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# Welcome to Golden West College!

Located in the coastal community of Huntington Beach, Golden West College is regarded as one of the most beautiful campuses in Southern California. Golden West is part of the Coast Community College District, a multi-college district that includes Orange Coast College, and Coastline Community College.

The college is highly regarded for academic quality and innovation. In its earliest years, the college was recognized for its pioneering leadership in designing learning-centered programs and services for its student body and continues in that tradition to this day. The excellence of Golden West College's athletic programs rivals the school's academic reputation as one of the finest all-around programs in the State of California.

You can also learn more general information about Golden West College [here](#).

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## About Us

### ISP at GWC

Golden West College was founded in 1965 and is located in the city of Huntington Beach, a coastal community just 30 miles south of Los Angeles and in the heart of breathtaking Southern California. The college is a well-known destination among international students because of its academic excellence, geographical vibrance, and cultural diversity. Golden West offers excellent degree and certificate programs in STEM, Business, Arts and many more. Students can graduate from Golden West with an Associate degree, or transfer to a university for a Bachelor degree. The International Student Program is committed to prepare you for academic success and cultural transition, and we can't wait to welcome you to our community.

### Mission Statement

In support of GWC's educational philosophy and mission, the International Student Program (ISP) provides comprehensive outreach, programming, and support services to all new and continuing international students. The ISP is committed to maintaining core professional competencies as set forth by the National Association of International Educators (NAFSA) to deliver quality programs and services; to ensure institutional compliance; and to foster cross-cultural engagement and understanding.

### Accreditation

Golden West College is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.



*"What I like best about GWC is the atmosphere on campus. Everybody is helpful and comforting. Making friends is very easy here, I guess it is because we are all in the same boat, trying to find our place in this world."*

**Jassmin Davari, Germany**  
Pre-Dentistry



*"Students have the opportunity to join in some amazing events where we could learn, play, and make new friends. Also, in the U.S. students can choose their own classes, and schedule actively. So we could manage our own time and study more effectively."*

**Linh & Oanh Huynh, Vietnam**  
Digital Arts



*"GWC proved to be my home away from home, and ISP proved to be my family away from home. I'm always going to be thankful for the hospitality provided by GWC staff especially ISP staff."*

**Shahood Mohammad, Pakistan**  
Mathematics



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## How To Apply

Students applying to Golden West College as an international student on F-1 status or seeking F-1 visa must applying using the International Student Application.

### Applying to GWC is easy!

Here are the steps to apply as an international student and receive an I-20.

#### Application Deadline

Applicant Type	Application Deadline
Overseas	December 10
Transfer (already in the U.S.)	Jan 10

#### Step 1. Submit your complete application documents to the International Student Programs (ISP)

##### Application Documents

Please submit the following documents by email to [isp@gwc.cccd.edu](mailto:isp@gwc.cccd.edu)

- [Completed Application Form](#) [PDF]
- [Affidavit of Support](#) [PDF]
- Supporting bank statement from your sponsor with a minimum balance of \$23,906.
  - [Estimated Expenses](#) [PDF]
- [\\$55 Application fee – Credit Card Authorization form](#) [PDF]
- Academic Transcripts, translated to English & notarized
- [Proof of English Proficiency](#) [PDF]
- Copy of your passport

##### Additional documents for transfer students

If you have attended any schools in the U.S. (colleges/universities, high school, language schools), you must submit additional documents:

- Copy of all of your I-20s issued from previous institutions
- Copy of your visa
- Copy of your most recent I-94

#### Step 2. Receive your admission packet

- Incomplete application: We will follow-up with you by email if additional documents are required.
- Complete application: Once you have submitted a complete application, please allow 7-10 business days for application process. You will be notified of your admission result through email.

#### Step 3. Post-Acceptance Steps

Once you are accepted to GWC, we will help you every step of the way to ensure a successful start of your studies in the U.S.! We will send you email instruction on your next steps.

If you have any questions, please email International Student Program (ISP) at [isp@gwc.cccd.edu](mailto:isp@gwc.cccd.edu)

### Health insurance for international students

All GWC full-time students are required to have health insurance. At the beginning of every academic year/semester, students need to purchase their insurance plan. This requirement ensures that students in need of health and/or mental health care beyond the scope of services provided by GWC Health Center can access the appropriate care and resources in the community while living and studying in the U.S.

