INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Increasing international understanding is valued at LaGrange College. In promoting that understanding, LaGrange College seeks to enroll an internationally diverse student body. The College serves as a host or home base institution for short-term international visitors and has executed cooperative agreements with Seigakuin University in Tokyo, Japan; Nippon Bunri in Oita City, Japan; Instituto Laurens in Monterrey, Mexico; Oxford-Brookes University in Oxford, England, and the Methodist International Student Exchange Network (MISEN).

International Student Admission: Admission to LaGrange College requires submission of the international student application, application fee, and translated and certified documents attesting to the student's academic performance in secondary and/or university studies. Students seeking admission may be required to submit one (1) or more of the following to prove English proficiency:

- minimum TOEFL score of 500 (173 computer-based, or 61 Internet-based);
- certificate of completion of level 112 from the ELS Centers, Inc.;
- grades of "C" or better on G.C.E., G.S.C.E, or C.X.C. English examinations or equivalent tests;
- minimum SAT verbal score of 450;
- minimum ACT English section score of 21.

International students must submit an affidavit of support and financial statements demonstrating the ability to pay the cost of attendance for at least one (1) year of study. If the prospective student is in the United States, then an interview at the College is desirable. The Dean of Enrollment Management should be contacted at admission@lagrange.edu for an appointment as well as for the current interpretation of regulations with regard to obtaining an F-1 student visa.

International Transfer Students: International transfer students who have earned a Baccalaureate degree from a foreign institution should present an evaluated transcript from an approved foreign credentials service to the Registrar for evaluation. Credit will be given for courses equivalent to our general education core requirements in which the student has earned a minimum grade of C-.

Students who are on a student visa in the United States are subject to special regulations mandated by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) of the United States Government. As the institution that issues documents certifying student status, LaGrange College is subject to USCIS regulations as a matter of law. USCIS regulations change from time to time, so students are encouraged to contact the Provost or the Registrar when questions about USCIS regulations arise. Under current guidelines, persons with student visas must be enrolled for a full academic load (at least 12 semester hours) at all times. Federal regulations concerning "status" for all international students on an F-1 visa state that any student who falls below 12 semester hours at any time will be considered out-of-status and must be reinstated by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).
**English proficiency** is fundamental to a successful academic course at LaGrange College. Therefore, in addition to the minimum TOEFL score required for admission, the Provost may require that a student attend a special, intensive English language course if it is apparent that a student's English continues to jeopardize a successful academic career. If such a requirement is placed on a student, then failure to attend the English language course can result in withdrawal of the student visa.

**International students must enroll in an English course each semester they are in school until they satisfactorily complete their English studies.**

**International Student Advising**

The International Student Advising Staff is here to assist international students during their stay at LaGrange College. We assist with integration into America and into college life as well as assist with international paperwork (SEVIS, I-20s, etc.).