

# Hillsborough Community College

Center for International Education

Tampa Bay, Florida, USA

## Begin Here. Go Anywhere!



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# Welcome to HCC!

## Why attend a community college?

### If you are looking for...

- Seamless transfer to four-year universities throughout the nation
- Low tuition—HCC's tuition is among the lowest in Florida
- A desirable location on Florida's Central Gulf Coast with year-round warm weather, world-class entertainment and beautiful beaches nearby
- On-campus luxury student housing
- Dedicated support services for international students
- Intensive English courses to help you succeed in an academic setting
- Small class sizes
- Exceptional faculty
- A culturally diverse campus and learning environment
- Accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)

### ....then this is the place for you!

Hillsborough Community College is a public, multi-campus community college in the metropolitan region of Tampa, Florida. Since 1968, we have been providing a high-quality, contemporary education to a large and diverse domestic and international community.





## High Academic Standards

Hillsborough Community College has the highest enrollment among Tampa Bay colleges with nearly 45,000 students. We are proud of our cultural diversity and our students' success:

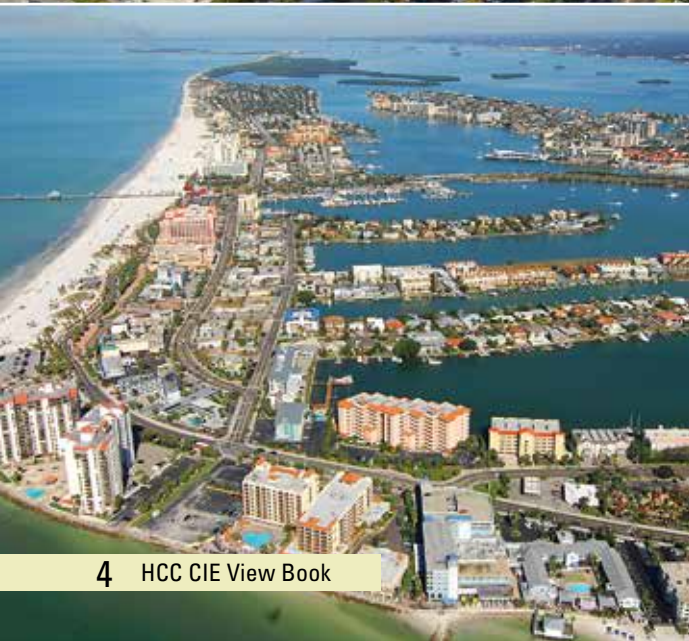
- HCC is one of the country's leading producers of associate degrees.
- The majority of our associate in arts (AA) graduates transfer to four-year universities.
- Approximately 96% of our full-time faculty members hold advanced degrees.

“At HCC, you find people from all over the world and from every walk of life. Faculty and staff go out of their way to make you feel accepted. You feel like part of the family.”

