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Southwestern
Southwestern Welcomes International Students

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International Student Programs

at Southwestern were created specifically to ensure a successful educational and personal experience among our international students as well as to promote cross-cultural understanding. We are committed to helping international students adjust to a different educational and cultural environment.

Community

Southwestern Oregon Community College is a public, fully accredited, two-year community college that prepares international students to succeed in their education while embracing American culture fully in a vibrant community. Students can earn Associate degrees or complete short-term certificated programs in more than 50 academic subject areas. We also have an on-site Culinary Institute for pursuing a career in the Culinary and Baking & Pastry Arts. For students seeking to complete a Bachelor’s degree, Southwestern Oregon Community College is an excellent place to complete the first two years of a Bachelor’s degree (2+2 transfer preparation program) before transferring to a four-year university, such as University of Oregon or any of the Oregon State universities and other colleges and universities across the United States.

Southwestern Oregon Community College is located on the west coast of the United States, within two miles of the Pacific Ocean in an area of scenic beauty and mild climate. The 174-acre campus is located on the shore of Empire Lakes in a natural tract of coastal pine forest. The College and the city of Coos Bay provide students with a safe, peaceful environment in which to study with access to a variety of recreational activities including hiking, ATV riding, kayaking, surfing, and other exceptional opportunities for enjoying the outdoors.

Experience Southwestern! You will find a personal and caring atmosphere with faculty and staff who take an interest in you and your future.

For current information on admissions requirements check out our program at www.socc.edu/isp
Class size

Classes at Southwestern are kept small to ensure students have adequate contact with instructors. Normal size for lecture and discussion classes is 25-30; math, writing and speech classes have 20-25 students; and laboratories have 15-25 students.

Climate

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Clubs

- Campus Crusade for Christ
- CPU Club (computers)
- Culinary Club
- DI Ghosties (paranormal)
- Free Falling Club
- Gaming Club
- Geology Club
- Golden Z (service)
- Grilling (as in barbecue)
- Gay Straight Alliance
- International Students Club
- Judo Club
- Laker Looney Bin (cheer section)
- Music Club
- Nursing Club
- Open Hearts (fundraising)
- Phi Theta Kappa/Alpha Kappa Phi
- Rugby Club
- Soccer Club
- Trap Club (shooting)
- Youth Mentoring Program

Campus Activities

Southwestern’s campus is packed full of action with lots of organized student activities throughout the year. The Student Recreational Center offers a state-of-the-art Fitness Center, basketball and racquetball courts, and indoor rock climbing wall. Since Southwestern sits adjacent to a network of lakes, you can literally launch a canoe out your back door!
Konrad

I always wanted to do something challenging, meet new people and explore the world.

Last year I decided to quit my job in Germany and study abroad. I chose SWOCC because I have family living close by and I had the chance to play on the soccer team. I really enjoy it here and I do not regret my decision to come here! The instructors of the Fire Science Program are awesome and I enjoy every day at school. From the first day on I was accepted by other students, athletes and instructors and I really appreciate the help I get.

Konrad Kuchlbauer
Germany
Fire Science/Technology

Yumezo

My first college in US was in California and I enjoyed American life. But I felt I had to change the circumstance that I was always with many Japanese, speaking my native language. Last year I decided to transfer to SWOCC. People at SWOCC are awesome and kind, and here is a great environment to study and speak English for me.

Also, I am participating in the baseball program here. We have practice every afternoon, early morning work-outs three times a week, and I go to classes in the morning. To be honest, it is hard for me to combine baseball and schoolwork, but my days are full of excitement!

My goal is graduating from SWOCC, transferring to a four-year university, and winning the championship as a leading pitcher of the team. I’m very glad I came to SWOCC.

Yumezo Densaki
Japan
Associate of Arts/Oregon Transfer
Lower division collegiate transfer courses taken from these areas are transferable to four-year schools and/or fulfill requirements for the Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer Degree.

Career Technical Programs (Associate of Applied Science)

One Year or Less Certificate Programs, Career Pathways Certificates of Completion

* Many courses and degree specializations are available that are transferable to four-year schools and/or fulfill the requirements for the Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer Degree.
Pride

Southwestern takes pride in maintaining one of the most successful, consistent and appealing all-around athletic programs in the Northwest.

