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Los Angeles

For International Students

Application Documents



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Introduction and Application Process

LAIAD (the Los Angeles Institute of Architecture and Design) and **WLAC** (West Los Angeles College) have formed a partnership to offer an architecture program for F-1 VISA international students.

International students who wish to study architecture or design at **LAIAD** must have a F-1 VISA to study in the USA. **Therefore you must also apply to WLAC** (West Los Angeles College), because WLAC is U.S. Immigration Service certified for the issuing of I-20 to receive a F-1 student VISA to study in the USA.

Students who are accepted into this program and who require an F-1 Visa must take a **MINIMUM of 12 Units** per Semester as follows:

- 6 units at West (general education) per semester and
- 6 units at LAIAD (architecture) per semester

Application process: *You will need to complete all West and LAIAD application documents (all pages of this document).* In order to apply for Spring 2012 all application materials must be received by **December 1, 2011.**

You may return your documents by email, hand delivery, or regular mail / fedex

Email: GreerKL@wlaac.edu

Hand Delivery: Admissions and Records, Building A-13

Mail or Fedex: Kathleen Greer
West Los Angeles College
International Student Center 9000 Overland Avenue
Culver City, CA 90230-3519
USA
TEL: 310-287-4312

Additional Information can be found here: http://www.wlaac.edu/international_online

Information on studying on campus at West Los Angeles College (with F-1 Student VISA) can be found at: <http://www.wlaac.edu/international/f1visa/index.html>

WLAC Application Questions

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LAIAD Architecture Program Questions

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0. Application Checklist

1. WLAC APPLICATION

2. \$35 NONREFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE. (CASHIER’S CHECK, MONEY ORDER, CREDIT CARD, OR WIRE TRANSFER. PAYABLE TO WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE. We do not accept personal checks.)

3. PHOTOGRAPH. Submit one passport style photo taken within last six months.

4. LAIAD APPLICATION

5. STUDENT INFORMATION FORM.

6. STUDENT AGREEMENT FORM.

7. CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES

- a. Bank Statements or other financial documents verifying \$22,850 available per year for student
- b. If funds are from a U.S. bank, submit an Affidavit of Support Form I-134 www.uscis.gov

8. TRANSCRIPTS. Send all that apply: FOREIGN SECONDARY DIPLOMA, U.S. HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY

9. CITIZENSHIP PASSPORT. If you have a passport, send a copy.

10. U.S. VISA. If you have a visa, send a copy.

11. I-20. If you have attended U.S. institutions, send copy of I-20 from each school.

12. EVIDENCE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY. Verify with:

- a. WLAC Language Academy assessment
- b. WLAC ESL assessment level 5 or above
- c. English is your native language
- d. Attendance at a U.S. high school for a minimum of two years
- e. Attendance at a U.S. college or university with a passing grade in English 101 or equivalent
- f. International Baccalaureate with an English Language score of 3 or better
- g. TOEFL minimum score of 450 PBT or 45 IBT; WLAC TOEFL Code is 4964
- h. IELTS minimum score of 4.5
- i. iTEP minimum score of 4
- j. STEP-Eiken minimum score for 2nd grade of at least 75% and Results Pass
- k. Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) score of “C” or better
- l. Cambridge General Certificate of Education reflecting A Level Placement

13. AUTHORIZATION TO ACCESS YOUR RECORDS (OPTIONAL). This form allows someone to pick up your I-20 and/or also to have information about your records.

14. STUDENT STATUS VERIFICATION FORM. If you are transferring from another U.S. institution, submit this form to the International Advisor at your current school or last school of attendance. Ask Advisor to FAX to 310-287-4327.

We will accept photocopies. If sending by email, please resize the .jpg image. Do not attach large files.

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1. WLAC Application

FOR ADMISSION BEGINING:

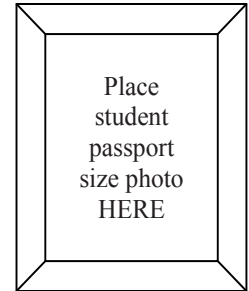
Fall Semester 20_____

Spring Semester 20_____

APPLICATION STATUS:

Freshman (*new student, no previous college units*)

Transfer (*previous US college/university*)



(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE)

Student Name _____, _____
Must match passport Last (Family Name) First Name Middle

Date of Birth ____/____/____ **Age** _____ **Male** _____ **Female** _____
 Month Day Year

Country of Birth _____ **Country of Citizenship** _____

Student's Foreign Address (Mandatory) _____ **Student's United States Address (if currently living in US)** _____

Student's Home Phone _____ **Student's Cell Phone** _____

Student's Major _____ **Email Address** _____@_____

If a dependents (spouse/child) is traveling with you, please provide all above information for your dependents.