*Oluwagbemisola  
Oluwayimika, Nigeria*

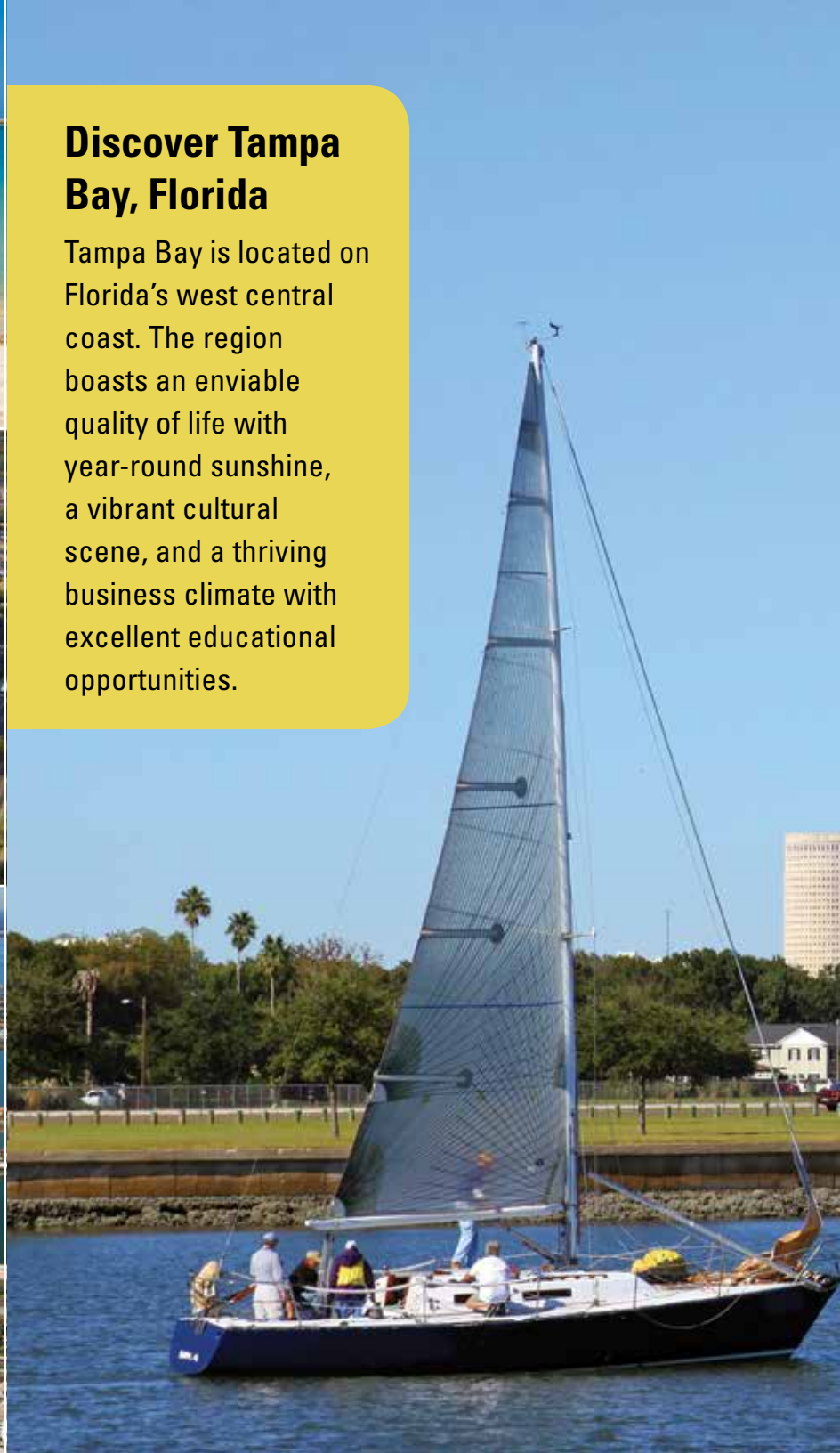




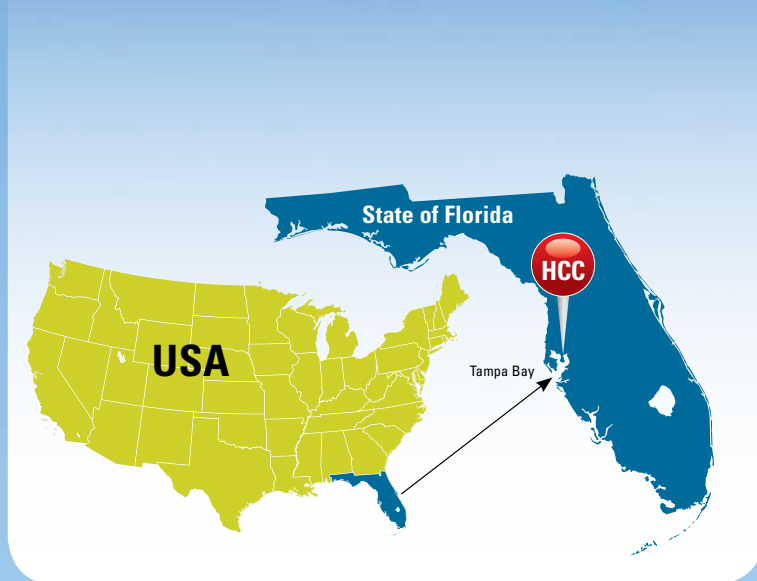


## Discover Tampa Bay, Florida

Tampa Bay is located on Florida's west central coast. The region boasts an enviable quality of life with year-round sunshine, a vibrant cultural scene, and a thriving business climate with excellent educational opportunities.







## Picture Yourself Living in Tampa Bay, with:

- A sunny, subtropical climate that allows year-round outdoor (water and land) sports and activities.
- 35 miles of white sand beaches and the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico, just a short drive away.
- A rich history, a dynamic cultural arts scene, and a diverse culinary cuisine.
- Local attractions such as Busch Gardens, the Florida Aquarium, Lowry Park Zoo, and MOSI (Museum of Science & Industry).
- Popular theme parks such as Walt Disney World, Universal Studios and SeaWorld in nearby Orlando.

## Home of Major League Sports Teams

Tampa Bay is home to a number of professional sports teams, such as the Tampa Bay Rays in Major League Baseball and the Tampa Bay Lightning in the National Hockey League. The New York Yankees play baseball in Tampa during their spring training. And if you like American football, check out the Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Raymond James Stadium, located adjacent to HCC's Dale Mabry Campus.





“ I chose HCC because of its low tuition cost, its small class sizes, and its great location. At HCC, you’re able to have that one-on-one relationship with your professors, while learning everything you need to learn before that next big step in your journey. I love that I was able to make a smooth transition from my home in the Bahamas to becoming a full-time student here at HCC.”