We are dedicated to cultivating young people as successful student-athletes. It’s a dedication that grows stronger with every challenge – a dedication unwavering in its pursuit of excellence.

Tradition

Southwestern was the first community college in Oregon. Since then, the Lakers have consistently fielded and maintained successful teams and programs.

Opportunity

International students have the opportunity to participate in any of ten different collegiate sports. Southwestern’s commitment to the student-athlete starts with the student. Academic success is of utmost importance for our student-athletes.
“Being at Southwestern has taught me that the SWOCC family works together from the classroom to the court and that leads to success.”

PJ Gardner
Sophomore
Two Year Starter
Team Captain for 2011-2012
From Oakland, CA
Athletics, whether individual or team sports, help students while they are in college and prepare them for life experiences. They are valuable because of enhanced physical and mental well-being, enjoyment derived from participation, increased ambition and pride.

Laker coaches have guided many athletes in the collegiate experience. Our graduates have gone on to finish their educations at colleges and universities from coast to coast. Each coach dedicates an enormous amount of time and effort to place their athletes at the next level. Participants from every Southwestern program have gone on to play and receive scholarships at the NCAA and NAIA level. Many doors have opened for former Lakers, including opportunities for competing in professional athletics, acting in television and movies, and professions such as medical doctors, dentists, teachers, coaches, modeling, lawyers, broadcasting, and many more professions. One of Southwestern’s goals is to help every student-athlete to be the best that he or she can be.

Kristina Hossley
Sophomore
Track
From North Bend, OR
NWAACC Track & Field Athlete of the Week 1: March 2011
NWAACC Track & Field Athlete of the Week 4: March 2011
Varsity Letter in Track and Field at Southwestern
Outstanding Female Athlete in Track & Field for 2010-2011
All-American Triple Jump 2012
School Record in the 100 Meter High Hurdles

“Take a leap with Southwestern Oregon Community College. You won’t regret the friendships and knowledge you gain from the staff, students, and coaches cheering you on to succeed.”

Commitment

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10 sports
16 teams

MEN’S
Baseball
Basketball
Cheer/Dance
Cross Country
Golf
Soccer
Track & Field
Wrestling

WOMEN’S
Basketball
Cheer/Dance
Cross Country
Golf
Soccer
Softball
Track & Field
Volleyball
Wrestling

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Southwestern Contacts

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Admissions  (541) 888-7636
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Athletic Department  (541) 888-7452  twoodworth@socc.edu
Educational Support Programs and Services  (541) 888-7405
  Advising, Counseling, Testing, ADA, Internships and Orientation
Oregon Coast Culinary Institute  (541) 888-7195/(877) 895-CHEF
Student First Stop  (541) 888-7352
  Registration, Student Records and Transcripts, Cashier and Student Accounts Receivable
Student Housing  (541) 888-7635
Student Life Coordinator  (541) 888-7316
Student Support Services  (541) 888-7419
Southwestern Curry County Location - Brookings  (541) 469-5017
Southwestern Curry County Location - Gold Beach  (541) 247-2741

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If you’re like most of our students, this will be the first time you’ve lived away from your friends and family. This can be a challenging and exhilarating time for you as Southwestern offers so many new living and learning experiences. Fortunately, you’ll be able to depend on Southwestern’s qualified staff to lend you a hand as you explore the College. Many Staff members serve Student Housing, a few of which Include: Resident Assistants, Resident Directors and the Housing Office Staff.

Resident Assistants (RAs) are second- or third-year student leaders who live throughout the student housing complex. They have not only experienced the day-to-day challenges and anxieties you may encounter as a student, but have also been specially trained to help you deal with them. RAs are here to help you adapt to your new living environment, as well as guide you through any issues that you may face as a college student. Academic difficulties, social stresses and food services are all areas in which a RA can help.

Resident Directors (RDs) are full-time, live-in staff members that serve the Student Housing Community in order to facilitate a safe and healthy living environment. Together with the Housing Office Staff, RDs and RAs work hard to create and maintain an environment where students can socialize and study.

