



Framingham
STATE COLLEGE

OFFICE OF
UNDERGRADUATE
ADMISSIONS

International
Student
Information
Packet
2010

Dear International Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in Framingham State College. With this brochure you will find the Admissions application materials necessary for international students applying for an undergraduate degree program. All international students must submit an Application for Undergraduate Admission in addition to all required documents. If you did not receive an application with this packet, you may either apply online at **www.framingham.edu/Admissions** or contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. The deadline for completing the application process is February 15th for September entrance, and December 1st for January entrance.

Currently tuition, fees, room, board, and estimated personal expenses for international students amount to approximately \$28,401 U.S. for a nine-month course of study. Students who plan on remaining in the United States for any summer after their first year should budget an additional \$4,500.00 U.S. per year. Unfortunately, the College has no financial aid available for international students.

Any international student who is seeking entrance into an undergraduate degree program and is in the United States at the time of application but does not require an F-1 visa must submit a copy of his/her passport, and visa. An applicant looking to change from B-1 or B-2 status to F-1 status may not attend school until the change of status application is approved by USCIS. International students who do not require an F-1 visa must submit a signed letter which states that the applicant will not be seeking an F-1 visa. Candidates not seeking an F-1 visa are not required to submit financial documentation. These materials are in lieu of the financial documentation. All applicants with international academic credentials should follow the instructions regarding required academic credentials. (if presenting academic credentials from non-American universities).

Please read the instructions carefully and submit all application materials by the deadline indicated. All documents submitted should include the student's name as it appears on the application.

We wish you the best in achieving your higher education goals.

Sincerely,

The Undergraduate Admissions Staff

Enclosures

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING

Please read the following instructions very carefully and arrange to submit all necessary credentials by the appropriate deadline.

DEADLINES

January 2010: December 1, 2009
September 2010: February 15, 2010

All materials should be forwarded to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions,
100 State Street, P.O. Box 9101, Framingham, MA 01701

BEFORE YOUR APPLICATION CAN BE CONSIDERED YOU MUST SUBMIT:

1. **APPLICATION FORM.** An application for admission (including required essay) should be submitted directly to Framingham State College Office of Undergraduate Admissions. The application fee is **\$60.00**. Payment may be made in cash, if paying in person, or by check drawn on a U.S. bank, payable to Framingham State College. The applicant's name should be clearly marked on the check.
Do not send foreign currency. You may also visit our Web site www.framingham.edu/Admissions for an electronic application.
2. **All applicants must submit a copy of their passport and a permanent address. If studying in the United States at the time of application, applicants should submit a copy of their visa, current I-20, and SEVIS ID Number.**
3. **ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS.** Official/attested copies of marks sheets, transcripts, and/or leaving certificates, with exam results from the secondary school and all universities the student has attended, should be sent directly from the institution(s) to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.
All applicants must submit proof of graduation from their secondary school.
Certified translations must be provided for documents supplied in a language other than English. Please note that all transcripts and other credentials submitted become the property of Framingham State College and will not be returned to the applicant.

A certified, course-by-course evaluation of foreign credentials must be provided by all transfer applicants and any freshman applicants who have taken college-level work outside of the U.S. at a university or at the secondary school level (i.e. "A" level courses in some countries may be eligible for college credit). The evaluation must include grade and credit hour equivalents for each course. An application for a transcript/certificate evaluation may be downloaded at www.cedevaluations.com.

Please follow the instructions carefully to ensure timely delivery of the evaluation report to the Framingham State College Office of Undergraduate Admissions. If you have attended more than one university or college, official transcripts (and course-by-course evaluations, if appropriate) from each institution must be forwarded to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions by the appropriate deadline. Please be advised that evaluations may take 4 to 6 weeks to prepare.

4. **OFFICIAL SAT REASONING TEST (with writing).** Applicants are required to submit results of the SAT Reasoning Test (with writing). Official test results must be sent directly to the Office of Undergraduate from the College Entrance Examination Board. The College Board code for Framingham State College is **3519**. International applicants who, at the time of application, have successfully completed at least 30 semester hours of university-level courses with a college-level mathematics course may be exempted from the SAT Reasoning Test (with writing) requirement. Applicants over the age of 25 will not be required to take the SAT Test (with writing) examination. Please see the College Board Web site at www.collegeboard.com for registration information.
5. **TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TOEFL).** A minimum score of 213 on the computer-based TOEFL or an 80 on the internet-based TOEFL is required by the Committee for consideration for admission into a degree program. Please refer to the TOEFL Web site at www.ets.org for information about registering for the TOEFL. Students whose native language or academic language (K-12) is English or students who have completed an associate's degree in the U.S. at the time of application will be exempt. All other applicants must take the TOEFL and have the official test results sent directly to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.
6. **RÉSUMÉ OR DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES.** If the applicant has been out of school for any period of time, a résumé or description of activities must be submitted. All time periods when the applicant has not been enrolled in school must be covered. Work experience, travel, family commitments, and other relevant information may be included.
7. **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION.** To be completed by either a teacher, counselor, coach, or work supervisor.
All international students (i.e. not permanent residents or citizens of the U.S.) are classified as "out-of-state" students for tuition purposes whether or not they require an F-1 visa. Items 8-10 are to be completed only by applicants seeking an F-1 student visa.
8. **CERTIFICATION OF FINANCES.** Applicants must complete the Certification of Finances form to verify that the applicant has access to sufficient financial resources required to attend the College (this is a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement). **All** F-1 visa applicants **must** complete **all** portions of the Framingham State College Certification of Finances form. This form will not be valid unless it is signed by the applicant. No other form may be submitted. Since the College is unable to provide financial aid to international students, the applicant must demonstrate adequate resources to meet the yearly estimated expenses.