*Jewel Thompson, Bahamas*

## Our Students: A Global Campus

At HCC, we’re proud of our cultural and international diversity. And we believe strongly in the importance of international education—teaching our domestic and international students to appreciate professional and personal life as members of a global community.

## Who Are HCC Students?

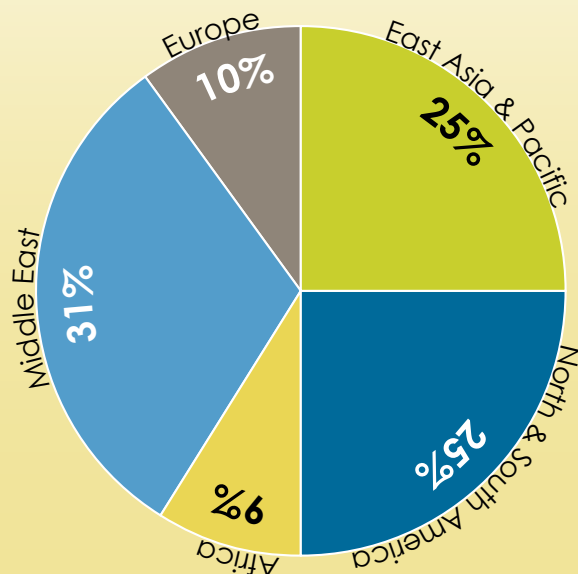
HCC has an annual enrollment of nearly 45,000 students.

Adding to that diversity are more than 3,000 students from more than 130 nations who immigrated to the United States and chose Tampa Bay as their new home. HCC currently has more than 270 international students attending on F-1 visas.





Geographic region of origin of our international F-1 visa students:



The median age of HCC students is 23.

Females	55%
Males	45%

Annual Cost of Attendance  
Community College/Universities in Tampa Bay, Florida





“HCC provides exceptional support and inspiration to help students cope with academic and cultural adjustment. The college gives me a great education, comfortable housing, and a friendly and helpful community.”

*Mariela Li Rojas, Costa Rica*







# Student Housing at Hawks Landing

## HCC offers international students an exciting on-campus housing option at Hawks Landing.

Located adjacent to HCC's Dale Mabry Campus in Tampa, Hawks Landing student apartments provide a convenient location and fun place to live at a great value!

