

# Welcome to MiraCosta College

## International Student Information

Your coastal community college in  
Oceanside and Cardiff-by-the-Sea, California





# Why do international students choose MiraCosta?

## Fast Facts

Founded: 1934

Accreditation: Fully accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Location: Coastal North San Diego County; approximately 35 miles north of the San Diego airport and 90 miles south of Los Angeles.

Faculty: more than 500 full-time and part-time faculty.

Total student enrollment: 14,500; 200 international students from more than 20 countries.

Average class size: 30-45

Popular majors: Accounting, Art, Biological sciences, Business administration, Child development, Commercial music, Communication, English, Law enforcement, Liberal studies, Real estate, Nursing, Psychology.

Transfer rate: One of the highest UC transfer rate of all community colleges in San Diego County. Most popular transfer institutions: UCSD, San Diego State University, and CSU San Marcos.

Student Resources: New Library and Information Centers at both the Oceanside and San Elijo campuses, more than 1,000 networked computers for student use, Fitness Center at the Oceanside Campus, free tutoring, Honors Scholars Program and active national honor society.

Athletics: Men's and women's soccer and basketball teams. Surf team won the national championship in 2004, 2011 and 2012.

Housing: Host family placements and apartments nearby; none on campus

### Price

International students save money by attending MiraCosta College. Tuition at MiraCosta is less than one half the cost than it is at public four-year universities.

### Strong Academics

Instructors at MiraCosta hold advanced degrees and are selected for their expertise and interest in teaching. They care about your academic success!

### Easy Transfer to Universities

MiraCosta transfer programs will get you into the best universities for your major. Our international students are accepted for transfer to top universities such as San Diego State University, UCLA, UC Berkeley, New York University, and more.

### Personal Attention

Most classes have 30-45 students, so you get individual help from your instructors. It is easy to make friends and meet teachers because the campus is friendly and supportive.

### Academic Support

MiraCosta offers free tutoring in every subject, writing and math centers, and Internet access on campus for all students.

### Safe & Beautiful Campuses

MiraCosta is located in a suburban area that is a safe environment for students. Our beautiful buildings, landscaping, and ocean views make our campuses a great place to study.

## Student Success



Ghaidan  
Yeman

“The quality of the classes at MiraCosta are excellent that prepared me for junior and senior level courses. During my study at MiraCosta, I have had great and passionate instructors and staffs who helped and assisted me to achieve my goals.” Ghaidan from Yeman, transferred to Washington University in St. Louis, to complete a bachelor's degree in Biomedical Engineering.

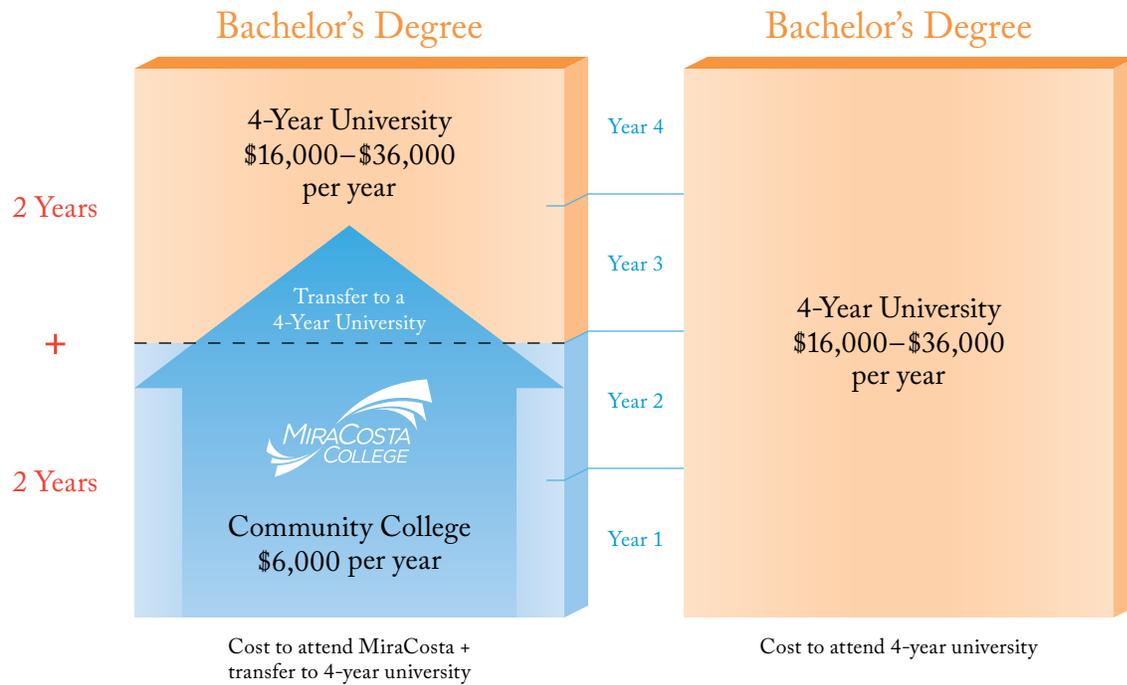


PinHsi  
China

“Think of MiraCosta as the airport you were waiting for the next flight. This college can help you to reach your goals. I never thought that I have any potential to attend a University of California school.” PinHsi from Taipei was accepted to UC Berkeley, UCLA and UC San Diego.

# Choose MiraCosta College and save money!

Tuition at MiraCosta is less than 1/3 the cost at public four-year universities. Following the 2 + 2 transfer program, international students can save \$30,000 per year in tuition starting at MiraCosta before transferring to a 4-year university.