High school last attended (indicate name, city and country)

_____ **Graduation month/year** _____

College/University last attended (indicate name, city and country) **NONE**

_____ **Graduation month/year** _____

Father's Name _____ **Mother's Name** _____

Parent's Address (if different) _____ **Telephone** _____

Have you applied to WLAC Campus before? Yes _____ No _____ Semester _____ Year _____

If yes, do you have an WLAC Student ID # (if not, leave blank) _____ - _____ - _____



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List in Chronological order the names and location of all institutions attended in the United States. CHECK IF NONE

Table with 5 columns: INSTITUTIONS (School Name), LOCATION (City, State), ENROLLED FROM (Month / Year), ENROLLED TO (Month / Year), UNITS COMPLETED (Semester, Quarter)

TOEFL/IELTS Score Date Taken (Please submit an official score, institution code 8596)

I have met the English requirement through another method. Please explain:

Agent/Representative assisting with the application. CHECK IF NONE

Agent Name Mr Ms Telephone Number

Agent Address Agent Email Address @

Address for I-20 to be Mailed (WLAC Acceptance): Student Agent Other

This Section to be completed by Students who are currently in the United States ONLY

Your current status? F-1 B-1/B-2 H-1 J-1 Other

Are you pending for a Change of Status? Yes No Other

If F-1, which school issued the I-20 form for your student visa?

What is the expiration date for your student visa?

If on a tourist visa (B1/B2) what is your date of entry and expiration date of I-94?

(Please submit copies of both sides of your I-94)

Passport issue date Expiration date

Do you plan to travel outside the U.S. prior to the beginning of the semester? Yes No

If yes, please indicate date of travel:

Any special circumstances we should be aware of:

STUDENT CERTIFICATION - I declare under penalty of perjury that all information on this form is correct. I understand that falsifying or withholding information required on this form shall institute grounds for dismissal. I agree to enroll for a minimum of two semesters (24 units) at West Los Angeles College.

Signature of Student Date

MAIL TO: West Los Angeles College - International Student Program 9000 Overland Avenue | Culver City, CA 90230, USA www.WLAC.edu/International Phone: (310) 287-4312 Fax: (310) 287-4327

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: () Email () Regular () TOEFL () Fair () Agent Initial Date



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2. APPLICATION FEE

NONREFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE

(CASHIER'S CHECK, MONEY ORDER, CREDIT CARD, OR WIRE TRANSFER. **PAYABLE TO WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE.** We do not accept personal checks.)

ATTACH TO WLAC APPLICATION

3. PHOTOGRAPH

PHOTOGRAPH. Submit one passport style photo taken within last six months.

ATTACH TO WLAC APPLICATION



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4. LAIAD Application

- Academic Year: [] 2011 / 2012
[] 2012 / 2013
Semester: [] Fall (September)
[] Spring (February)
[] Summer (June)

- Architecture Transfer Program
Graduate Preparation Program
American Space Program
Interior Design Program

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name
Current Mailing Address
Permanent Mailing Address (If different)
Fax Home Phone
Birth date Cell Phone
E-Mail Address

2. EDUCATION - HIGH SCHOOL (Transcripts may be required at a later date)

High School Attended
Address
Date of Graduation Grade Point Average

3. EDUCATION - COLLEGE (If Attended) (transcripts may be required at a later date)

College Attended
Address
Phone
Date of Graduation Grade Point Average

Signature Date

For information about LAIAD

Telephone: 213.251.4500
Web: www.laiad.com
E-mail: wtaylor@laiad.com



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5. Student Information Form for F-1 Visa at West Los Angeles College

Last Name (Family Name): _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Email: _____

Gender: _____ Female _____ Male

Birthday (month/day/year): _____

Country of Birth: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____

Do you have dependents (spouse and/or child) who will live with you in the U.S.? _____ No _____ Yes
If yes, please include a copy of their passport(s) with your application documents.