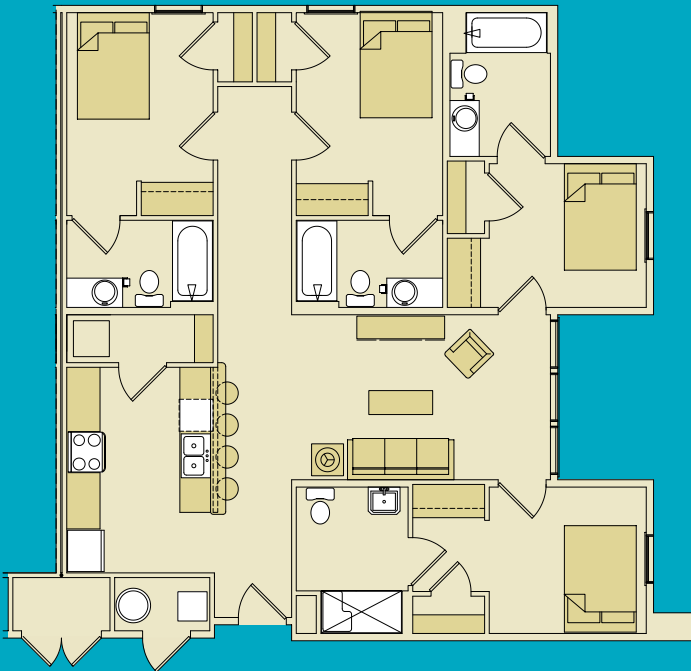
- Fully furnished 1-, 2- and 4-bedroom/bathroom units
- Private, keyed-entry bedrooms
- Shared living and kitchen areas
- High-speed internet
- Full-size washer & dryer
- Complimentary Cable TV with HBO

**Hawks Landing isn't just a place to live. Enjoy all the benefits residential life at Hawks Landing has to offer:**

- Walk to campus
- 24-hour campus safety staff
- Card-access parking
- Live-in resident assistants
- State-of-the-art fitness center
- Resort-style swimming pool
- Activity room with plasma TV and gaming stations
- Computer lab with printers and study stations
- Easy-to-join activities including welcome parties, game and movie nights, pizza parties, and many more!
- Just a few blocks away from shopping, restaurants and nightlife!

**Come join nearly 400 American and international students who call Hawks Landing home!**

Visit [hccstudenthousing.com](http://hccstudenthousing.com) to find out more and lease your room!



# Start Your Path to a Bachelor's Degree at HCC

If you are an international student in F-1 visa status who intends to earn a bachelor's degree or higher in the United States, HCC is an ideal place to begin your college experience.

## 2 Years: Associate Degree at HCC

Students complete the first 2 years of a university undergraduate program at a community college.

## 2 Years: Bachelor's Degree

Students transfer associate degree credits to a 4-year institution to complete their bachelor's degree.

## 2 Years: Master's Degree

Students can earn a master's degree after an additional 1-2 years of study.

## 2 Years: Doctorate Study

Students can earn their Ph.D. after 2+ years of study.



“ Hillsborough Community College was a good place to start my higher education. I began my studies in the English for Academic Purposes program and then was accepted into the Honors Institute at HCC. I also work on campus at the Center for International Education as a student assistant. I am glad that I am able to obtain a great education, help my fellow international students, and apply my graphic design skills at the center at the same time. Now I am looking forward to transferring to the University of Tampa and applying what I have learned at HCC.”

*Thaonguyen Nguyen, Vietnam*

## Most Popular Programs of Study Among International Students:

- Business Administration
- Computer Technology
- Engineering
- Health Sciences
- Hospitality & Tourism Management
- Liberal Arts

## Why Choose HCC?

First, our tuition and fees are generally much lower than at most four-year institutions. Second, our associate in arts degree is designed to help students meet the general education requirements (generally completed during the first two years of a four-year degree) needed to transfer to the upper division level of a four-year college or university to continue work towards a bachelor's degree. This is often referred to as a “2+2” program.

