

International Student Advising

- 1) Must be enrolled in 12 units each semester for a total of 24 units in an academic year.
- 2) Must have declared major which is offered at Cuyamaca College.
- 3) Courses must be taken at Cuyamaca College unless given permission to do otherwise.
- 4) If student wishes to take a class at another college, he/she must petition to do so.
Approval will be granted if a course is not offered at Cuyamaca.
- 5) We do not monitor students who are “on permission” from another college.
- 6) Add and dropping classes:
 - a) Adding and dropping courses can be done by the student until the second week of classes.
 - b) A “hold” is placed on the student’s record after the drop deadline has passed. The student must see a counselor to add or drop courses after this deadline.
 - c) A student must petition to drop below 12 units. Approval to drop below 12 units may be approved during the student’s **first** semester.
 - The student is having difficulty with ENGLISH language or reading requirements.
 - The student is unfamiliar with the American teaching methods.
 - The student had been placed in the improper course level.
 - The student needs less than a full course load to finish the degree program this semester, (needs 12units if he/she will be transferring to a University the following semester).
 - The student has proof on economic hardship.
 - The student has a medical reason for needing to be registered less than full time, (must have medical excuse on Physician official stationary).
- 7) Transfer
 - a) Students who wish to transfer to a University must meet the university’s requirements for admission for International Students.
 - b) Admission Application is usually different than regular applications.
 - c) SDSU requires a 550 on the TOFEL prior to admission.
 - SDSU will waive TOFEL if the students have been full time for two years at a community college. Full time is measured with transferable courses only and SDSU will not count ESL classes for full time status.
- 8) International students CANNOT work while they are here. However, they may work on campus if they are in good academic standing and after completing two semesters. International students may apply for “Optional Practical Training” once they finished their program of study. See International Counselor for additional information.
- 9) Reasons a student must fill out a International Student Petition:
 - a) Drop below 12 units, or add over 18
 - b) Optional Practical Training
 - c) Work on campus (not first semester!)
 - d) Change of major
 - e) Take classes at a different college
 - f) Below 2.0 gape.
 - g) Requesting recommendation for reinstatement by INS.