Tuition and Expenses

Below is a list of estimated expenses for an international student attending Bishop State. International students are required to pay nonresident (out of state) tuition and take 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

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<th>Item</th>
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<td>Tuition/Fees</td>
<td>6,700.00 (12 credit hours)</td>
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<td>Living Expenses</td>
<td>7,500.00</td>
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Total $15,000.00*

*Dependent expenses are set at an additional $3,000 per year. Expenses are subject to change.

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 policies are required to provide up to $250,000 major medical insurance as well as medical evacuation and repatriation. **Please note that no other insurance plan will be accepted without prior approval of the BSCC Office of International Students.**

Why choose Bishop State Community College

- Bishop State Community College is a state-supported, open-admission, urban community college located in Mobile, Alabama.
- Fully accredited state institution offering a variety of two-year academic college transfer degree programs and vocational/technical degree and certificate programs.
- Rolling admissions for Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters.
- University transfer programs for students wanting to continue their education at a four-year school.
- Strong International Student Support Services
- Affordable tuition costs
- Diverse community
- Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSC).

Bishop State Community College

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Welcome

Establishing a line of communication with our international students is very important to us.

Bishop State Community College offers a wide range of academic college transfer degree programs which can provide the first two years of a four-year college/university degree and of vocational-technical degree and certificate programs designed to lead directly to employment after one or two years of study. The programs offered include:

- Accounting Technology
- Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Technology
- Automotive Body Repair Technology
- Automotive Technology
- Commercial Food Service
- Computer Information Systems
- Cosmetology
- Diesel Technology
- Drafting & Design Technology
- Early Childhood Education
- Electrical Technology
- Electronics Engineering Technology
- Graphic Communications Technology
- Health Information Technology
- Nursing (RN)
- Physical Therapist Assistant

Bishop State takes pride in its International Program which has welcomed hundreds of students since its establishment in 1927.

Admission Requirement & Information

An international student must apply for admission to Bishop State before the student may enroll in a course. International 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 meet the academic, language, and financial requirements outlined below.

To begin the admission process, the student should contact the Office of International Students.

**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)** or the **International English Language Testing System (IELTS)**
   - TOEFL minimum internet-based score of 61 or
   - IELTS minimum score of 5.5
   - The scores must be mailed directly to the Office of International Students at Bishop State.
   - The TOEFL and IELTS Tests are not administered at Bishop State.

**Exceptions (TOEFL/IELTS not required):**
- A graduate of an accredited U. S. high school or an accredited American high school overseas, or
- Students from a country where English is the native language.
- Students who have completed ENG 101 or its equivalent at an accredited college or university with a grade of “C” or better
- Other exemptions may be granted by the Dean of Student Services.

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 admissions’ documents are received, the Form I-20 will then be printed and given to the student so he/she can 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 the items 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.**

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