HCC prepares students for a wide range of transfer majors, each of which has a distinctive list of predetermined general education and elective courses. Through-

out their stay at HCC, international students will work closely with their international student advisor to map out their two-year educational and university transfer plan and ensure accuracy in selecting transferable courses.

Upon completion of your associate in arts degree, you qualify for transfer as a third-year student to many nationally ranked four-year institutions located throughout the United States, including Florida. If you want to attend a selective liberal arts institution, a nationally ranked research university, or an Ivy League school, HCC helps you get there!





## HCC graduates have been admitted to:

- Agnes Scott College
- American University
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Emory University
- Florida State University
- Florida International University
- George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- New York University
- Northwestern University
- Smith College
- Tulane University
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of Central Florida
- University of Florida
- University of Kansas
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- University of Miami
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of South Florida
- University of Tampa
- University of Texas at Austin
- Wellesley College
- Yale University
- ...and many more!

## Did you know that...

- Community colleges now educate almost half of all undergraduate students in the U.S.?
- Academic records of community college students who transfer compare favorably with those of students who began their studies at a four-year institution? For the low cost and variety of study programs, a community college is a smart educational choice.

## Your Academic Advantage at HCC:

- Affordable tuition fees.
- Small class sizes (20-35 students).
- Personal attention from quality instructors.
- Opportunity to explore fields of interest before committing to a major.
- No SAT requirements.
- Dedicated staff help you plan your transfer to a four-year institution anywhere in the United States or beyond.

## Begin Here. Go Anywhere!

**Talk with an HCC advisor today!**

**Email us at [international@hccfl.edu](mailto:international@hccfl.edu)!**

# HCC Degrees and Programs

Which direction do you want to take your education, career, and your life? Whether you are just starting out your college education or gaining expertise in a particular profession, at HCC, you have so many options. We offer more than 160 academic and career programs that provide a strong foundation for university transfer or prepare you for employment.

“I am enrolled in HCC’s nursing program, which is a very competitive and demanding field. The nursing instructors are excellent and provide us with a lot of personalized attention. After earning my associate’s degree at HCC, I plan to transfer to the University of South Florida to pursue my bachelor’s degree in nursing and eventually my master’s.”

*Elizaveta Georgieva, Russia*



## Associate in Arts Degree

Our associate in arts (AA) degree is designed to satisfy general education requirements for a four-year degree; you may also take introductory courses in your intended, upper division major. That gives you a chance to learn if your intended major is a good choice, and to change it if you like. To earn an AA degree, students must earn a minimum of 60 credit hours, with no less than 36 credits of general education courses and 24 credits in the university transfer electives.

**AA pre-majors include, but are not limited to, the following:**

**Agriculture  
Anthropology**

**Architecture  
Art**

**Building Construction**

**Business Administration**

**Computer Information Systems**

**Computer Science (Engineering)**

**Dance**

**Dramatic Arts**

**Education and Teacher Preparation**

**Engineering**

**Graphic Design**

**Hospitality Administration  
Management**

**Liberal Arts and Sciences**

**Mass Communications**

**Medical Science**

**Music**

**Pharmacy**





# Associate in Science Degree

The associate in science (AS) degree offers additional coursework to prepare you for highly skilled employment. Many AS degrees—for example, in fields such as nursing, radiography, engineering, and business administration—are transferrable to a four-year university.

We also offer innovative degrees and certifications (taking less than two years) that prepare you for employment in fields such as business administration, accounting, computer sciences, and hospitality and tourism management.



