

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

College of the Desert:

Out of Country applicants:

Fall semester: July 15
Spring semester: December 15
~~Summer session:~~ **Canceled – Admission not available**

Transfers from within the US:

Rolling admission

Intensive English Academy:

Out of Country applicants:

One month prior to the program start date

Transfers from within the US:

Rolling admission

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

College of the Desert (COD) and the Intensive English Academy (IEA) welcome your application. Applicants to College of the Desert and the Intensive English Academy can use the same application. We encourage you to apply early and submit original documents with your completed application. Incomplete applications cannot be processed. Documents submitted as a part of the application cannot be returned. The following must be completed and returned to the International Education Program:

1. **Application Fee:**
Include a check or money order for USD \$25.00 made out to "College of the Desert". You can also pay the application fee by Visa or MasterCard. Do not send cash. *This fee is non-refundable.*
2. **Completed International Student Application**
3. **Evidence of Secondary/High School Graduation:**
Official secondary/high school transcripts or diplomas must be submitted verifying that you have graduated. **If the original documents are not in English, a certified English translation must also be submitted.** Students who have taken college/university coursework should submit transcripts of coursework taken.
4. **Financial Certification and Affidavit of Support:**
College of the Desert applicants: Applicants must submit an **original bank statement** showing **USD \$14,330 AND** signed "Affidavit of Support". This can be funds available to you or your parents, a government sponsor, or the person who will be paying your college and living expenses. See "Estimated Tuition and Living Expenses" for a breakdown of the annual estimate of tuition and living expenses. **Only original bank statements with certified English translations will be accepted.**
Intensive English Academy applicants: Applicants to the Intensive English Academy must submit an **original bank statement AND** signed "Affidavit of Support" verifying funding for their anticipated length of study. Applicants to the 1-year program require **USD\$18,000**; the 16-week program requires **USD\$7,200**; the 8-week program requires **USD\$3,650** and the Summer Accelerated Program requires **USD \$4,000**. **Only original bank statements with certified English translations will be accepted.**
5. **English Proficiency Requirements:**
College of the Desert applicants: Applicants to College of the Desert must show English proficiency in one of the following ways: Submit a TOEFL score of: 32 iBT or 400 (paper based), **(the TOEFL code for College of the Desert is 4085)**; submit a 3.5 IELTS score; submit a Pre-2 Grade score on the STEP Eiken test. College of the Desert also has TOEFL waiver agreements with local ESL schools including FLS, ELS Language Schools, LSI International, and POLY Languages. Please inquire for specific waiver requirements. Students from countries where English is the first language, or students who had English as the language of instruction throughout high school, may request a waiver of this requirement.

Course placement at College of the Desert will be determined by college assessment tests taken upon arrival. Students scoring between 400-450 (32-45) on the TOEFL should expect to take primarily ESL during their first semester.
Intensive English Academy applicants: English proficiency is not required.
6. **One passport photograph**
7. **Housing Application:**
If you are looking for a host family or off-campus apartment, you must complete the "Housing Application". There is no placement fee for this service. Please note that we require one month advance notice in order to assist with your housing needs. Please review the enclosed "Housing Options" flyer for more information about your housing options.

TRANSFER STUDENTS:

Students transferring to College of the Desert or the Intensive English Academy from other US schools will also need to submit copies of the following:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current I-20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Front and back of the I-94 card |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Passport | <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer Eligibility Form: Completed by your current school indicating your SEVIS release date |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visa | |

SEND APPLICATIONS TO:

College of the Desert
International Education Program
43-500 Monterey Avenue
Palm Desert, CA 92260 U.S.A.

For assistance or questions, please contact us at:

Telephone: (760) 776-7205
Fax: (760) 862-1361
cdelgado@collegeofthedesert.edu
www.collegeofthedesert.edu/international

Please choose from a major listed below and enter it on the next page where indicated.

MAJORS

(T=Transfer, V=Vocational, C=Certificate)