Student Housing offers you an environment conducive to your development and growth academically, socially and personally. It is important to the college that you achieve your academic goals, and that you live and share experiences with other students in a community setting. Upon completion of coursework at Southwestern, you should have the skills necessary to advance in your educational and career endeavors.

Every international student attending Southwestern is required to live in student housing unless they have dependents, are 21 years of age or older prior to the first day of class, or if student housing is filled.

Because many of the students attending Southwestern are far from home, they may apply to stay on campus during a holiday or term break if they are pre-registered for the following term. An additional charge applies if you choose to stay on campus during winter break. Normally, you may leave your possessions in your room at no charge during the winter and spring breaks only if you are returning to the same room the following term.
Southwestern’s student housing apartments are located at the west edge of campus along the shore of beautiful Empire Lake. Just over a walking bridge is Empire Hall, home to the dining hall, student government, meeting rooms and the Hales Center for Performing Arts.

The units have private and shared bedrooms, two shared bathrooms and a shared living room, kitchen, dining room, balcony or patio and storage space. Each apartment is furnished with a kitchen table and four chairs, a sofa and love seat, two end tables and a coffee table. Kitchens have a full-size stove and refrigerator.

Each bedroom features an 80-inch twin bed and mattress, desk, chair, dresser and closet with shelves. Bed lofting kits and extra dressers are available for an additional fee per term. You receive local telephone service with your own number, a mailbox, Internet access and satellite TV service. These amenities and your utilities are all included in the basic room rate.

The Lighthouse Depot is the common area in the student housing complex. It has a laundromat, kitchen with appliances, a 42-inch wide screen in the lounge area and a game room. Located outside is a covered patio, barbecue, sand volleyball pit and a basketball court. The mail room, two additional laundromats, a 24/7 quiet study lounge and a 24/7 computer room are conveniently located across the street from the Lighthouse Depot.

You should bring bed linens (mattress pads are mandatory), area rugs, plants and anything that will turn your room and apartment into your home. We’ll send a detailed checklist with your room assignment. Sorry, but pets are strictly forbidden.

Room assignments are made primarily by matching responses on the Student Housing Application and Room and Board Agreements (the Roommate and Apartment matching section). To request a specific roommate(s), please submit your applications at approximately the same time and make sure the request is mutual. Student Housing assigns rooms on a first-come, first-served basis according to the date we receive your reservation deposit and application.

Southwestern’s food service provider serves three scheduled meals per day Monday through Friday in the Empire Hall cafeteria, and brunch and dinner on Saturday and Sunday. If you live in student housing, a minimum meal plan is included in the cost of student housing. Other meal plan options are available.

Southwestern also tries to meet the special dietary requirements of students. If you have special needs in this area, arrangements should be made with the Housing Office prior to attending Southwestern.
Safety

How safe is Southwestern? Very safe — Southwestern is located in a rural area with a low crime rate. For added safety, Campus Security officers patrol the campus 24 hours a day.

Your Apartment

Sizes:
These are the average sizes of the following rooms.
- Private/single room: 9 x 13 feet
  2.7 x 4.0 meters
- Shared/double room: 11 x 14 feet
  3.4 x 4.3 meters
Affordable Cost

Tuition and fees at Southwestern are much lower than those at 4-year colleges and universities.

Tuition for international students is a good value and can be estimated at $10,032 per academic year (3 terms).

All costs are preliminary and are subject to change for 2013-2014; additional costs may be added for childcare, computers, mileage and other educational expenses on a case-by-case basis.

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2 Years at Southwestern
+
2 Years at a University of your choice
=
Bachelors Degree!
It’s your Education

Choosing which college to attend is one of the most important decisions you will make.

We strongly encourage you to “visit” our campus using our virtual tour tool. See for yourself what life at Southwestern is all about. Go to:


And check out the photo gallery at:

http://www.socc.edu/isp/pgs/gallery

All students are assigned an academic advisor to assist them in the degree selection process and provide ongoing assistance until completion of their chosen program.