## Popular AS degree programs include:

### Architectural Design and Construction

AS Architectural Design and Construction Technology

### Business

AS Business Administration

AS Business Administration/International Business Management

### Early Childhood Education

AS Early Childhood Management

### Engineering

AS Biotechnology

AS Engineering Technology

### Environmental Science

AS Aquaculture

AS Environmental Science Technology

### Health Sciences

AS Counseling and Human Services

AS Dental Hygiene

AS Diagnostic Medical

Sonography Technology

AS Nursing RN Basic

AS Opticianry

AS Radiation Therapy

AS Radiography

AS Sign Language

### Hospitality and Culinary Arts

AS Culinary Management

AS Dietetic Technician

AS Hospitality and Tourism Management

### Information Technology

AS Computer Engineering Technology

AS Computer Information Administrator

AS Computer Programming

AS Information Technology Security

AS Network Administrator

### Media Arts Technology

AS Digital Media/Multimedia Technology

### Public Service

AS Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies



“ While attending HCC, I had a lot of career-relevant experiences both on and off campus. I participated in a culinary competition and completed an internship at a local restaurant. Without the school’s support, I would not have been able to further my second career as a chef.”

*Eun Joo Chae, South Korea*



“Hillsborough Community College offers a very supportive learning environment at reasonable tuition costs. After a year in the English for Academic Purposes program at HCC, my proficiency level has improved dramatically, and I am now very confident in communicating in English.”

*Hung To, Vietnam*



## English for Academic Purposes: Accelerating Your HCC Success

In order to pursue a full course of study in either the AA or AS degree programs at HCC, you must demonstrate the ability to speak, read, write, and understand English at a level appropriate for college-level studies. To verify your level, HCC requires proof of English proficiency before admission is approved, such as the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language).

Upon arrival at HCC, all international students take assessment tests recommended by their international student advisor (or submit ACT/SAT scores) to determine whether they require placement into additional college preparatory courses prior to enrolling in college-level courses.

International students whose tests indicate they need instruction in English for Academic Purposes (EAP) will be enrolled in the appropriate EAP series of courses. Your

advisor will assist you with registration for the proper coursework.

HCC's EAP program will give you the English language skills necessary to participate effectively in your academic life at HCC. The program:

- Places you in one of six skill levels for English language training.
- Will help you quickly improve English grammar, writing, reading, speech and listening skills.
- Reinforces what is learned via labs.
- Offers small class sizes for personalized attention (25 students or less).
- Is available during fall, spring, or summer semesters.





# Student Services: Supporting Your Educational Journey

At HCC, you can enjoy a fulfilling college experience in and beyond the classroom, a friendly and safe environment away from home, and supportive faculty and staff eager to help you achieve your academic goals.

Our dedicated staff at the Center for International Education (CIE) support you with specialized programs and services from start to finish.

- **Admissions**—Our advisors guide you through the admissions process to ensure a smooth transition from your home country or from another institution in the U.S. to HCC.
- **Arrival**—We host a comprehensive international student orientation to help you get started with your adjustment to life and study in the U.S. We also provide guidance on assessment tests and help you complete registration for classes.
- **Advising**—Our advisors help you understand program requirements, explore majors, evaluate your options, and establish your educational goals. Students receive pathways and university transfer support. We also answer common questions regarding F-1 student visa regulations, including travel, employment authorization, Optional Practical Training (OPT), and other F-1 visa benefits.
- **Student Life Skills (SLS) Course**—This required one-credit course taken in the first semester further assists international students with the adjustment to American college culture and campus life. It provides an in-depth review of student services, resources, and college and immigration policies and procedures.
- **Special Programs**—HCC offers several events that encourage the sharing of culture and language among our students, such as the International Festival, International Education Week, and the CIE's own Conversation Partner Program and International Student Club.
- **Student Life**—Our student advisors help you get connected and involved in the campus and its many organizations, activities and clubs.



“I came to HCC to study Network Administration/ Cisco Technology & Telecommunication. The college offers a great learning environment, the classrooms are equipped with high-end technology, and you have full support from the teachers. What I like the most about HCC is how the counselors, advisors, and admissions staff work with you to ensure your successful stay at HCC. With the help and support of the staff at the Center for International Education, I feel well prepared to pursue my academic career and to fit into American society as an international student.”