Accounting (C)	Geology (T)
Administration of Justice (T, V, C)	Golf Management (V, C)
Advanced Transportation Technologies (V)	History (T)
Agri-Business (T, V)	Hotel & Restaurant Management (T)
Agriculture, General (V)	Journalism (T)
Air Conditioning/HVAC (V, C)	Liberal Arts (T)
Alcohol/Drug Studies (V, C)	Literature (T)
Anthropology (T)	Mass Communication (T)
Architectural Technology (V, C)	Mathematics (T)
Architecture (T)	Music (T)
Art (T)	Music Theory (C)
Automotive Alternate Fuels (C)	Music History (C)
Biology (T)	Music Technology (C)
Building Inspection Technology (C)	Natural Resources (T, V)
Business Administration (T)	Natural Resources-Desert Naturalist (C)
Business, General (V)	Natural Resources-Field Ranger (C)
Chemistry (T)	Nursing, Registered (V) **
Communication (T)	Nursing, Vocational (V, C) **
Composition (T)	Philosophy (T)
Computer Information Systems (V, C)	Physical Education (T)
Computer Science (T)	Physics (T)
Construction Management (T, V, C)	Plant Science (V)
Culinary Arts, Basic (C)	Political Science (T)
Culinary Arts, Intermediate (C)	Psychology (T)
Culinary Management (V, C)	Recreation (T)
Digital Design & Production (V, C)	Social Science (T)
Drafting/CAD (V, C)	Sociology (T)
Early Childhood Education (V)	Spanish (T)
ECE - Teacher (C)	Speech (T)
ECE - Master Teacher (C)	Supervision & Management (V, C)
Economics (T)	Theater Arts (T)
Environmental Horticulture (T, V, C)	Turfgrass Management (V, C)
Environmental Sciences/Natural Resources (T)	Intensive English Academy
Environmental Sciences/Interdepartmental (T)	
Fire Technology (V, C)	
French (T)	
Italian (T)	
Geography (T)	

**** Nursing majors are very full,
admission is not guaranteed**

INDICATE SEMESTER START DATE:

Choose the program that you will first enroll in. See enclosed "Program Dates" for exact start dates.

College of the Desert: FALL SPRING 20 ____

Intensive English Academy: August October February March June 20 ____

I will enroll at the IEA for: 8 weeks 16 weeks 24 weeks 32 weeks 40 weeks

INTENDED MAJOR AT COLLEGE OF THE DESERT: _____

(Choose from attached list. Students choosing the Intensive English Academy only indicate "IEA only" above)

PERSONAL DATA:

Student Name: _____
Family Name First Name Middle

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Gender: Male Female
Month Day Year

Country of Birth: _____ Country of Citizenship: _____

Home Country Address: _____
(Required) Number & Street Apt. No.

City Country Postal Code

Home Country Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent or Guardian's Name: _____
Family name First name Relationship to you

Mailing Address: _____
(if different from permanent address)

USA Telephone Number (if available): _____

Secondary/High School Attended: _____
Secondary/high school name City State/country

Secondary/High School Graduation or Expected Graduation Date: _____
Month Day Year

Please check only one box below:

1. I have a TOEFL, IELTS or STEP score and will enroll directly into College of the Desert:

Score (official score report must be included): _____
TOEFL/IELTS/STEP Score Date of test

2. I do not have a TOEFL/IELTS score and will enroll directly into the **Intensive English Academy**:

APPLICATION FEE:

Please indicate how you will pay the \$25 non-refundable application fee and include the fee with this application.

Check – make payable to **College of the Desert** Money Order – make payable to **College of the Desert**

Please charge the \$25 application fee to this credit card: Visa MasterCard

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: Month: _____ Year: _____
Please print clearly

Cardholder's Printed Name: _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Would you like your I-20 and acceptance documents to be sent by express mail? YES NO

If yes, please include an additional \$40 non-refundable express mail fee with your application fee payment.

VISA INFORMATION:

1. Are you currently in the United States? ____ Yes ____ No
If yes, what is your current status? (F-1, B-1/B-2, H-1, J-1): _____
2. If F-1, what school is listed on your I-20? _____
3. If on a B-1/B-2 visa, indicate your date of entry and expiration on the I-94? _____
(Please submit copies of both sides of your I-94)
4. Do you plan to travel outside of the United States prior to the beginning of the semester? ____ Yes ____ No
If yes, please indicate your dates of travel: _____
5. Will you be traveling with dependents? ____ Yes (please contact the International Student Office) ____ No

RECORD OF EDUCATION:

Please list colleges, universities, and/or English as a Second Language (ESL) programs that you have attended. Start with the most recent first. If you have not attended any school beyond high school, please indicate "none".

College/School	City/State/Country	From (Year)	To (Year)	Degree Received
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT:

This section **must be completed AND signed in order to receive the I-20.**

1. Please show the funds available to you for attending this college in the space provided. If applying to College of the Desert (COD), available funds must show the estimated minimum cost of USD\$14,330 per year. If applying only to the Intensive English Academy (IEA) for 1 year: available funds must show USD\$18,000; for the 16-week program: available funds must show USD\$7,200; for the 8-week program: funds must show USD\$3,650; 8 Week Summer Accelerated Program: available funds must show USD \$4,000. Please see the "Estimated Tuition and Living Expenses" insert for the cost breakdown:

- a. Family funds: USD \$ _____
- b. Self: USD \$ _____
- c. From government/sponsor: USD \$ _____
- d. Other funds: USD \$ _____

2. An **original bank statement with certified English translation verifying the above funds must be submitted with this application.** NOTE: Bank statements cannot be returned.

