

WELCOME TO CUESTA COLLEGE

Located in the heart of California's Central Coast in scenic San Luis Obispo County, Cuesta College is highly regarded throughout the state of California for our excellent educational programs, such as Engineering, Computer Science, and International Business. Situated between Los Angeles and San Francisco, Cuesta College boasts two campuses and a center, all minutes from hiking trails, beaches, museums, and more. At Cuesta, international students will find a welcoming environment, a diverse student body, and robust academic offerings. We look forward to welcoming you to our college and to the Central Coast of California!

MEET SOFIA

"[The international students] became a little family, you know because we're not from here but we're living here. We have the same counselor, and she puts us in the same classes sometimes so we can be together. It's super nice. I was an exchange student in high school, so I made an international family when I was seventeen. And now that I'm in college and I'm able to do that again, it's amazing."

*Sofia
Communications
San Cristóbal, Venezuela*



APPLY ONLINE

www.cuesta.edu/admissionsaid/apply

Students must be 18 years of age or older prior to the term they will be attending. Students must maintain full-time enrollment status (12 credits +) during the entire term for Fall and Spring semesters.

After your online admission application has been processed, you will receive an email from the Admissions Office with your Cuesta student ID number and username/temporary password to Cuesta's web portal *myCuesta*. You will register and pay fees online via your *myCuesta* account including activating your Cuesta email.

See inside for the list of additional documents you need to complete the International Student Admission Process.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

Fall Semester:

January 1 to July 1

Spring Semester:

October 1 to December 1

Summer Session:

April 1 to May 1

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

bit.ly/cuestainternational

International Student Program Office
Student Services Center
Building 3100, Room 3131 B
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international@cuesta.edu



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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM AT CUESTA COLLEGE

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA



WHY CUESTA?

Cuesta College has a broad array of educational options! Home to over 83 degree programs, with 36 transfer degrees, Cuesta College can get you on track to pursue your educational goals, with a student to teacher ratio of 17:1. In addition, the Student Life and Leadership Department offers interactive, inclusive, and fun activities for all students. Cuesta has dozens of student clubs, in areas like nutrition, rodeo, and culture and social events are planned on campus throughout the year.

To support students, Cuesta College offers:

- Food Pantry
- Computer labs and Wi-Fi internet throughout campus
- Access to the Student Health Center
- Discounted bus fares with proof of full-time enrollment
- International Student Office
- Student Success Center (free tutoring)
- Library
- Counselors designated to help you transfer to other universities

HOUSING

Although Cuesta College does not have on-campus dormitories, we partner with many local housing communities. Off-campus housing options include:

- Student-dedicated dormitory-style furnished apartment buildings within 5 miles of campus, with professional management teams
- Apartments nearby and along established bus lines

SAMPLE COST TO ATTEND CUESTA COLLEGE

Here's a sample cost to attend full-time at Cuesta College (two semesters). Fees are subject to change by the State of California.

Application Fee*	\$100	Non-Resident Fee	
Enrollment Fee		\$290 x 24 units**	\$7,416
\$46 x 24 units**	\$1,104	Room and Board†	\$17,253
International Health Insurance Plan		Books and Supplies†	\$1,125
	\$1,080	Transportation†	\$918
Health Fee and Student Fees		Miscellaneous†	\$3,843
(health, student center and student rep fee)		TOTAL	\$32,959
	\$50		

LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

In addition to the online application to Cuesta College, the following documents are required for admission to the international student program.

- **International Student Application Form (Nonimmigrant F-1 VISA):** bit.ly/cuestaisoapplication
- **Certificate of Financial Responsibility:** bit.ly/cuestaisofinancial
F-1 student must have sufficient financial resources to cover full-time (12 credits) enrollment fees, housing, transportation, personal necessities, and other educational costs while attending Cuesta College.
- **Proof of English Proficiency**
Cuesta College requires all F-1 students applying for admission to submit proof of passing an English proficiency exam.

Options are: 1) TOEFL iBT-Test of English as a Foreign Language (required score minimums: internet-based total of 61, computer-based score of 173, or paper-based minimum of 500), 2) IELTS-International English Language Testing System (required minimum overall band score of 6), or 3) Duolingo (required minimum score of 85).

Exams must be completed within the year and official results submitted (sealed in original envelope or e-mailed directly from testing agency to Cuesta College).

Exception: Test requirement is waived if 1) your native language is English, 2) you have completed and passed the equivalent of college-level English composition at a US college or university, or 3) you have completed two or more years of secondary or higher education in an English-speaking country.

- **Transcripts of International Student Academic Records**
Submit certified official transcripts of academic records achieved during all prior high school and/or college attendance. Records outside of the U.S. must be translated into English and evaluated

by a recognized credential evaluation service, such as [SpanTran](#) or [ACEI](#) (Academic Credentials Evaluation Institute, Inc.). Do not submit transcripts by email or fax.

- **Tuberculosis Clearance** (*Do not submit X-ray film*)
Physician's certificate of negative skin test or a chest X-ray for tuberculosis must be completed within one year.
- **Copy of Valid Passport**
Applicants must submit a legible copy of their passport.
- **\$100.00 Application Fee**
Check or money order in U.S. dollars payable to Cuesta College, credit card payable in *myCuesta*. Email admit@cuesta.edu to request credit card charge be posted.

Submit International Student Application documents to Cuesta College

Postal mail to:

Cuesta College Admissions

P.O. Box 8106, San Luis Obispo CA 93403-8106

Email to:

international@cuesta.edu

NEXT STEPS

Once all of the above items are received and processed by our International Student Office, if admission criteria is met, students will be issued an I-20. This document will be necessary to pay the SEVIS fee and to apply for the F-1 Visa.

