duration of status) notation.

Please make sure all the information shown on your I-94 card is accurate. (See sample below).

An identical stamp and notation will also be provided on your I-20 Form.

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**Getting to Oceanside**

We suggest that you fly to the San Diego airport and use the public transportation to arrive in Oceanside.

- Coaster Train runs between downtown San Diego to the Transit Center in Oceanside
- Breeze bus lines offer convenient routes to take you from the Transit Center in Oceanside to neighboring areas.
- Find out more information about the Coaster Train and Breeze Bus at http://www.gonctd.com/

From Los Angeles airport to Oceanside, you will need to:

1. Take the Flyaway bus from the airport to the Los Angeles Union Station. This will cost you $10.00 per trip. http://www.jawa.org/flyaway/
2. From the Union Station, take the Orange County Line of the Metrolink train. This train will take you directly to the Transit Center in Oceanside.
3. Find out more about the Metrolink schedule and station information at http://www.metrolinktrains.com/

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**School Reporting**

After you arrive in Oceanside, the International Office would like to meet you and welcome you to the college! The International Office is located in building 3400 on the Oceanside campus.

Please bring the following documents with you when you come visit us:

- Passport & F-1 Visa
- Form I-20 & I-94
- Local Address

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**New Student Orientation**

All new international students are **required** to attend a new student orientation. The dates for the New Student Orientation for spring 2013 are as follows:

- **Tuesday, January 8**
- **Wednesday, January 9**

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**Important Dates**

Classes fill quickly! 
Plan to arrive **early** to begin registering for spring classes!

You can arrive to the U.S. **up to 30 days before** the REPORT DATE listed in Section 5 of your SEVIS I-20

- **Spring 2013**
  - First day of Enrollment: first week December
  - Orientation: January 8, 2013
  - First day of class: January 14, 2013
  - Last day of class: May 27, 2013

- **Summer 2012**
  - Begins June
  - Ends July

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We look forward to seeing you soon!