3. **Sponsor to read and certify the following:**

I certify that the above information is an accurate and complete statement of the financial resources available to the applicant for study in the United States. I am providing an official bank statement as verification of the above information. I affirm by my signature below that I will provide all educational and living expenses for the applicant's entire period of study at College of the Desert. I understand that the estimated cost for one year of study is USD \$14,330 for COD and USD \$18,000 for the IEA.

Name of sponsor: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Sponsor's Address: _____

Signature of Sponsor: _____ Telephone Number of Sponsor: _____

Signature required

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT COLLEGE OF THE DESERT/INTENSIVE ENGLISH ACADEMY?:

- Advertisement/Publication (name: _____) Internet (site name: _____)
- Student Fair (name: _____) Educational Agency (name: _____)
- COD Friend: (name) _____ Relative U.S. Advising Center

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification of any of the above answers, or falsification of any supporting documentation which I submit as part of my application to College of the Desert and/or Intensive English Academy will result in my disqualification.

Applicant Signature

Date

International Student Housing Application

Please return this form to the International Education Program if you would like assistance in finding a Host Family or an off-campus apartment. **Please answer both sides of this form completely.**

Family Name: _____ First Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Gender: Male Female Country of Birth: _____
Month/Day/Year

Permanent Address: _____
Number & Street Apt. No.

City Country Postal Code

Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Answer only one:

- _____ I am looking for a host family (Go to Box #1)
_____ I am looking for an off-campus apartment (Go to Box #2)
_____ I do not need housing and will make my own arrangements

BOX #1

HOST FAMILY PREFERENCES:

(Rental rates for the host Family Program are USD \$600/month for Room and Board or USD \$400/month for Room Only. Host family arrangements are based on a one semester contract).

I prefer a family with: Room/Board Room Only

1. Do you have any allergies to:

Pets: YES NO If yes, what type? _____

Food: YES NO If yes, what type? _____

Medicines: YES NO If yes, what type? _____

2. Do you smoke? YES NO

3. Is there any food that you cannot eat? YES NO If yes, what type? _____

4. Would you like pets in the home? YES NO If yes, what type? _____

5. Would you like children in the home? YES NO If yes, what ages? _____

BOX #2

OFF-CAMPUS APARTMENT:

Apartments are not associated with College of the Desert and are privately owned. Our Housing Coordinator will contact you shortly with a list of local apartments and guidelines regarding the process for obtaining an apartment.

Average monthly rent for apartments is a minimum of USD \$800 for a one bedroom and a minimum of USD \$900 for a two bedroom. Required security deposits start at USD \$500. Apartments typically require a 6 month lease. Apartments are NOT furnished; utilities are extra.

I prefer an apartment that is: One Bedroom Two Bedroom

I would like College of the Desert to place me with a roommate, if available: _____ YES _____ NO

College of the Desert cannot guarantee the availability of a roommate.

Please fill out this information completely as it will help us place you with a host family or roommate.

Place an "X" next to the the answer that best describes you:

I am an	<input type="checkbox"/> Early Riser	<input type="checkbox"/> Mid-day	<input type="checkbox"/> Night Owl
I am	<input type="checkbox"/> Talkative	<input type="checkbox"/> Quiet	<input type="checkbox"/> Outgoing
I like my room to be	<input type="checkbox"/> Very clean	<input type="checkbox"/> Clean	<input type="checkbox"/> Messy
I use alochol	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Religion is important to my match	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
I plan on getting a car	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
I want a phone line in my room <i>(students must pay for this option)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

Favorite color: _____

Favorite food: _____

Favorite music: _____

Favorite sports: _____

Favorite hobbies: _____

The one place I want to visit in America is: _____

My eye color is: _____ My hair color is: _____

Number of years studying English: _____

School Activities/involvement: _____

Special awards received: _____

My educational goals are: _____

To help us match you with a family, please mark the items below that are important to you and/or that you would like to have in your host family:

<input type="checkbox"/> Affectionate	<input type="checkbox"/> Humor
<input type="checkbox"/> Busy Home	<input type="checkbox"/> Independence
<input type="checkbox"/> Communication with family	<input type="checkbox"/> Manners
<input type="checkbox"/> Discipline	<input type="checkbox"/> Privacy
<input type="checkbox"/> Family centered activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Punctuality

My Family Background:

Father's Name: _____ Father's Occupation: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Mother's Occupation: _____

Sibling's Name: _____ Age: _____

Sibling's Name: _____ Age: _____

Sibling's Name: _____ Age: _____

I certify that the above information is true and correct and I hereby authorize College of the Desert/Intensive English Academy to release my information for the purpose of placing me in a host family or apartment.