Maryna  
Belarus



Thuy  
Vietnam

Maryna from Belarus is a Biology major and Medal of Honor winner who transferred to CSU San Marcos. "MiraCosta is a great place to start out. Everyone here really motivates you and helps out and because of the small class size, you really get to know your teacher."

Thuy didn't speak much English when she applied to MiraCosta's English Language and College Skills Institute (EL&CSI) from Vietnam. "I liked it. It helped me a lot," says Thuy. "My English improved so much from that program." Thuy took three eight-week sessions of ELI, then moved directly into MiraCosta's academic program. After two years, she transferred to California State University Long Beach, where she earned her bachelor's degree in computer science.

Success:

It starts at

MiraCosta

College

## Associate Degrees

The associate degree is equivalent to the first two years of a bachelor's degree. Students can transfer to a four-year university or begin work.

## Certificates

Certificates focus training in a specific career area. Certificates can be completed in one or two years.



Student dance performance



Business classes in a small setting



Audio production and recording arts class



Faculty with students in chemistry lab



The latest technology in the classroom

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

With more than 50 academic majors to choose from, MiraCosta Colleges offers the best academic experience for international students seeking a two-year degree or transfer to a university. International students at MiraCosta transfer to top public and private universities and succeed!

## FOCUS ON YOUR CAREER

MiraCosta offers more than 75 short-term certificates designed to provide practical training for today's job market. Graduates from MiraCosta's certificate programs work in the largest and most prestigious companies related to our fields of study.

The academic experience at MiraCosta includes beautiful new classroom buildings, state-of-the-art technology, and faculty providing individual attention.

Whether your educational goal is in the sciences, performing and studio arts, business or technology, MiraCosta's outstanding faculty and facilities ensures a quality education.

Find out more about academic and certificate programs at MiraCosta College. Visit our Academic Disciplines Web site at [www.miracosta.edu](http://www.miracosta.edu).

## Starting at MiraCosta is your ticket to university admission



MiraCosta graduates transfer to top public and private universities in the state of California and throughout the United States.



Visit our Web site to hear about MiraCosta students who transferred to top universities around the country.

[www.miracosta.edu/iip](http://www.miracosta.edu/iip)



## Personal Attention

The International Office is here for you! The International Office at MiraCosta is committed to help international students from the time they first contact MiraCosta to the day they graduate. Full-time staff are available year round to answer any questions about our college.

### Academic Counselors

International students meet regularly with academic counselors to get assistance with class selection, graduation requirements and career planning.

### Small, Friendly Campus

Students at MiraCosta appreciate the warm and friendly approach of students and faculty. Because of the small size of the campus and classes, international students can quickly meet friends and feel comfortable on campus.

# Academic Support

### Quality Academic Instruction

Teachers at MiraCosta care about your academic success. Instructors are selected at MiraCosta for their advanced academic degrees as well as excellent teaching abilities.

### Small Class Size

Unlike most universities where you may be in a class with hundreds of students, the average class size at MiraCosta is 30-45 students. Teachers are very helpful and know students in their class by name.

### Free Tutoring in Nearly Every Subject

MiraCosta offers group and one-to-one academic tutors to help students with their class assignments, including a specific center for writing and math support.

### Internet Access on Campus for All Students

MiraCosta offers more than 1,000 networked computer labs for student use. Staff is available at each lab to help with student computer assignments and computer questions.

### Internships & Employment Support

International students can learn professional skills through internships and occupational work experience classes supported by the Career Center. International students at MiraCosta can take advantage of working permission available to full-time students and graduates.

## English Language Institute

The English Language Institute (ELI) at MiraCosta College offers a full time intensive English program intended to help students develop the skills they need to enter a college or university in the United States. The ELI provides individualized instruction in small classes. Dedicated professional faculty and state-of-the-art computer software facilitate learning. Each session is eight weeks long. There are five sessions per year, and students may attend multiple sessions. For an application and more information, visit this Web site: [www.miracosta.edu/eli](http://www.miracosta.edu/eli)





Oceanside Campus



San Elijo Campus

## One great college, two spectacular locations

MiraCosta's Oceanside and San Elijo campuses are located in North San Diego County within easy driving distance to points of interest in Southern California such as the San Diego Zoo, Disneyland, Los Angeles, and the beautiful California beaches.

### Oceanside Campus

The Oceanside Campus is situated on a panoramic hilltop site with incredible views of the ocean and mountains. This campus features a library/information hub with 400 computers for student use, a Wellness Center, a beautiful theater and state of the art concert hall. A large student center houses an art gallery, bookstore, café, and dining room with indoor and outdoor seating.

### San Elijo Campus

The San Elijo Campus is a smaller campus located next to the San Elijo Lagoon reserve in Cardiff-by-the-Sea. Facilities here include a library and technology center, a multi-purpose outdoor amphitheater, and a student center with a bookstore and cafeteria.

### Virtual Campus Tour

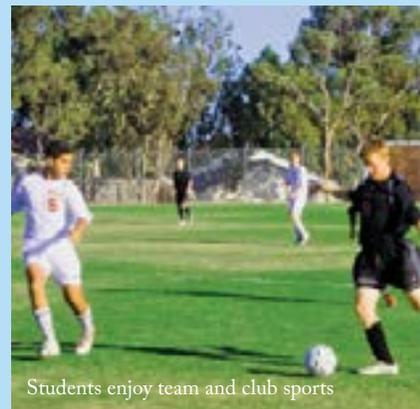
Visit our campuses virtually:  
[www.miracosta.edu/virtualtour](http://www.miracosta.edu/virtualtour)



View from dining room



MiraCosta College Surf Team, 2004, 2011 and 2012 National Champions



Students enjoy team and club sports



# APPLY NOW!

Complete the enclosed  
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or visit our Web site  
for the application and  
list of admission requirements.

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