Build a Better Future at Highline College

http://international.highline.edu
Study at Highline College

Des Moines, Washington, is located in the Seattle, Washington area, on a beautiful campus overlooking the Puget Sound waterway and with views of the Olympic Mountains.

Des Moines:
• 20 minutes from downtown Seattle
• 10 minutes from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA)
• Close to nightlife and outdoor activities (skiing, camping, hiking, water sports)

Places to Go:
• Pike Place Market, International District, Space Needle
• Seattle professional sports teams (Seahawks, Mariners and Sounders FC)
• 1 hour to Mt. Rainier, Puget Sound and the Olympic Mountains
• Events and festivals (Seafair, July 4 fireworks, Bumbershoot, Washington State Fair) — www.visitseahell.org/Visitors/Events
• 2 hours to Vancouver, Canada

Average temperatures:

_Hottest Months:_
July—August
Days: 24°C (75°F)
Nights: 14°C (57°F)

_Coldest Months:_
December—January
Days: 8° C (47°F)
Nights: 2° C (36°F)

Companies in the Seattle Area:
• Microsoft
• Starbucks
• Weyerhaeuser
• Amazon
• Costco
What does Highline College offer?

- University Transfer Pathways to top-ranked universities
- Associate and Bachelor’s Degrees and Certificates
- Transferable Honors Program
- A Great Place to Study
- Student population
- Total students = 10,000
- International students = 475, from over 40 countries

Embrace diversity and challenge your global perspective

Highline is the most diverse college of its kind in the State of Washington and recently received the Advancing Diversity Award for 2014 from the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC).

At Highline College, diversity is not a project or a program, it’s who we are!

—President Jack Bermingham, Highline College

Highline is one of the few colleges where students, faculty and professional staff set the bar high to ensure that diversity is promoted, community and individual goals are met, and good leadership is established.

—Jemimah Kamau, Nairobi, Kenya (currently attending Mt. Holyoke College)
University Transfer Pathways

• You can request a conditional letter of admission from many partner universities.

• Visit http://international.highline.edu/aboutUs/degreePrograms.htm for a list of our partner universities, transfer degrees and transfer requirements.*

*Admission to many top-ranked universities is extremely competitive.

Transfer Destinations
Highline graduates have been admitted to the following colleges and universities:

American University
Amherst College
Arizona State University
Babson College
Barnard College
Berklee College of Music
Boston University
Brigham Young University
Bryn Mawr
California Polytechnic University (Cal Poly)
Central Washington University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Eastern Washington University
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Georgia Tech
Gonzaga University
Hawaii Pacific University
Johnson & Wales University
Johns Hopkins University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
Montana State University
Mt. Holyoke College
New York University
Northwestern University
Ohio State University
Oregon State University
Pacific Lutheran University
Pacific University
Pepperdine University
Princeton University
Purdue University
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
Ritsumeikan University
San Francisco State University
Seattle University
Smith College
State University of New York (SUNY)
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A & M
Tufts University
Ø – Highline College and University Transfer Partners

Universities printed in red represent the top 100 world universities as ranked by Shanghai Jiao Tong University, www.shanghairanking.com

The dynamic and challenging environment at Highline provided me with strong academic training, which prepared me greatly for the many challenges ahead at MIT.

—Tran Nguyen, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Honors Program

The Highline College Honors program can help you get into top-ranked universities, often with scholarship assistance. To find out more about specific program details, visit http://honors.highline.edu.

Benefits:

- **Personal Advising**: get assistance with resumes, personal statements, and application essays
- **Academic Preparation**: take prerequisites for 3rd and 4th year university courses
- **Merit Scholarship**: a free automatic final quarter tuition scholarship (up to 15 quarter credits)
- **Connections**: network with university mentors and advisers
- **Academic recognition**: receive Honors recognition at graduation and on your diploma and transcripts
- **Honors participants have received over $18 million in scholarship offers at 4-year universities since the program began (2001)**

Expectations:

- Enter with a 3.2 GPA or higher after having completed 12 credits at Highline College
- Graduate with a 3.5 GPA or higher for recognition as a Highline Honors Scholar
- Complete 35 credits of honors courses
- Be an active leader on campus and in the community

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I was lucky to be enrolled in the Highline Honors Scholar Program which prepared me for the process of transferring to various prestigious universities, and to also win scholarships, international internships, and leadership positions.

