



## **INTERNATIONAL ADMISSION: Restricted Majors & Academic Goals**

### **Restricted Majors for F-1 Students**

PLEASE REVIEW THE INFORMATION BELOW BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION.

The following majors are restricted for F-1 students at Fullerton College:

- **Cosmetology**

Fullerton College does not accept F-1 students for the cosmetology major. According to North Orange County Community College District policy, "F-1 students will not be accepted for admission into any program where applications by qualified United States citizens exceed spaces available" (AP 5012 1.3).

- **Environmental Technology**

This major has been discontinued as of 2010.

- **Nursing**

Fullerton College does not offer a nursing major. Because many nursing programs in California are impacted, we recommend that students interested in nursing should research out-of-state nursing schools in Arizona and Colorado.

- **Pre-Nursing**

Fullerton College does offer a pre-nursing major. However, we do not accept F-1 students for the pre-nursing major. According to North Orange County Community College District policy, "F-1 students will not be accepted for admission into any program where applications by qualified United States citizens exceed spaces available" (AP 5012 1.3).

**Be advised you cannot change your major to cosmetology or pre-nursing after arrival to Fullerton College. If you would like to study these majors, you will be required to transfer to another community college that accepts F-1 students after your 1<sup>st</sup> semester.**

- **Paralegal Studies**

If you choose this associate degree program, you must already possess high English skills to complete this major in a timely manner. The requirement for the beginning courses in paralegal studies is completion of English 100 or its equivalent. This choice is best for students who are able to take our English assessment test prior to starting school at Fullerton. If you have a lower English level, then it may take you 3 years to complete the program.

## **Restricted Majors for F-1 Students (Continued)**

Additionally, if you have already earned a degree (regardless if it was earned in the U.S. or a foreign country), you may not choose a major at Fullerton College that is the same as or related to the major of that degree. You must choose a different course of study.

### **Restricted Academic Goals for F-1 Students**

- **Earn Another Bachelor's Degree**

There are certain policies you must know if you have already earned a Bachelor's Degree from your home country or from a college or university in the United States. Keep the information below in mind if you intend to enroll at Fullerton College and then transfer to a 4-year university in California.

If you plan to transfer to a four year university after attending Fullerton College, be advised that almost all public universities (e.g. California State University and University of California) do not allow students to apply if they have already earned a Bachelor's Degree. This includes degrees that are equivalent to a Bachelor's Degree in the United States. The only exception to this policy may be for students whose major is engineering.

Private universities in California and non-California universities may be willing to admit 2<sup>nd</sup> degree applicants. It is your responsibility to investigate which of these universities will accept a 2<sup>nd</sup> bachelor's degree applicant; the Fullerton College international counselor will not provide this service. Also, it is your responsibility to research the admission requirements for schools outside of California since Fullerton College does not have general education agreements with them.

**You will be denied admission or dismissed from the transfer university if the university discovers that you concealed earning a foreign Bachelor's degree. It is fraudulent for you to withhold this information on your application. If you hold a Bachelor's degree, be sure to state it on the application.**

- **Prepare for Graduate School**

You may attend Fullerton College to complete an associate degree or pre-requisite courses to help you prepare for a graduate program at a 4-year college or university. You must provide a list of the required courses from the graduate or Masters degree program before you will be accepted to Fullerton College.

- **Improve English Proficiency**

Fullerton College does not offer a full time English language program. If you wish to improve your English ability or increase your TOEFL score, then refer to this link for English language schools in the area:

[http://isc.fullcoll.edu/future\\_students/conditional.htm](http://isc.fullcoll.edu/future_students/conditional.htm).