Country of Citizenship Address

Street and House/Apartment Number: _____

City: _____

Province or Territory: _____

Country: _____ Postal Code: _____

U.S. Address if Currently in the United States

Street and House/Apartment Number: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Postal Code: _____

Educational Goals

Major (subject you want to study at West): _____

Do you plan to transfer to a four-year university? _____ Yes _____ No

Do you plan to earn a certificate and/or AA degree? _____ Yes _____ No

Have you attended a university in your home country? _____ Yes _____ No

Did you earn a degree? _____ Yes _____ No

If you have earned a degree, what was the degree major/subject? _____

Signature: _____ Date (month/day/year) _____



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6. International Student Agreement Form for West Los Angeles College

IF I AM ADMITTED AS A STUDENT TO WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE, I AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

- GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA): I will maintain at least a 2.0 GPA and I will seek advisement from the Counseling Center and the Learning Resources Center for assistance, as needed.
• 12-UNIT MINIMUM: I will enroll in a minimum of 12 units each semester for Fall and Spring. I understand that I am permitted but not required to enroll during Winter and Summer sessions.
• EMPLOYMENT: I will accept employment only with approval from U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) and West Los Angeles College.
• ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: I will take any required tests to determine English language proficiency and I will enroll in any classes required by the College to improve my English ability.
• TUITION AND FEES: I agree to pay tuition and fees at the time of registration. I have provided official bank documents verifying that I have sufficient funds in the amount of \$18,300 per year to cover tuition and fees and living expenses.
• CHANGE OF INFORMATION REPORTED TO INTERNATIONAL ADVISOR: I will report within 10 days any changes to the following:
• CHANGE OF INFORMATION REPORTED TO ADMISSIONS AND RECORDS: I will report within 10 days any changes to the following:
• F-1 VISA REGULATIONS: I will review and remain in compliance with all SEVIS rules and regulations
• STUDENT CONDUCT: I agree to follow the laws, policies, rules, and regulations set by the LACCD Board for student conduct and behavior.

STUDENT STATEMENT AND SIGNATURE

"I understand that if I fail to meet any of the above conditions or if I have submitted any misleading information, documents or statements with my application, WEST may notify SEVIS that my approval has been cancelled and may cancel or terminate my I-20. I have read and understand the above conditions and agree to them without qualification."

Student (print name): _____

Student Signature: _____

Date (month/day/year): _____



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7. Confidential Financial Statement for West Los Angeles College

Please print clearly in black ink. Submit document with original signatures. All sections must be completed and signed. Incorrect, blank or misleading statements may result in denial of your application or, if you are admitted, your dismissal from West Los Angeles College.

Full Name: Last (Family Name) First Middle

Semester / Year for which you are applying: Fall Semester / Year: Spring Semester / Year:

Source of financial support while studying at West Los Angeles College (check all that apply):

My own funds; Funds from sponsor (see Section B); Government scholarship (submit award letter)

Submit the following required documents:

- Bank Statement or other financial evidence not older than 4 months for each account that will be used to verify funds
if funds are in a foreign bank and an account statement is unavailable, include an official Bank Letter verifying account balance
if funds are in a US bank, also include a Form I-134 (printable form: www.uscis.gov).

Does your government have restrictions regarding the release of funds outside of your country? Yes No

Total sum funds PER YEAR in U.S. dollars: From Student: \$ From Sponsor: \$

SECTION A: Student - Statement and Signature

I fully understand that I have agreed to provide verification of funds in the amount of \$22,850 US and I agree to pay tuition and fees upon registration. I understand that an additional \$4,000 is required for each dependent (spouse/child). I agree to provide bank statement not older than 4 months. I will provide these documents for each bank account used to finance my educational and living expenses. I understand that I am not permitted to be employed without USCIS and WLAC approval and I understand that I must maintain full time status of 12 units per semester for Fall and Spring. I agree to comply with rules and regulations pertaining to my F-1 visa. I certify that the statements on this form are correct and complete.

Student Signature:

Date (month/day/year):

SECTION B: Sponsor - Statement and Signature

I guarantee that the funds stated below will be provided each year for tuition, fees and living expenses for the above named applicant for duration of status as an F-1 visa student to study in the United States at West Los Angeles College. I also verify that these funds, if outside the United States, are permitted to be released outside the country to the US to meet the commitment defined in Sections A and B. I understand that failure to provide funds for payment of tuition and fees at time of registration may result in the student's dismissal from WLAC. I agree to provide verification of funds by submitting a bank statement or other financial evidence not older than 4 months. I will provide a Form I-134, if applicable. I certify that the statements on this form are correct and complete.