*Elhadji Toure, Senegal*







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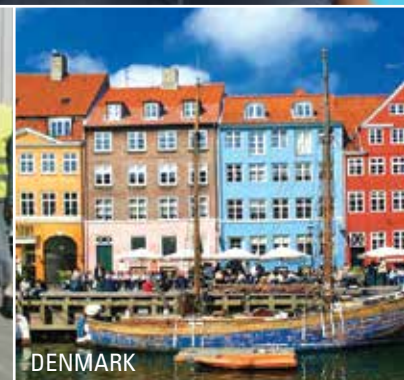
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“When it comes to traveling abroad, they say that the best way to truly know about something is to experience it. From my visit to Denmark I gained a deeper understanding of Danish culture and left with a thirst for more because of the hospitality I received from my host families and involvement in their daily life.”

*Jacob Sosa, 2012 Denmark study abroad participant.*



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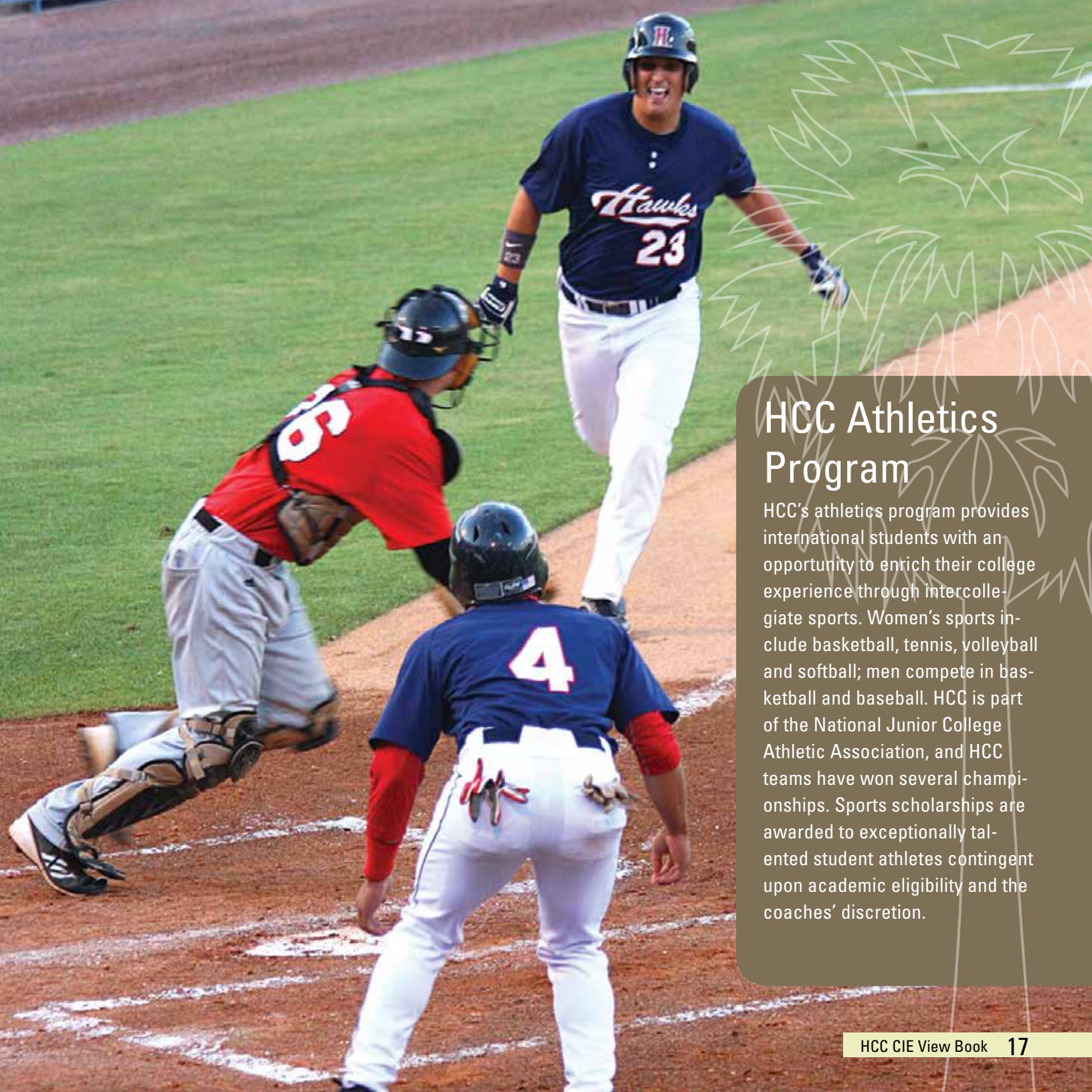
## Study Abroad