—Kuan Hung Liu, Taichung, Taiwan (transferred to University of Washington)
Degrees, Certificates and Optional Practical Training (OPT)

Highline College degree and certificate programs can lead you to opportunities to work and intern in the United States for up to 1-year.

- 3-month to 2-year programs
- Short-term certificates—completed in 3 months (1 quarter)
- 1-year (3 quarters) programs
- 2-year (6 quarters) programs, including Associate of Science (AS) and Associate of Applied Science (AAS), with some that provide transfer opportunities

Programs and Courses:
- Art, Design, Communication and Foreign Languages
- Business
- Education
- Hospitality
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)
- Social Sciences and International Relations
- Nursing
- Pre-medical, pre-dental and pre-law

Four-year Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) programs

4 new Bachelor degree programs that you can complete within 4 years—all on campus at Highline College:
- Global Trade & Logistics
- Cybersecurity & Forensics
- Youth Development
- Respiratory Therapy

Optional Practical Training

International students who complete at least a 1 year program are eligible for Optional Practical Training (OPT) and can legally work in the United States for 12 months after their program is completed.

These companies and organizations have hired Highline College international student graduates:
- Microsoft
- Mitsubishi
- Port of Seattle
- United Airlines
- Japan Airlines
- Amazon
- Marriott Hotel
- Cathay Pacific Airlines

I just completed my degree and am doing OPT at Microsoft Xbox on the Chinese marketing team. My education and experience at Highline College prepared me for my interviews and made me qualified to be hired by Microsoft.

—Di Yang, Yin Chuan, Ningxia, China

Degree programs: http://findyourpath.highline.edu
OPT: http://international.highline.edu/thunderworld/applyOPT.htm
Student Housing and Living in Seattle

International students have options for housing close to Highline College. Whether you choose to live with a host family, live by yourself or with friends, there are numerous options to fit your budget.

**Short-term housing**
Convenient, safe, and easily accessible places to live within 15 minutes from campus (by walking). Costs vary depending on length of stay and occupancy (single or shared).
For further information, visit:
Crossland Studios
WWW.CROSSLANDSTUDIOS.COM
Garden Suites
HTTP://GARDENSUITESAIRPORT.COM

Services may include:
• Airport pick-up
• 24-hour front desk assistance
• On-site laundry
• Daily breakfast
• Housekeeping service
• Utilities (electricity, water, internet access)

**Homestay—Live with an American host family!**
Students living in a homestay benefit from an American experience that is convenient, safe, and within 15-45 minutes from campus by bus or car.
• Practice English in a natural setting
• Private room
• American-style meals
• Share your culture
• Airport pick-up

**Apartments and shared housing—rent your own apartment!**
Students living in an apartment or house together with other students can often find a place to live in, and depending on location, can expect to pay $500 to over $1,000 per month. Some apartments and houses are within walking distance to the campus. The ISP has information about all housing options in the area. Email =housing@students.highline.edu for more information.

"I liked to live near HC area because it was quiet and it had enough stores and shopping malls near there. I lived with a great host family, so I could also enjoy communicating with them every day. I also had enough chance to go to downtown with friends on weekends."

—Anna Tsubaki, Chiba, Japan
Student Services

Where students are not just a number, but become part of our family. Each student who walks through our doors receives the individual attention they deserve.

