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Advising International Students in the US

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# Today we'll cover...


- Key Differences in Application Process from US Citizens
- Financial Aid Options
- Resources on College Campuses
- Tips for Advising
- Trends & Truths




# Key Differences in Application Process

- English Language Proficiency Requirements
    - Tests & Interviews
    - May have to verify through middle school (9th grade)
  - Passport & Visa Requirements
  - Documents of Financial Support & Resources
  - Academic Record Originals and/or Translations
  - Agents & Consultants in home country
  - Addresses/mailings
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# English Language Proficiency

- TOEFL
  - IELTS
  - PTE
  - ACT/SAT
  - AP/Subject Tests
  - Duolingo English Test
  - Interviews - Duolingo, Vericant, InitialView
  - LOTE for CSU Application
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# Financial Aid Options

- Need aware vs. Need blind vs. Need blind + meets full need
    - Amherst, MIT, Harvard, Princeton, Yale
  - Wide ranging: U of the Pacific, La Verne ---> Harvard
  - Financial Aid for Nonresident Alien Undergraduates
    - Copyrighted Jennie Kent & Jeff Levy - thank you!
  - EU citizenship or other citizenship benefits
  - Personal appeals process (ex. St. Mary's)
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# Resources on College Campuses

- Office of International Services or International Student Services
  - Office of International Student Enrollment
  - Registrar
  - Cultural Clubs, Unions, Affinity Groups
  - International Student Orientations
    - Prior to school starting
    - Early move-in
  - Cultural Transitions- Mental Health Services
  - Host Families
  - Housing opportunities
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# Tips for Advising

- Navigating UC/CSU application & requirements
- Independent universities
  - Selective schools: same expectations as domestic citizens
- Transcript issues
  - Translation
  - Repetition of grades
- Additional foreign languages
  - Taking subject tests to demonstrate proficiency
  - Rigor of additional “third” language
- Advisors / agents in home country





# Trends & Truths in International Admissions

- Fact and Fiction about TOEFL and other English Requirements
    - “We don’t have to take it because we’ve studied in the US”
  - Language Requirements for Non-native English speakers
    - “I’m bilingual, so I don’t need to take another language here”
  - Students living domestically vs. living overseas
    - “We’re at an advantage if we attend school in the US”
  - “Partnership Organizations”
    - Shorelight (IUA), INTO
  - GPAs can vary drastically to equal success (inflation, different transcripts)
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Questions?