I understand that this placement is an agreement between myself and the host family and/or apartment manager. College of the Desert/Intensive English Academy are released from any liability that may occur due to this referral.

Applicant's Printed Name

Applicant's Signature

Date

**COLLEGE OF THE DESERT
2009-2010 ESTIMATED TUITION AND LIVING EXPENSES**

(Fees effective in August 2009)

COD (still!) offers one of the lowest tuition rates in the state of California!

<u>College of the Desert Expenses:</u>		
<i>(all figures in US Dollars)</i>		
Costs:	One semester:	Two semesters:
Tuition:		
International student tuition	\$2,079 (12 units @ \$173.25/unit)	\$4,158
Enrollment Fee	\$312 (12 units @ \$26/unit)	\$624
Health insurance fee**	\$360	\$720
Books/Supplies (<i>approximate</i>)	\$200	\$400
College health services fee	\$14.00	\$28.00
Living Expenses:		
Host families with meals <i>See "Housing" for more information about additional housing options</i>	\$3,000	\$6,000
Miscellaneous expenses: <i>Transportation, food, clothing</i>	\$1,200	\$2,400
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES:	\$7,093	\$14,330

**** NOTE:** The college health insurance plan must be purchased by all international students. Fees are estimates and are subject to change.

The above fees represent the minimum estimated tuition and living expenses that an international student can expect to pay while attending College of the Desert.

Students intending to enroll at College of the Desert must show funding of USD \$14,330 in order to receive the I-20. The I-20 is the document needed to apply for the F-1 visa. International students are required to enroll in 12 units each semester for a minimum total of USD \$2,406 per semester, including enrollment fee. All fees are subject to change by the State Legislature and/or other governing boards.

Tuition and fees are due in full at the time of registration.

*For information about tuition expenses
for the Intensive English Academy,
please see the backside of this page!*



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INTENSIVE ENGLISH ACADEMY 2009-2010 ESTIMATED TUITION AND LIVING EXPENSES

(Fees effective in June 2009)

IEA FULL-TIME PROGRAM:

Full-time study is required of all students on the F-1 visa. (Full-time study is not available to students on the B-2 or Visa Waiver; see below for part-time study options). All figures are in US dollars.

Tuition Fees:	# of Hours Per Week	Tuition:
8 Week Standard Program	30	\$1,900
16 Week Standard Program	30	\$3,650
8 Week Summer Accelerated Program	32	\$2,350

Save money! Students who pre-pay for our 16 Week Standard Program save \$150 over the cost of registering for two 8 Week Standard Programs.

Additional Expenses:	8 Weeks:	16 Weeks:	24 Weeks:	32 Weeks:	40 Weeks:
Health Insurance:*	\$130	\$260	\$300	\$420	\$550
Books:	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Housing:	\$1,200	\$2,400	\$3,600	\$4,800	\$6,000
Miscellaneous Expenses:	\$300	\$700	\$1,000	\$1,300	\$1,700
Tuition:	\$1,900	\$3,650	\$5,500	\$7,300	\$9,200
TOTAL NEEDED FOR I-20:	\$3,630	\$7,110**	\$10,550**	\$13,920**	\$18,000

** If your enrollment includes the 8 Week Summer Accelerated Program, please add an additional \$500 to your total cost.

* Health Insurance: Students are required to purchase the IEA health insurance plan; no outside insurance is accepted. Health insurance costs are estimates and are subject to change by the vendor.

Tuition Fees include 25 hours of instruction per week (27 hours in the summer), 5 hours of language lab time, various social activities and access to student services. F-1 visa students must enroll in the 30 hour per week program. *Tuition and fees are due in full at the time of registration.*

IEA PART-TIME PROGRAM:

Available for B-2, J-1 and Visa Waiver students. If you will be in the United States as a tourist and want to take an English class during your studies, join us! Part-time study that is incidental to status is allowed for 90 days or less during your travels to America. Choose from one of the following classes. All figures are in US Dollars.