Comprehensive and Personal

Full-time professional employees assist international students with admissions and transfer needs. Every quarter we have on-campus events including:

• Transfer fairs
• Transfer planning workshops
• Individualized appointments with university representatives
• Essay, scholarship, and application assistance workshops

Advising

Full-time international student advisors provide every student with:

• Academic and transfer advising—drop-in and by appointment
• US student visa immigration advising
• Help with registration/selecting classes
• Assistance with university applications and personal statements
• Help with cultural orientation

Orientation and Campus Events

• One-week orientation every quarter to meet campus student leaders and staff.
• Weekly events coordinated by Activities Coordinator and the International Student Leadership Council.
• Trips to local and regional events in Seattle, Portland, Eastern Washington, and Canada.

“...I met lots of congenial friends who were from a variety of countries as well. Additionally, I had a great time travelling in renowned regions thanks to my classes. If you are wavering to choose among colleges now, and if you want to seek international opportunities in the melting pot, the U.S., I definitely recommend this warmhearted college.”

—Youngjae Lee, Jeju, Korea
Student Life

Enjoy Your Highline Life

ISP’s weekly newsletter, Study Break, is a great way of learning about what’s going on around Des Moines, Seattle, and the region. Visit http://international.highline.edu/thunderworld for more information.

Clubs
• Conversation Pal http://international.highline.edu/thunderworld/conversationPal.htm
• Business
• Technology
• Creative Acting & Performance Ensemble
• Soccer
• And many more http://cls.highline.edu/Clubs.php

Student Leadership and Government
• Students, through the Associated Students of Highline College (ASHC), participate in setting campus policy and procedures, allocate service and activities funds, serve as members of various campus committees and evaluate student programs to reflect the changing needs and interests of students.

Sports
HTTP://ATHLETICS.HIGHLINE.EDU
The athletic program at Highline College gives full-time students the opportunity to participate in the following competitive sports:
• Men’s Wrestling
• Men’s and Women’s Soccer
• Men’s and Women’s Basketball
• Women’s Volleyball
• Men’s and Women’s Cross Country
• Women’s Softball
And if you just want to work out or play a game of basketball, volleyball, tennis, or soccer, we have great sports and exercise facilities right here on campus.

Volunteer
Service learning is a great way to meet Americans from the community and to make a difference in the area and on your leadership profile at Highline.
The 2014 Alumni Service Challenge is a great way to make a difference: http://alumni.highline.edu/service_challenge.

I made a lot of friends with different nationalities and joined events inside and outside the campus. I enjoyed going to events in Highline such as Halloween party, Winter Dance and GlobalFest. Those events gave life to my boring college life and because of that I never regret going to U.S. to study.

—Justin Alcala, Cabanatuan City, Philippines
How to Apply

Simple:
One form

Quick response:
2 business days

Convenient:
Online, fax, email or in person

Admission Requirements (all students must be at least 16 years of age):
• Completed application form
• Financial statement showing available funds for 1 year of tuition and general expenses.
• $54 non-refundable application fee
• Copy of passport photo page

Highly Recommended:
• High school or college records

Four Annual Start Dates:
• Fall—September
• Winter—Beginning of January
• Spring—End of March
• Summer—June

English Requirements:
• Proof of English proficiency. Any one of the following:
  ♦ TOEFL: 54/157/480 (Highline College Institutional Code: 4348)
  ♦ IELTS: 5.0 (no band lower than 5.0)
  ♦ Completion of intermediate level course at an approved US ESL school or submission of an approved English proficiency score: http://international.highline.edu/admissions/toeflalternatives.htm
  ♦ No proof of English proficiency = Placement in Intensive English Program

For current information visit:
http://international.highline.edu/admissions

Resources:
• US Student VISA Process: http://international.highline.edu/admissions/visahelp.htm
• Understanding SEVIS: http://international.highline.edu/admissions/understandingsevis.htm
• Study in the States, A guide to studying in the United States: http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov

Easy ways to apply

Online:
http://international.highline.edu/admissions/howtoapply.htm

By Email: int@highline.edu

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