

A photograph of the Valencia College RSI Center. The building is a modern brick structure with large windows and a prominent sign that reads "RSI CENTER" in green. In the foreground, there is an outdoor seating area with several round tables and benches. A group of five students is sitting at one of the tables, engaged in conversation. The area is shaded by large, white, curved canopy structures supported by tall, white poles. There are trees and bushes around the building, and a clear blue sky with some clouds in the background.

VALENCIA COLLEGE

**Study at the Best
Two-Year College
in the U.S.**

Orlando, Florida, USA



Valencia College has two types of visa programs:

1. F-1 Student Visa
2. J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa



A College That Cares

Valencia College won the 2012 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, recognizing it as the best two-year college in the United States. We were named the best because we provide a quality education and help students reach their goals. We have one of the highest graduation rates in the country and provide guaranteed transfer to a state university.

Valencia College is a more affordable place to start your U.S. education. We provide the first two years of a bachelor's degree, but our tuition costs 40 percent less than a state university's. We also have great professors and advisors, small class sizes, and plenty of support resources to help you succeed.

With more than 175 countries represented on our campuses, Valencia College welcomes students from all over the world. And, wherever you come from, we'll help you have a successful U.S. college experience.

Life in Orlando

Year-round sunshine, local theme parks and nearby beaches have made Orlando a leading vacation destination. But more importantly, it's a great place to live and study. Here's why:



- Orlando is culturally diverse, with a high immigrant population. In 2008, Forbes magazine named Orlando #5 in a list of "America's newest immigrant capitals."
- Orlando is rising as a national leader in health care and biotechnology with the rapidly growing Medical City, which includes the University of Central Florida College of Medicine, MD Anderson Orlando Cancer Research Institute, Nemours Children's Hospital and the University of Florida Research Center.





- Downtown Orlando features unique art venues and a thriving music scene. Also, Orlando is an internationally renowned shopping and dining destination, with more than 5,000 restaurants.
- For sports fans, Orlando is home to the UCF Knights college football team, the Orlando Magic basketball team, the Orlando City soccer team and baseball spring training for the Atlanta Braves and Houston Astros.
- The weather in Central Florida is mild, with an average annual temperature of 72.4F/22.4C degrees.

- Metro Orlando is one of the nation's fastest growing high-tech regions and has long been recognized as a leading center for modeling, simulation and training, with more than 100 companies in that area, including Northrop Grumman and Lockheed Martin.
- Known as "The City Beautiful," Orlando is home to lush landscaping and pristine natural areas, including more than 300 lakes and rivers.





Our Intensive English Program is accredited by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation, which is recognized by the Department of Education. Only a few other two-year colleges in the U.S. hold this accreditation.



Choose Your Academic Program

Valencia College offers several pathways to a college degree. Choose the one that will best help you reach your goals.

1. Intensive English and ESL for Teens Programs

The Intensive English Program is a way for you to quickly improve your English skills to meet college entrance requirements. We offer nine language levels, from beginner to high-advanced, so that you can start at the level that's right for you and work your way up. We offer monthly start dates and small classes, averaging only 14 students. After completing the program, our international advisors can help you transfer to Valencia College or a university.

The Summer ESL for Teens Program offers beginner through advanced courses for students ages 12-14 who are interested in improving their English skills.

2. Associate Degree

Associate in Arts (A.A.)

An A.A. degree is the first two years of a bachelor's degree. It fulfills all general education requirements and can also be tailored toward a specific major. An A.A. degree from Valencia College is guaranteed to transfer to a Florida state university, including guaranteed admission to the University of Central Florida.

Associate in Science (A.S.)

An A.S. degree is a two-year degree that prepares you to enter directly into a specialized career field or to transfer to a related bachelor's degree at Valencia College or a university. We offer A.S. degrees in more than 30 career areas. Each of our programs was developed with input from business leaders to ensure that they meet the latest industry standards.

3. Bachelor's Degree

A bachelor's degree is a four-year undergraduate degree. Valencia College offers a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology. Our international advisors can assist you with finding the degree that's right for you at Valencia or helping you to transfer to a university.

We Support International Students

At Valencia College, we value our international students and strive to create an environment that fosters cross-cultural understanding and appreciation. In addition to being assigned to an advisor who can help you every step of the way throughout your college career, you can also take advantage of our other services.

Support Services

- International advisors to assist with the admission process, immigration, academic and personal advising for F-1 and J-1 students.
- Orientation session exclusively for international students.
- Academic support, including libraries, labs, writing center and tutoring.
- Free Wi-Fi, computer labs, email account and IT support.
- DirectConnect to UCF - a program that provides guaranteed admission and a smooth transition to the University of Central Florida.



Make the Most of Your College Experience

From academics to getting involved on campus, Valencia College provides plenty of opportunities to maximize your time here.

Top Degree Programs

Valencia College offers more than 60 programs of study. The most popular programs with our international students are those in business, engineering, and arts and entertainment. These programs provide hands-on experience and are taught by industry professionals.

Honors College

The James M. and Dayle L. Seneff Honors College provides a challenging and in-depth course of study, as well as an emphasis on learning outside of the classroom. Choose from three different tracks: Interdisciplinary Studies, Leadership or Undergraduate Research.

Campus Events and Activities

From film festivals to music and dance concerts, plays, guest speakers and cultural events like the Brazilian Film Festival and International Education Week, there's always something happening on Valencia College campuses. The biggest student event is Spirit Day, a festival held each fall. A long-standing tradition, this fun-filled event features music, food, games and contests.

Student Clubs and Organizations

There are plenty of ways to get involved on campus and meet new people at Valencia College. There are more than 60 student groups, clubs and organizations, including clubs for movie, book, art and animal lovers, career interest groups, student government, Valencia Volunteers and intramural sports.



Student Clubs and Organizations with a Global Perspective

- Amnesty International
- Caribbean Student Association
- Muslim Student Association
- Valencia International Club
- Model United Nations
- American Arab Culture Club
- Haitian Student Association
- Valencia Intercultural Student Association
- Latin American Student Organization
- Peace and Justice Society



Steps to Attend Valencia College

We have dedicated staff available to help you through the entire admissions process. Here is an overview of what to expect.

Admissions Overview

1. Submit an application packet to Valencia College prior to deadline date.
2. Receive your acceptance letter and I-20/DS-2019.
3. Pay the required SEVIS fee.
4. Contact the U.S. embassy in your home country to arrange your visa appointment.
5. After your visa request has been approved, inform the college and make your travel and housing arrangements for Orlando.
6. Come to the U.S.
7. Report to the Designated School Official (DSO) or Alternate/Responsible Officer (A/RO).
8. Attend New Student Orientation.
9. Attend required Immigration Session.
10. Begin classes at Valencia College.

Tips to Make the Admissions Process Go Quickly and Smoothly

- Contact Valencia as soon as possible to get started.
- Be thorough. Ensure that the application packet has been completed and that the information is correct before submitting it.
- Save time by submitting all of your paperwork at once.
- Allow extra time for your transcripts to be translated.
- Be prepared for your embassy interview, but also try to relax.

If you need assistance at any time, please contact us directly.

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