Learn more about health insurance plan and enrollment for GWC international students at [JCB Insurance Solutions](#)



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## Housing Resources

Currently GWC does not provide on-campus housing, but there are several options available for long-term and short-term housing near the school for you to choose from. The options listed below are a good place to start your housing search. As you consider your options, keep in mind your budget and the type of housing experience you would like to have.

### Homestay program

Homestay is a great option for international students interested in living with a local family during their stay in Huntington Beach. Choosing homestay allows students the opportunity to practice English, participate in the daily life of a family, share meals at home, and to make new friends. There are many homestay families close to campus who look forward to welcoming you and helping you get the most out of your experience studying in the U.S. Contact these providers for more information



**Student International Housing, Inc.**  
Phone: (310) 320-4700  
Email: [SIHousing3@gmail.com](mailto:SIHousing3@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.studentinternationalhousing.com](http://www.studentinternationalhousing.com)



**StudentLink International**  
Phone: (424) 250-0775  
Email: [info@istudentlink.com](mailto:info@istudentlink.com)  
Website: [www.istudentlink.com](http://www.istudentlink.com)



**Universal Student Housing**  
Phone: (310) 824-4908  
Email: [contact@usaish.com](mailto:contact@usaish.com)  
Website: [www.ushestudent.com](http://www.ushestudent.com)

### Apartment Rental *(There are several apartment complexes near campus that are popular with GWC international students.)*



**Boardwalk by Windsor**  
Distance to campus:  
0.3 miles (0.48 km)  
Address: 7461 Edinger Avenue,  
Huntington Beach, CA 92647  
Telephone: 714-903-7461  
Email: [boardwalkmkt@windsorcommunities.com](mailto:boardwalkmkt@windsorcommunities.com)



**The Residences at Bella Terra**  
Distance to campus:  
0.6 miles (0.96 km)  
Address: 7521 Edinger Avenue,  
Huntington Beach, CA 92647  
Telephone: 714-215-9204



**The Artisan Apartment Homes**  
Distance to campus:  
0.6 miles (0.96 km)  
Address: 15555 Huntington Village Lane,  
Huntington Beach, CA 92647  
Telephone: 877-678-5606

### Student Apartment



**StudentLink**  
StudentLink International provides students with apartments that are clean, comfortable and cozy for them to enjoy while focusing on their studies. StudentLink apartments are fully furnished with everything you need to live comfortably and conveniently near campus! All of apartments include furniture, linens, towels, kitchen utensils, and houseware.

Students may choose to share a room with another student in the apartment or have their own private bedroom. Our affordable monthly rates include all utilities and Wi-Fi.

For further information, please contact: Email: [info@istudentlink.com](mailto:info@istudentlink.com) Phone: 424-250-0775

### Other Housing Search Sites



**Jump Off Campus**  
Helps students find off-campus housing options – including apartments, rooms for rent, and homestay families. Search near Golden West College.



**Apartments.com**  
Search for apartments using the interactive map. Information is real-time and this site has more apartments than any other apartment search site.



**Zumper**  
Refine your apartment search by price, number of bedrooms, neighborhood, pet policies, and more!

### Local Hotels



**The Hotel Huntington Beach**  
Distance to campus: 0.3 miles (0.48 km)  
Address: 7667 Center Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92647  
Telephone: 714-891-0123



**SpringHill Suites by Marriott Huntington Beach**  
Distance: 0.7 miles  
Address: 7872 Edinger Ave.  
Huntington Beach, CA 92647  
Telephone: 657-200-7500  
**Book your discounted rate for GWC**



**Comfort Suites Huntington Beach**  
Distance to campus: 1.6 miles (2.57 km)  
Address: 16301 Beach Boulevard,  
Huntington Beach, CA, US, 92647  
Telephone: 714-841-1812



**Extended Stay America – Orange County – Huntington Beach**  
Distance to campus: 3.0 miles (4.82 km)  
Address: 5050 Skylab West Circle,  
Huntington Beach, CA 92647  
Telephone: 714-799-4887



**Courtyard Fountain Valley**  
Distance to campus: 3.8 miles  
Address: 9950 Slater Ave  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708  
Telephone: 714-968-5575  
When booking, select the government rate & use your GWC email address to get the discounted price!



**Residence Inn by Marriot**  
Distance to campus: 3.8 miles  
Address: 9930 Slater Ave  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708  
Telephone: 714-965-8000  
When booking, select the government rate & use your GWC email address to get the discounted price!

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