

International Student Admission Information

Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you for your interest in Gavilan College. We hope the enclosed material will be helpful to you and invite you to contact us if you have further questions. You may wish to visit our website at www.gavilan.edu to review the programs and courses offered at the College.

Gavilan College welcomes students from other countries. We are a two-year public community college accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges offering programs in the liberal arts, pre-professional business, vocational and technical fields. The campus is located in Northern California in Gilroy, thirty-five miles south of the city of San Jose, in a rural setting two miles from the downtown area. Here is some information you may find useful in making a decision about applying to Gavilan.

Housing and Public Transportation

Gavilan College does not have on-campus residential facilities. However, apartments are available in the surrounding area. Public transportation to the campus and around the Bay Area is available by bus and commuter train.

Fees

A non-refundable, one-time filing fee of \$100 U.S. dollars is required. Applicants must be prepared to pay all school fees and housing costs. Consult the enclosed tuition and fee schedule for current information. State or federal financial aid is not available to international students.

Health Insurance

International students must purchase and maintain health insurance coverage provided by Student Insurance International during the entire period of enrollment at Gavilan College.

Application Deadlines

Gavilan College's academic calendar is based on two semesters and a summer session.

- Fall Semester begins mid-August and ends in mid-December. Admissions deadline is May 15
- Spring Semester begins mid-January and ends in late May. Admissions deadline is September 15
- Summer session begins mid-June and ends in late July. Admissions deadline is March 15

Students applying within the United States should submit their application documents at least eight weeks before the beginning of the term.

All documents must be received before the deadline date. The applicant will be notified in approximately 3-5 weeks of the Admission decision.

NOTE: Applications to the Nursing or Cosmetology programs will not be accepted.

Application Information Your application to Gavilan College must include:

- Completed Gavilan application form and \$100 filing fee
- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) scores. A minimum score of 550 on the paper-based test, 213 on the computer-based test and 79 on the Internet-based test is required. For information regarding the TOEFL exam, contact Educational Testing Service at their website www.toefl.org. The "Institutional Code" for Gavilan College is 004678
- Completed Statement of Financial Support and financial statement from the bank of the person who will be financially responsible for you while you are in the United States

- Official transcripts of records from other colleges attended. These records must be translated into English and evaluated for equivalent credit and course content
- A small photograph of yourself
- Copies of F-1 visas and/or I-20 in your possession (only for Transfer students)

You Should Know....

- You must be 18 years of age or older to be admitted to Gavilan College.
- Students are required to attend Gavilan College for at least one year after being accepted and enrolled.
- Students with F-1 visas must enroll for 12 or more credit hours (units) each semester
- Gavilan students with F-1 visas may not apply for off-campus employment in the U.S.
- Upon arrival students will:
 - Check in with the Director in the Admissions and Records Office. Please bring your passport with the attached I-94.
 - Attend a college orientation to become familiar with Gavilan and its curriculum
 - Attend a placement assessment session. The placement assessment will measure proficiency in both English and Math. The results of this assessment will help the counselor to place the student in appropriate classes.
 - Schedule an appointment to meet with an academic counselor to select classes and develop an educational plan.
 - Register for classes. Enrollment fees must be paid at this time.

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