The College’s counseling center has excellent personnel to help match students with the resources to meet their individual needs. Southwestern offers tutoring, supplementary instruction, writing labs, math labs, quiet study rooms, financial aid workshops and a course in college success for student-athletes.

Southwestern provides excellent student services:

- Professional, one-on-one assistance on academic and immigration advising
- Free tutoring and writing center support

Contact the International Student Programs today at:

isp@socc.edu
Phone 1.541.888.7185
Admissions Information for International Students

All applicants for F-1 student status must provide the following documents:

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<td>Complete the International Student Application.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Official High School Diploma or transcript and universities transcripts.</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>English Proficiency: TOEFL Score (45+ iBT or 450+ PBT or 133+CBT), or a 5.0 bandwidth academic score on the IELTS test, or STEP EIKEN Grade 2A.</td>
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<td>Official Bank Statement showing funds of USD $19,546.*</td>
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<td>Signed Sponsor Affidavit.</td>
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<td>Housing Application (signed).</td>
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<td>Copy of MMR Immunization Record.</td>
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<td>$290 fees ($40 Non-refundable International Application fee and $250 refundable housing deposit) payable to Southwestern Oregon Community College (check or money order drawn against a U.S. bank) or complete FeePaymentByCreditCard form.</td>
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<td>Copy of Passport if available.</td>
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<td>Proof of Medical Insurance (before or within 2 weeks of arrival in the U.S.).</td>
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*Note: Tuition and fees are subject to increase each term.
Admission Deadlines
(Including all Documents and Admission Fees)

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*If you can’t meet the above dates please contact the International Student Programs office at isp@socc.edu for additional help.

Fees

Payments are made at the Student First Stop Center located in Dellwood Hall. There is not a deferred payment plan available for international students. Payment in full must be made by the end of the first week of classes each term.

Payment options include:
- Cash or Money Order
- Visa/Master Card
- Wire transfer (Contact the ISP office for necessary information)
- Check (U.S. bank only)

Financial assistance for international students tends to be limited due to the fact that most financial aid is based on U.S. government funding that requires an individual to be either a U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident.

If you have any questions about your student account or payments, contact the International Student Programs office at (541) 888-7185 or (800) 962-2838 x7185. You may also contact Southwestern’s Student First Stop Center at (541) 888-7352 or (800) 962-2838, ext: 7352.
Visas
Once accepted to Southwestern, our admissions office will issue you an I-20 form which makes it possible for you to obtain an F-1 Visa. For additional information and help in obtaining your I-20 form please contact our International Student Programs office or Southwestern’s Admissions office.

Traveling to Coos Bay
If you are traveling by plane, you will either fly into the Portland (PDX) or San Francisco International Airports (SFO). From there you will need to take a shuttle flight to the North Bend Airport (OTH) in Oregon. Please contact the ISP office in advance if you need to be picked up at the North Bend Airport; there is no charge for this service. If you will be flying into any other airport, you will be responsible for your own transportation to Coos Bay.
You can also reach Southwestern by traveling on a Greyhound bus (www.greyhound.com). Please contact the ISP office (1-541-888-7185) in advance if you need to be picked up at the bus station in Coos Bay; there is no charge for this service. It is also possible to fly into Eugene, Oregon (a 2.5 hour drive from the College). If you will be driving from Portland, allow approximately 5 hours. If you need any other assistance with your travel arrangements, feel free to contact the ISP office.

Student Orientation
The ISP office organizes an International Student Orientation event that is held each year to help students with placement tests, connect with their academic advisor to plan their class schedule, and register for classes. Students can also set up bank accounts, get Oregon identification and settle into student housing. Orientation is a vital time for gathering needed information for academic success and for making new friends. This event is beneficial and required for all international students.

Health Insurance
All international students must have health insurance. You can purchase coverage yourself or through the College with the current plan offered. Please contact the ISP office with specific requirements.

Mail
You will receive a letter from the Housing Office about one month before your move-in date. This letter will include information about your housing assignment, mailing address and personal phone number. Please do not send personal belongings through the mail to campus ahead of your arrival.