

International Student Admission Information

Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you for your interest in Gavilan College. We hope the enclosed material will be helpful to you and invite you to contact us if you have further questions. You may wish to visit our website at www.gavilan.edu to review the programs and courses offered at the College.

Gavilan College welcomes students from other countries. We are a two-year public community college accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges offering programs in the liberal arts, pre-professional business, vocational and technical fields. The campus is located in Northern California in Gilroy, thirty-five miles south of the city of San Jose, in a rural setting two miles from the downtown area. Here is some information you may find useful in making a decision about applying to Gavilan:

Housing and Public Transportation

Gavilan College does not have on-campus residential facilities. However, apartments are available in the surrounding area and rent for \$1000 and up per month. Public transportation to the campus and around the Bay Area is available by bus and commuter train.

Application Deadlines

To apply for the Fall Semester, which begins on approximately September 1st, your completed application packet must be submitted no later than May 15th. To apply for the Spring Semester, which begins in early February, your completed application packet must be submitted no later than September 15th.

Fees

A non-refundable, one-time filing fee of \$100 U.S. dollars is required. Applicants must be prepared to pay all school fees and housing costs. Consult the enclosed tuition and fee schedule for current information. State or federal financial aid is not available to international students.

Health Insurance

International students must purchase and maintain health insurance coverage provided by Student Insurance International during the entire period of enrollment at Gavilan College.

Application Information Your application to Gavilan College must include:

1. Completed Gavilan application form and \$100 filing fee
2. TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) scores. A minimum score of 550 on the paper-based test, 213 on the computer-based test and 79 on the Internet-based test is required. For information regarding the TOEFL exam, contact Educational Testing Service at their website www.toefl.org. The "Institutional Code" for Gavilan College is 004678
3. Completed Statement of Financial Support and financial statement from the bank of the person who will be financially responsible for you while you are in the United States
4. Official transcripts of records from other colleges attended. These records must be translated into English and evaluated for equivalent credit and course content
5. A small photograph of yourself
6. Copies of F-1 visas and/or I-20 in your possession

Application material will be reviewed when all documents have been received and the filing fee has been paid. The applicant will be notified by mail in approximately three weeks of the Admission Committee's decision.

NOTE: Applications to the Nursing or Cosmetology programs will not be accepted.

You Should Know....

- You must be 18 years of age or older to be admitted to Gavilan College.
- Students are required to attend Gavilan College for at least one year after being accepted and enrolled.
- Students with F-1 visas must enroll for 12 or more credit hours (units) each semester
- Gavilan students with F-1 visas may not apply for off-campus employment in the U.S.
- Upon arrival students will:
 - Check in with the Director in the Admissions and Records Office. Please bring your passport with the attached I-94.
 - Attend a college orientation to become familiar with Gavilan and its curriculum
 - Attend a placement assessment session. The placement assessment will measure proficiency in both English and math. The results of this assessment will help the counselor to place the student in appropriate classes.
 - Schedule an appointment to meet with an academic counselor to select classes and develop an educational plan.
 - Register for classes. Enrollment fees must be paid at this time.

If You Have Other Questions

E-mail your questions to Candice Whitney, Director of Admissions & Records, at cwhitney@gavilan.edu

Sincerely,



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