

Tuition and Expenses

Below is a list of estimated expenses for an international student attending Bishop State. International students are required to pay out-of-state (non-resident) tuition and register for a minimum of 12 credit hours. Actual expenses may vary. The following amounts are subject to change without notice and do not include dependent expenses.

Nine (9) Months of Funding

Tuition/Fees \$6,700 (12 credit hours)

Living Expenses \$7,500

Insurance Fee \$800

Total \$15,000*

*Dependent expenses are set at an additional \$3,000 per year.

Health Insurance

All international students are required to purchase a health insurance plan through Bishop State Community College. The cost of the health insurance is paid per semester, which is included in the tuition/fee schedule. International student insurance policies are required to provide up to \$250,000 for major medical insurance as well as medical evacuation and repatriation. **Please note no other insurance plan will be accepted without prior approval of the Bishop State Office of International Students.**



Why choose Bishop State Community College?

- Bishop State is a state-supported, open-admission, urban community college located in downtown Mobile, Alabama.
- Bishop State offers rolling admission for fall, spring, and summer semesters, accepting applications year-round.
- Bishop State is a fully accredited state institution where students can take courses in academic or technical divisions.
- Bishop State has strong transfer partnerships with colleges and universities around the state for students wanting to continue their education at a four-year university.
- Bishop State has strong partnerships with businesses and industries along the Gulf Coast who are ready to hire Bishop State's technical graduates.
- Bishop State has affordable tuition costs with one of the lowest rates in the state.
- Bishop State has a diverse student, faculty, and staff population which provides rich on-campus cultural experiences and learning opportunities.

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Nondiscrimination Policy

It is the policy of the Alabama Community College System, its Board of Trustees, and Bishop State Community College, a postsecondary institution under its control, that no person shall be discriminated against on the basis of any impermissible criterion or characteristic, including, without limitation, race, color, national origin, religion, marital status, disability, sex, age or any other protected class as defined by federal and state law.



A Great Place To **Start™**

International Student Program



Office Hours:

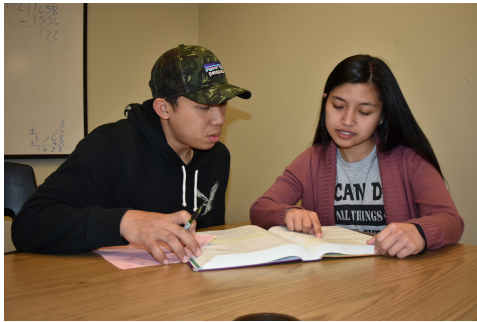
Monday - Thursday

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

A Member of the Alabama Community College System



Welcome

Bishop State welcomes you as it has welcomed hundreds of students since its establishment in 1927. We take pride in providing our international students an opportunity to gain a quality education at an affordable price. The College offers a wide variety of courses in its academic and technical divisions. Some of the courses Bishop State offers include:

- Accounting Technology
- Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Technology
- Automotive Body Repair Technology
- Automotive Technology
- Barbering
- Culinary Arts
- Computer Information Systems
 - Application Development
 - Cyber Defense Networking
 - Management Info. Systems
- Cosmetology
- Diesel Technology
- Drafting & Design Technology
- Early Childhood Education
- Electrical Technology
- Electrical Engineering Technology
- Graphic Communications Technology
 - Animation
 - Photography
 - Advanced Video
- Health Information Technology (HIT)
- Nursing (RN)
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Welding
- ...and many more!

Admission Requirements & Information

Students must contact the Office of International Students to apply for admission to Bishop State Community College before enrolling in a course.

Students are responsible for securing private housing and paying out-of-state tuition. **There is no housing on the Bishop State Community College campus, and housing within walking distance is very limited. Apartments are available within driving distance.**

There is no financial aid available for international students.

Bishop State Community College accepts international students who have an F-1 VISA and other non-immigrant VISA categories who meet the academic, language, and financial requirements outlined below. Please contact the International Student Advisor for additional information.

First Time-Freshman must have:

1. **Application for Admission** in English
2. **Official High School Transcript** (Must have graduation date, school seal, and translated in English).
3. **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL - minimum internet-based score of 61) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS - minimum score of 5.5)**
 - The scores must be mailed directly to the Office of International Students.
 - The TOEFL and IELTS tests are not administered at Bishop State.
4. **Affidavit of Financial Support or Bank Statement or Bank Letterhead** showing a minimum of \$15,000 (USD) and must be dated within six (6) months of the first date of class attendance.
5. **Current copy of Passport.**

Once all required documents are received, the Form I-20 will be printed and given to the student to obtain an F-1 student VISA at the nearest U. S. Consulate of their home country.

Transfer Student must have:

Any international student who has attended an accredited college or university may be considered for admission as a transfer student. Transfer students must comply with all requirements listed under **First Time-Freshman** and must also provide the following:

1. **Official transcripts** from all previously attended colleges and universities mailed directly to Bishop State Community College.
2. Provide a **Transfer Clearance Form** completed by the student and signed by the appropriate administrator from the college previously attended. This ensures that the student has remained IN-STATUS at the previous college.
3. Current copy of **F-1 VISA, Passport, and I-94.**

For complete information on admission into the international student program, visit our website www.bishop.edu and click on International Student Program under the Student Services tab.

All foreign transcripts must be evaluated by an approved transcript evaluation service. Bishop State recommends students use World Education Services (WES) (www.wes.org/students). The international student will be responsible for contacting WES and requesting a copy of the evaluation be mailed to the Office of International Students at Bishop State Community College.