	ESTIMATED YEARLY EXPENSES	
	Academic Year (September-May)	Summer (June-August)
Tuition and Fees	\$12,621.00	\$ 1,400.00
Room and Board	\$ 8,148.00	
Health Insurance	\$ 1,189.00	
Book and Supplies*	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 200.00
Personal Expenses	\$ 4,443.00	\$ 2,900.00
*Includes allowance for requires laptop computer.		
TOTALS	\$ 28,401.00	\$ 4,500.00

Those students planning on leasing off-campus housing (not living with a sponsor) should budget for and document a substantially larger amount of money to cover rent, utilities, and food.

Summer tuition and fees are based upon enrollment in two four-credit courses. **Expenses are subject to change.**

International students studying on an F-1 visa in the United States are eligible to work in on-campus paid positions. Employment is not guaranteed. It is illegal for students on an F-1 visa to be employed otherwise. A student's potential earnings cannot be included in the financial documentation.

9. **SOURCE OF FUNDS. F-1 visa applicants must demonstrate that the entire first year's expenses are either currently on deposit or are being provided by their home government or agency.** All sources of savings (personal, parental, or those of an individual sponsor) must be verified in a letter by a bank official on official bank stationery. **Faxes documenting financial support will not be accepted.** Each financial institution must verify the legal name of the bank, the mailing address of the bank, the name and title of the signing bank official, the length of the banking relationship with the client, a telephone number where that official may be reached, and verification that the amount of \$28,401 U.S. or more is currently on deposit. If the savings are held in more than one financial institution, verification from each bank must be provided.
10. **PARENTS/SPONSORS OF APPLICANT.** If parents or sponsors are the source of financial support, including room and board, they must complete the "Parental/Sponsor Affidavit of Support" form. This form **must be notarized.** If an individual local sponsor is providing the applicant with rent free room and board for at least the first year of attending FSC, a separate notarized Parental/Sponsor Affidavit must be submitted.

11. **WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.** If the applicant wishes to authorize the College to communicate with other individuals (such as sponsor, friend, sibling, etc.) about the status of the application, this form must be completed and submitted with the application.

FINANCIAL AID

Framingham State College is unable, under any circumstances, to provide financial aid to international students. In addition, the application fee will not be waived.

IMPORTANT

A decision on an international application for admission cannot be made until all required credentials, financial and academic, have been submitted. All international applicants should apply as early as possible to ensure timely processing of their application. **An I-20 form is issued only AFTER the applicant has been accepted and has submitted the appropriate deposit.** All applicants should retain copies of the financial documents submitted to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. United States embassies, consulates, or the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services require this information before an F-1 visa can be issued.

ALL CREDENTIALS SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BECOME THE PROPERTY OF FRAMINGHAM STATE COLLEGE, AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT.

Transcripts, test results, and inquiries should be directed to:

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Framingham State College
100 State Street, P.O. Box 9101
Framingham, MA 01701-9101

Telephone: 508.626.4500
Fax: 508.626.4017
admissions@framingham.edu
www.framingham.edu

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RESIDENCE LIFE AND DINING SERVICE INFORMATION

There are six residence halls at Framingham State College. Each year, approximately 1,500 students take advantage of the opportunity to live on campus. Our professional staff of Residence Hall Directors and student Resident Assistants aid FSC students in making the most of their residence life experience.

Each residence hall at Framingham State College is unique. Co-educational housing is available in five residence halls, the largest of which is **Corinne Hall Towers**. This modern, high-rise building accommodates over 450 students in double and single rooms. **Larned Hall** also provides co-ed living arrangements for 340 students in double rooms on either co-ed or single-sex wings. One floor in this building is designated as the Freshman Experience Floor. **Horace Mann Hall** houses 120 Juniors and Seniors in co-ed, single rooms. **Linsley Hall** provides co-ed housing for 160 students with traditional and suite style living. **O'Connor Hall** offers double and triple rooms.

One residence hall is reserved for female students. **Peirce Hall** provides housing for over 120 women mostly in single rooms. Framingham State College does not provide married student or family housing.

Framingham State College students may dine in five facilities. The Dining Commons seats 475 students and offers continuous dining Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. On the weekends, students may enjoy brunch and dinner. A variety of hot dishes, pasta, salads, sandwiches, pizza, breakfast items, and desserts are offered. The Dining Commons is primarily utilized by resident students. Students may choose a 10, 14, or 19 meals-per-week plan. Students (with or without a meal plan) may purchase similar food items in the State Street Grille on a cash basis. Students may also purchase late night snacks in the State Street Grille. Light snacks and drinks may be purchased during the day at the Juice Bar, located in the Athletic/Recreation Center, the Cyber Café in the College Center, or in the Whittemore Smart Mart located in the Library. All dining operations are managed by Sodexo Campus Services.

Room and board charges only cover the periods when classes are in session. During the 2008-2009 year, vacation periods are tentatively scheduled for the dates listed below. All dates are subject to change.

* Thanksgiving Recess:	November 26-27
* Semester Break:	December 23-January 12
* Spring Vacation:	March 12-21

During these periods, the residence halls will be closed and meals will not be available in any dining hall. Students will be responsible for finding their own accommodations. The Office of Residence Life will make every effort to help students obtain housing during vacation periods.



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