Note: The B-2 visa should not be used if your intention is to become a full-time student in the US; this requires an F-1 visa. F-1 visa students are not eligible for the Part-Time Program option.

Price Per Class:	8 Weeks:	16 Weeks:	8 Week Summer Accelerated Program:	
Grammar/Writing (7.5 hours/week):	\$540	\$1,080	Writing (7.5 hours/week):	\$660
Oral Communication (7.5 hours/week):	\$540	\$1,080	Oral Communication (7.5 hours/week):	\$660
Reading (5 hours/week):	\$360	\$540	Grammar (6 hours/week):	\$530
TOEFL (5 hours/week):	\$360	\$540	Reading (6 hours/week):	\$530
Conversation (5 hours/week):	\$360	\$540		
Vocabulary Building (5 hours/week):	\$360	\$540		

Tuition and fees are due in full at the time of registration.

*For information about tuition
 expenses for College of the Desert,
 please see the backside of this page!*





College of the Desert and the Intensive English Academy



PROGRAM DATES 2009-2010

College of the Desert (COD) and the Intensive English Academy (IEA) offer a variety of options for study! Please choose from one of the program dates below:

College of the Desert Program Dates:

Fall 2009.....August 31 - December 18, 2009
Spring 2010.....February 1 - May 28, 2010

Summer session: Admission NOT available

Intensive English Academy Program Dates:

16 Week Programs (Full Session):

.....March 23 - July 24, 2009
.....August 31 - December 18, 2009
.....October 26, 2009 - March 20, 2010 (includes holiday vacation)
.....February 1 - May 28, 2010
.....April 5 - July 30, 2010

8 Week Summer Accelerated Program (Full Session):

.....June 1 - July 24, 2009
.....June 7 - July 30, 2010

8 Week Programs (Half Session):

.....March 23 - May 15, 2009
.....June 1 - July 24, 2009
.....August 31 - October 23, 2009
.....October 26 - December 18, 2009
.....February 1 - March 26, 2010
.....April 5 - May 28, 2010

Application Deadlines:

College of the Desert:

Fall semester: July 15
Spring semester: December 15

Intensive English Academy:

All deadlines: One month prior to the start date

Important Information...

ACCREDITATION: College of the Desert is a public community college which is part of the state system in California. COD has full accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Founded in 1958, College of the Desert has been providing comprehensive programs that lead to university transfer as well as vocational programs for our 10,000 students.

OUR MISSION: The International Education Program (IEP) helps students achieve their educational goals by providing a program of comprehensive support services. The IEP actively supports initiatives that increase multicultural awareness for students, faculty and staff.

MEDICAL INSURANCE: Prior to registration, all international students must purchase the COD medical/health insurance plan. This plan is an accident and illness policy that will provide medical coverage for you while you are in the United States. Information regarding our health insurance plan can be obtained at www.studentinsuranceagency.com.

HEALTH CLEARANCE FORM: Students must submit a completed "Health Clearance Form" verifying Tuberculosis clearance and MMR vaccinations. A completed Health Clearance Form is required in order to register and attend classes at COD and the IEA. This form will be sent to you in the acceptance packet and should be submitted during the orientation program.

GUARDIAN STATEMENT: College of the Desert and the Intensive English Academy will review the admission of minors who have completed their secondary education on a case-by-case basis. We require students who are under the age of 18 to have a guardian over the age of 21 living in California. If you have completed your secondary education and are under the age of 18, you are required to have your parent and designated guardian submit a signed Guardianship Statement establishing legal guardianship. Please contact the International Student Office for more information.

DEPENDENTS: International (F-1) students are eligible to bring their dependents (spouse or children) into the United States. The dependent will be issued an I-20 and will enter on an "F-2 visa" which is affiliated with the F-1 visa. In order to be issued a dependent I-20, the international student must submit additional financial information in the amount of \$3000 per dependent verifying the ability to take care of the dependent. Please contact the International Student Office for more information regarding the process for bringing your dependent(s) with you.

FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIPS: F-1 students are not eligible for Federal or State financial aid and must be prepared to fully support themselves throughout their education at College of the Desert. Students who have completed 12 units at our institution can apply for scholarships that are available to COD students. Each scholarship offers different award amounts. Although most scholarships are academic/merit based, the requirements vary and students are encouraged to research their options when they arrive.

QUESTIONS: We are happy to answer any questions you may have regarding our programs and services. Most questions can be answered on our website at www.collegeofthedesert.edu/international. If you need additional assistance, please contact the International Student Office at cdelgado@collegeofthedesert.edu, telephone: (760) 776-7205 or fax: (760) 862-1361.