Does your government have restrictions regarding the release of funds outside of your country? Yes No

Total sum I agree to provide PER YEAR in US dollars:

Phone: Cell Phone:

Email:

Address:

Relationship to applicant: Occupation:

Sponsor Country of Citizenship:

Sponsor Name (print clearly):

Sponsor Signature:

Date (month/day/year): Rev 08/18/2010



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Estimated Fees and Expenses for International Students - Spring 2012

TUITION AND FEES			
BASED UPON THE 12 UNIT MINIMUM PER SEMESTER			
TYPE OF FEE	AMOUNT	COST FOR 1 SEMESTER	COST FOR 2 SEMESTERS
WLAC - 6 Units per semester			
WLAC - International Tuition	\$207 per unit	\$1,242	\$2,484
WLAC - Enrollment Fee	\$36 per unit	\$216	\$432
WLAC - SEVIS	\$25 per semester	\$25	\$50
WLAC - Medical - Insurance	\$498 for 6 Months	\$498	\$996
WLAC - Health Service	\$11 per semester	\$11	\$22
WLAC - Student Representation	\$1 per semester	\$1	\$2
	Sub-total - WLAC Cost	\$1,993	\$3,986
LAIAD - 6 Units per semester			
LAIAD - Tuition	per semester	\$4,442	\$8,884
LAIAD - Enrollment Fee	One-time	\$150	\$0
LAIAD - STRF Fees	per semester	\$112	\$224
	Sub-total LAIAD Cost	\$4,704	\$9,108
	TOTAL	\$6,697	\$13,094

ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL FEES			
TYPE OF FEE	AMOUNT	COST FOR 1 SEMESTER	COST FOR 2 SEMESTERS
WLAC - Parking	\$20 per semester	\$20	\$40
WLAC - Associated Students Org	\$7 per semester	\$7	\$14
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES			
TYPE OF FEE	AMOUNT	COST FOR 1 SEMESTER	COST FOR 2 SEMESTERS
Equipment /Books/Supplies	\$700 per semester	\$700	\$1,400
Living Expenses	\$4150 per semester	\$4,150	\$8,300
	TOTAL	\$4,877	\$9,754

TOTAL FEES AND EXPENSES			
INCLUDING OPTIONAL FEES AND ESTIMATED EXPENSES			
		COST FOR 1 SEMESTER	COST FOR 2 SEMESTERS
		\$11,574	\$22,848

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8. Transcripts

Send all that apply:

FOREIGN SECONDARY DIPLOMA, U.S. HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY

9. Citizenship Passport

If you have a passport, send a copy

10. U.S. Visa

If you have a Visa, send a copy

11. I-20

If you have attended U.S. institutions, send copy of I-20 from each school.

12. Evidence of English Language Proficiency

Verify with:

- a. West Language Academy assessment
 - b. WLAC ESL assessment level 5 or above
 - c. English is your native language
 - d. Attendance at a U.S. high school for a minimum of two years
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13. Authorization to Access Your Records (OPTIONAL)

To: International Advisor
West Los Angeles College

I authorize the person named below to pick up my I-20 from the International Student Services office:

Name: _____

Telephone #: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Student Name (please print clearly): _____

Student Signature: _____

Date (month/day/year): _____

I authorize the person named below to have access to my records:

Name: _____

Telephone #: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Student Name (please print clearly): _____

Student Signature: _____

Date (month/day/year): _____



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14. Student Status Verification Form

TO THE STUDENT: Complete top portion and submit to your current International Advisor.

Last Name (family): _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Gender: ___ Male ___ Female Birth Date (month/day/year): _____

SEVIS Number: _____ SEVIS release (month/day/year): _____

Signature: _____

Date (month/day/year): _____

TO THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISOR: Please FAX to 310-287-4327. This is to verify that the above named student has applied to WEST. The student will notify you if they wish to transfer. Please verify their acceptance to WEST prior to transfer in SEVIS. In SEVIS, search for Los Angeles Community College District and then select West Los Angeles College LOS214F00969000.

Name of Institution : _____

Address: _____

SEVIS School Code: _____

Dates of Attendance: From _____ to _____

Did the student maintain a full course of study: ___ yes ___ no

If "no", please explain: _____

Is the student currently in status? ___ yes ___ no

If not in status, please explain: _____

Has the student applied for OPT? ___ yes ___ no

Name (please print): _____

Signature and Title : _____

Date: _____ Phone (include area code): _____

Email: _____