

# FIRST QUARTER INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT GUIDE

## Meet Your Advisor

After creating your Bellevue College email and ctcLink accounts, schedule a meeting with your International Student Advisor as soon as possible. Appointments can be scheduled online or in person through our website.

[Click here to schedule your appointment.](#)

## Placement and Testing

English and Math courses are essential for most degrees at Bellevue College. Key points include:

- [Click this link](#) for placement options or to schedule a test.
- Check your acceptance email for English placement if you've attended another college in the US or taken a TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo test.

Complete your English and Math placement promptly to progress in your degree.

## Degree Requirements

### Transfer Associate Degrees:

This degree type requires courses from multiple subject areas be completed to fulfill general education requirements. Subjects included are Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, and more.

Other courses needed will be the requirements based on your future major. You can view degree requirements and their class options on the [BC website](#).

### Prof/Technical Associate & Certificate Degrees:

Each Professional and Technical degree has specific course requirements that you can find on the [BC website](#).

### Bachelor Degrees:

Work with your Bachelor degree program advisor to plan your courses. If you are considering completing a BC bachelor degree in the future, you will work with your international advisor to plan courses.

## F-1 Federal Regulations

International students in F-1 status are required to:

- **Enroll in 12 or more credits per quarter**
- **Ensure that at least 7 credits are from in-person or hybrid classes.**

For optimal progress, it is advised to take 15 credits per quarter. Students may begin with 13 credits in the first quarter, which typically includes HD 103 and two additional courses.

## HD 103

You must complete HD 103: International First Year Experience (3 units/credits) unless waived for prior similar coursework in the U.S.

## First Quarter Example Courses

Common courses students enroll in for their first quarter.

### Humanities:

- CMST& 101: Intro to Communication Studies
- MUSC 105: Music Appreciation
- PHIL 102: Contemporary Moral Issues
- HIST& 146: U.S. History I
- ART 110: Two Dimensional Design

### Social Science:

- ANTH 180: American Life and Culture
- CMST& 102: Intro to Mass Media
- GEOG 105: Geography of World Affairs
- PSYC& 100: Intro to Psychology
- SOC& 101: Intro to Sociology

### Natural Science (non-Science majors):

- ENVS 105: The Science of Sustainable Living
- ASTR& 101: Intro to Astronomy w/Lab
- OCEA& 101: Introduction to Oceanography w/Lab
- GEOL& 101: Introduction to Physical Geology