

## Overseas U.S. Citizen and Immigrant Student Assistance Program (OCISAP) International Student Programs



Thank you for your interest in De Anza College. De Anza is considered one of the top community colleges in the country, especially known for its excellent academic programs, outstanding student services, high transfer rates to excellent 4-year universities, and a great location in the heart of Silicon Valley and the San Francisco Bay Area.

OCISAP is a program designed to assist students who are either U.S. citizens or permanent residents who have lived abroad for most of their lives. These students may have received all or part of their secondary education from a local school or an American or International school in other countries. Given your international experiences, De Anza understands that you may have special questions or need some assistance in adjusting to the U.S. educational system.

As a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, you are regarded as a Domestic Student and are classified as a non-California resident for tuition purposes for at least the first year. The International Student Programs office at De Anza will be glad to assist you with general questions. But for more detailed information, please contact the offices listed below. Please check the De Anza Web site ([www.deanza.edu](http://www.deanza.edu)) that contains our college and class schedule along with descriptions of our services, faculty directory, and more.

### Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

***Q: How should I apply to De Anza College? Is TOEFL required?***

A: Go to De Anza's website ([www.deanza.edu/admissions](http://www.deanza.edu/admissions); [www.deanza.edu/admissions/appregmenu](http://www.deanza.edu/admissions/appregmenu)) and apply with the Domestic Student Application Form, or contact the Student Outreach Office and request an application packet. TOEFL is not required.

***Q: I have completed a 13<sup>th</sup> year, AP courses, or IB program in my high school abroad. Can I get advanced credits for these courses?***

A: Advanced credits will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Provide documentation (transcript, exam results, etc.) to your counselor for review. ([www.deanza.edu/admissions/faq](http://www.deanza.edu/admissions/faq))

***Q: When can I see a counselor to select my courses?***

A: You should apply to De Anza first. Upon arrival in San Francisco, come to De Anza and take the placement test(s), attend the Counseling 100 class, and see a counselor or adviser to assist you with selecting classes and creating an Education Plan. ([www.deanza.edu/counseling](http://www.deanza.edu/counseling); [www.deanza.edu/admissions/placement](http://www.deanza.edu/admissions/placement))

***Q: Are there any orientation programs for new students?***

A: All new students are required to attend the Orientation to College class (Counseling 100) prior to the start of your first term. Register for this class you're your country first. ([www.deanza.edu/counseling/coun100.pdf](http://www.deanza.edu/counseling/coun100.pdf); [www.deanza.edu/counseling/newstudents](http://www.deanza.edu/counseling/newstudents))

***Q: Am I eligible for financial aid as a returning U.S. citizen or recent immigrant?***

A: Specific criteria determine a student's eligibility for financial aid, and there are many types of aids: grants, loans, work-study, fee waivers and scholarships. You can speak to an adviser at De Anza's Financial Aid Office for assistance or check their website ([www.deanza.edu/financialaid](http://www.deanza.edu/financialaid)) to see if you qualify for financial aid.

***Q: How do I report my parents' income on the FAFSA if they live in another country?***

A: Please convert their income to U.S. dollars on the FAFSA if they filed foreign income tax.

***Q: How do I know if I pay resident or non-resident fees?***

A: De Anza is a California public institution; hence there are two types of fee structures based on residency. A student can become a resident of California upon meeting certain requirements. Check your status with De Anza's Residency Office. ([www.deanza.edu/admissions/residency](http://www.deanza.edu/admissions/residency))

***Q: Does De Anza College offer any dormitories or boarding?***

A: Like most community colleges, De Anza does not have any dormitories on campus. There are plenty of apartments and shared housing to choose from near the college. ([www.deanza.edu/housing](http://www.deanza.edu/housing)) Students can also apply for homestay through International Students Placement ([www.isphomestays.com](http://www.isphomestays.com)).

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