

Undocumented Immigrants

House Bill 1403 is a Texas law that became effective Sept. 1, 2001. It allows undocumented immigrants to qualify for Texas resident tuition status if they meet all of the following criteria:

- Graduated from a Texas high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma (e.g. GED) in Texas
- Resided in Texas with parents or court appointed legal guardian (must provide court documents) during the three years leading up to graduation from high school or receiving the equivalent of a high school diploma (e.g. GED)
- Have not taken any college credit hours before fall 2001
- Provide a notarized letter stating:
 - They will file an application to become a permanent U.S. resident at the earliest opportunity they will be eligible to do so
 - They resided with their parents or court appointed legal guardian (provide names) for at least three consecutive years immediately before graduating from high school or receiving an equivalent diploma (provide name of high school or equivalent diploma)

All other undocumented aliens must meet the full-time international student admission requirements and pay the International Student tuition rate.

English for Speakers of Other Languages – Academic

ACC offers English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses in three skill areas—oral communication, reading and vocabulary, writing and grammar. The skill areas are divided into four levels: high beginning, low intermediate, high intermediate, and advanced. Students should consult an advisor or ESOL faculty member for an ESOL assessment test to determine proper placement.

Students planning to take ESOL classes should fill out an ACC application, take the ESOL assessment test, and consult an ESOL faculty member or advisor. For information about the assessment test, call 223.3139 (RGC) or 223.4807 (NRG). For information about the ESOL program call 223.3354 or 223.3349 (RGC), 223.6290 (RVS), 223.4014 or 223.4874 (NRG). For information about the ESOL program for deaf students, call 223.6316 (voice, TTY, or Sorenson videophone). Note: International students who wish to enroll in ESOL courses are subject to all international student admissions requirements.

ESOL for deaf students: ACC offers some ESOL classes especially for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. These ESOL classes are for deaf adults whose primary mode of communication is American Sign Language and who want to read and write practical, everyday English as well as gain a better understanding of American Sign Language. ESOL classes for deaf students are taught in American Sign Language and are adapted to meet the unique language needs of deaf students in three skill areas—reading and vocabulary, writing and grammar, and ASL grammar.

Registration Procedures

Semester-Credit Registration

Registration is permitted only on the days listed in the official college calendar. However, ACC reserves the right to change registration dates. Registration procedures are published in the course schedule each semester and listed on the web. Students who apply and register early will have a better selection of courses. All non-U.S. citizens who plan to enroll at ACC must see a counselor or an international student advisor before every registration. Students must complete all the steps in the registration process. In order to be officially registered, student must pay tuition and fees on or before the published payment date. Students may attend only the classes for which they have officially registered and paid.

Short Session Registration

ACC offers instruction in a variety of formats including 6-, 8-, 12-, and 16-week classes during the academic year. Summer sessions may include 5½-, 9-, and 11-week sessions.

Short session registration makes it possible for students to enroll in courses after registration for the 12- and 16-week sessions has ended. These normally occur in September and February. Consult the current college calendar for short semester registration dates. A limited number of on-campus and Distance Learning telecommunications-based courses are offered during these special registrations.

A complete list of Distance Learning courses may be obtained at any ACC Admissions and Records Office, from the Distance Learning campus office, at www.austincc.edu/schedule before each registration. Short session courses carry the same tuition rates and semester credit hours as those offered during the 16-week term. ACC reserves the right to cancel a short semester registration in the event there are not enough available courses to warrant separate registrations. Call 512.223.8026 or toll-free 1.888.223.8026 for more information.

Registration Processes

ACC offers registration online and by telephone for eligible college credit students who have completed the application, orientation, and advising processes. Qualified current or former students in good standing also may register online or by telephone. Phone registration is available for Continuing Education students who pay with credit cards. Consult the course schedule for information on how to register and pay online or by telephone.