How to complete the online application for F-1 International Students at HCC
The first step to apply as an F-1 international student at Houston Community College is to fill-out and submit your **online** application. You can apply by using your computer, tablet iPad or Smartphone. Follow the steps indicated below.
Open your browser and go to www.hccs.edu

Click on NEW STUDENTS APPLY NOW tab
Click on Start New Application
This page displays options for each application type available at HCC.

Select the option F-1 International
The first step is to determine the F-1 application type. Please review the provided definitions.
Create your HCC account by completing all required fields.

Please provide your accurate email address.
Create your password for your HCC online account.

You must remember your password.

You can create your own question, and response. Example: What is my favorite Color? Response: Red

We recommend you take a screenshot of this page.

Click on Submit.
After you complete each step, you must click on the **Save** button and then on the **Next** button to proceed to the next step.
You have created your HCC online account.

Click on Continue to begin the F-1 online application.
Please, complete the next nine (9) steps.

Click on Yes

Select your application type: Change of status, Concurrent, New, or Tran,

Select Term/Semester you would like to start:

Click on save and go to the next step
Select your Birth Country and Country of citizenship.

Add your middle name if any.

Select marital status and your gender.

Click on Save to save and go to the next step.
You must fill out three address types,
1- USA address (Check the box if you do not have one)
2- Permanent Address (Address in your home country)
3- Mailing Address (Can not be 3100 Main Street)

Click on **Save** to save and go to the next step
Add your phone number or phone numbers. Use the following format: For US phone numbers use XXX/XXX/XXXX For international phone add the country code.

Select one of three options from the phone type dropdown menu: 1-Home 2-Business 3-Cell (Mobile)

Click on Save to save and go to the next step.
Please, add your emergency contact, including an email address.

Click on Save to save and go to the next step.
Step 6 is optional

Click on **Save** to save and go to the next step.
Dependents are only your husband, wife or child under 21 years old. Complete only if the dependents will require dependents I-20s and will accompany you in the US.

Click on Save to save and go to the next step.

Sponsor is the individual(s) or company who provide funds (money) to the student(s). You can be self-sponsoring.

If you choose option picked at the office, then please fill out the name, phone and email address for the authorized party to pick up your I-20 form.
If you are below 18 years old, you must submit an evaluation of your high school transcript. For details, go to:

From the dropdown menu, select the option applicable to you.

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Select where you attended your high school.

Complete required fields about your high school.

Complete required fields about your college/university (if you have attended any college/university)

Click on Save to save and go to the next step
Choose what you wish to study?

Read and check all three boxes.

Click on Submit to submit your online application.
This is your conditional acceptance letter from Houston Community College. It means that you completed your first step in the application process at HCC. You will receive an email with instructions about next steps or you can go to step 2 on hccs.edu/f1applynow.
After the application submission, you will receive an email of our ISP Director with welcoming steps and later, you will receive another email from our office (ISP) to complete the application steps.

Transfer International Students

As a reminder, these are the application steps for a Transfer

1. Online application, W and P numbers
2. Sign in to your HCC account
3. Prepare application documents
4. Upload documents to your To Do List
5. Choose a mailing option for receiving I-20

After receive the International Student Transfer Acceptance Verification

1. Request an I-20 Transfer
2. Enroll in classes

Change of Status Students

As a reminder, these are the application steps for Change of status

1. Online application, W and P numbers
2. Sign in to your HCC account
3. Register for a Change of Status (COS) Workshop
4. Prepare Documents and Attend the assigned COS Workshop
5. Receive your COS SEVIS form I-20 from OISS
6. Pay $350 SEVIS I-901 fee
7. Send your COS package to USCIS - See the Mailing checklist with $85 Biometrics Fee
8. Obligations to OISS & SA as a change-of-status applicant

Concurrent/Transient Students

As a reminder, these are the application steps for Concurrent Students

1. Online application, W and P numbers
2. Sign in to your HCC account
3. Prepare supporting documents
4. Upload documents to your To Do List
5. Proof of meningitis vaccine
6. Submit official transcript
7. Register and pay for classes
8. Attend class