While at HCC, take advantage of our Summer Study Abroad programs. Earn college credits while exploring biological and environmental science in Belize, examining Denmark's innovations in alternative energy, immersing yourself in Spain's language and culture, or studying transcultural nursing practices in Ecuador. Your educational experience at HCC can take you on an unforgettable journey.



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## HCC Athletics Program

HCC's athletics program provides international students with an opportunity to enrich their college experience through intercollegiate sports. Women's sports include basketball, tennis, volleyball and softball; men compete in basketball and baseball. HCC is part of the National Junior College Athletic Association, and HCC teams have won several championships. Sports scholarships are awarded to exceptionally talented student athletes contingent upon academic eligibility and the coaches' discretion.

# Apply for Admission

**Why not get started now on planning your future at HCC?**

**Here's what you'll need to know, and do, to submit your application to us and put your plans into motion.**

## For more details

**about how to apply to Hillsborough Community College, contact us by:**

Email: [international@hccfl.edu](mailto:international@hccfl.edu)

Phone: 1.813.253.7009

Web: [www.hccfl.edu/international](http://www.hccfl.edu/international)



“HCC is a great college for international students. Everybody is really open and willing to help. As a future nursing student at HCC, I am able to complete the required prerequisite courses and adjust to the educational system in the U.S. And as a student assistant, I have the chance to use my own experience and help new international students with the admissions process.”

*Aleksandrina Vodenicharska, Bulgaria*

## STEP 1: Admission

In order to be admitted to HCC as an international student, you'll need to complete the following application requirements:

- Completed international student application
- \$50 non-refundable application fee
- Proof of financial support
- Proof of graduation from secondary school (high school) and any college or university you attended (accompanied by a certified evaluation and translation, if not in English)
- Evidence of English language proficiency, including:
  - Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) = 61/173/500 or higher
  - International English Language Testing System (IELTS) = Band Score of 5.5 or higher
- Copy of your passport

## Application Deadlines:

June 15 <sup>th</sup>	for Fall Semester (August – December)
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	for Spring Semester (January – May)
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	for Summer Semester (May – August)

## STEP 2: Pre-Arrival Activities

Read your acceptance letter and pre-arrival information that you will receive with your I-20 form from Hillsborough Community College. Pay the SEVIS I-901 fee. Make an appointment for an F-1 visa interview with the nearest U.S. consulate in your home country. Make travel arrangements.

## STEP 3: Arrival and Academic Assessment

Report to the Center for International Education. Take the appropriate assessment test recommended by your international student advisor or submit ACT/SAT scores to determine proper placement into academic coursework.

## STEP 4: Orientation and Registration

Attend the required orientation session at the Center for International Education. Research your academic options using the college catalog and advising guides. Meet with your international student advisor to register for courses. All tuition and fees are due in full the day you register.







# HCC Honors Institute

HCC's nationally recognized Honors Institute promotes a rigorous academic program for the most talented and highly motivated students to help them fully reach their potential and become leaders in their profession and community.

## **Honors students enjoy:**

- Smaller classes
- Experiential learning
- Leadership development
- Specialized academic advising
- Personalized transfer and scholarship assistance to four-year institutions

Recent Honors Institute graduates have successfully transferred to some of the most prestigious colleges and universities throughout the United States.

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