



To attend as an international student, you must obtain an F-1 visa. The first step is to [apply for admission](#). After you apply, you will be contacted by your assigned international representative regarding next steps, which include supplying PPSC with documents for evaluation before we can issue you an I-20 Certificate of Eligibility. If you are a transfer student, we will need to arrange for your SEVIS record to be transferred to PPSC after you have been accepted.

Submit all required I-20 documents by:

Fall Semester (August – December): July 1
Spring Semester (January – May): November 15

*The deadline for transfer students is 2 weeks prior to the first week of classes for the semester.

I-20 Documents Checklist

1. [Pikes Peak State Online Application for Admission](#)
2. I-20 Documents Online Form (sent after your online application is reviewed). The following is required to complete the form:
 - 1) Copy of Passport Information Page
 - 2) Academic Records
 - High school transcripts **or** copy of your diploma or high school equivalency exam
 - College transcripts, if applicable. If you wish to have previous college credit applied towards a degree or certificate, an official evaluation of your transcripts must be made by a certified International Transcript Evaluation Service.

**Submit a certified English translation if the documents are not in English.*
- 3) I-20 Personal Data
- 4) Dependent Information, if applicable
- 5) Course Placement Testing
 - All international students must take Math and English placement tests. Follow the instructions in [this handout](#) to complete the testing required for your major.
- 6) Proof of English Language Proficiency. Provide **one** of the following:
 - [Duolingo English Test](#): Minimum Score of 110
 - [TOEFL \(IBT\)](#): Minimum Score of 80
 - Note: PPSC's institution code for TOEFL is 4291.
 - [IELTS](#): Minimum Score of 6.5
 - [TOEIC](#): Minimum Score of 750
 - Proof of successful completion of an intensive English as a Second Language program

- Proof of passing an equivalent college-level English course in the U.S.
- If already in the US, passing score on the English as a Second Language (ESL)- four part [Accuplacer Test](#), taken on-site at Pikes Peak State College.
- Proof of Coursework Completion with following credentials:
 - Gambia - WAEC/WASSC (Grade of C4 or higher on the English Exam)
 - UK and UK-style schools: Cambridge GCSE/IGCSE/O-Levels: Grade of C or higher on the English exam (old/letter grading scale) or 4 or higher on the English exam (new/numerical grading scale)
 - Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education: Grade of B- or higher on the English exam
 - South Africa: National Senior Certificate: Grade of 60% or higher on the English Home Language exam or National Benchmark Test: Grade of 69 or higher on the English-version Academic Literacy portion

NOTE: Visa-seeking international citizens from these select countries are exempt from providing English Proficiency Test Scores with their application package:

- Antigua & Barbuda, Australia, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Malta, New Zealand, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago, United Kingdom

ATTENTION: Pikes Peak State is not issuing I-20's for the ESL program at this time. English proficiency scores must meet the requirement for degree courses without supplemental ESL courses. However, ESL courses can be taken **in addition** to the degree program as long as all requirements of the F-1 visa are met. Please contact your Pikes Peak State international representative for more information.

7) Financial Documentation

- Student's and/or guarantor's original bank statements dated within the last six months. The combination of all funds must be equal to or greater than the funds required for one academic year at PPSC, see the table below.
- An official translation if the documents are not in English.

| Required Funds for Academic Year 2024/2025 (9 months) | |
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| Single Independent Student | \$35,915 |
| Student with Housing Sponsor in the US | \$25,430 |
| Additional Funds for Dependents | \$5,000 for a spouse and \$5,000 for each child |
| Health Insurance (<i>not required but highly recommended</i>) | \$900 |

- If student has a financial guarantor:
 - Guarantor's Signed Financial Affidavit. Download a copy [here](#).
- If student has a housing sponsor in Colorado:
 - Notarized housing sponsor letter. Download a copy [here](#).
 - Copy of deed, mortgage statement, or lease to the residence that the student will be residing, in the name of the housing sponsor.

* If the property is rented and not owned by the housing sponsor, the housing sponsor may provide a copy of a lease with either the student listed as an approved occupant (*not as a tenant that owes rent*), *or* a lease and a statement from the property management company/landlord clarifying that the student will be residing at the property and will not owe funds for residing there.

- Please note: A **lease** must cover the **entirety** of the student's first academic year of their program. Otherwise, monthly housing funds of \$1,165/month must be shown in bank statements for the months that the lease does not cover.

Note for Transfer Students

The minimum GPA required to transfer to PPSC is 2.0. Students who have a terminated SEVIS record are not eligible for transfer to PPSC.

For detailed information on the application process, visit the [International Students](#) page.

For questions or to schedule an appointment, contact:

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