Emperor’s College is very fortunate to have students from around the world in the masters and doctoral programs. We are committed to maintaining a diverse student body and to provide the support necessary to make each student’s journey rewarding.

**International Student Educational Requirements**

- Applicants must have completed a minimum of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of undergraduate coursework from an accredited, degree-granting college or university. A bachelor’s degree is preferred.
- Applicants without an associate or baccalaureate degree are required to have completed the following general education requirements: 3 units of Literature/Composition, 6 units of Arts/Humanities, 3 units of college algebra or higher and 6 units of Social/Behavioral Sciences.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

**Application Process for International Students**

International applicants must submit the following materials to be considered for acceptance into the masters program.

- A completed application
- Personal statement and essay
- Two letters of recommendation with accompanying reference form
- One passport-sized photo
- An I-20 Request Form with a photocopy of your passport.
- A non-refundable application fee of $150
- Official academic transcripts translated into English
- A comprehensive course-by-course evaluation by an academic credential evaluation service that is a member of NACES
- Evidence of financial resources sufficient to complete the academic program, which is approximately $52,000
- An Admissions Interview will conducted by phone or in person

**Foreign Transcripts**

In addition to providing translated versions of official academic transcripts to Emperor’s College, students must have their transcripts evaluated by a NACES-member credential evaluation service. We recommend WES (World Education Services) for their efficient, reliable and student-friendly service. Please visit the WES website at www.wes.org for instructions on how to request a comprehensive course-by-course evaluation.

**English Proficiency**

International applicants are required to demonstrate competency in the English language skills necessary for success in the masters and doctoral program by taking the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) exam. Emperor’s College TOEFL score requirements are 79/80 on the internet based test (iBT), 550 on the paper based test or 213 on the computerized test. Emperor’s College TOEFL code is 8409. For details on TOEFL please visit www.toefl.org.

**Foreign Student Visa (F-1 Visa)**

- Upon acceptance into Emperor’s College, you will be asked to submit a deposit of $2,000, which will be applied to your first quarter tuition. Once your deposit is received, an I-20 Certificate of Eligibility for an F-1 Student Visa will be issued.
- The US Immigration and Naturalization Service requires that all F-1 students maintain a full-time program of study, or 12 units per quarter, and satisfactory progress towards completion of their degree.

If you have questions the Admissions department will be happy to help you.

310-453-8300
admissions@emperors.edu
This I-20 Request Form must be completed by international students seeking a student visa.

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If you have more than 2 dependents, please attach another sheet.

Attach the copies of the following documents

- Passport
- Passport of any dependents

Please send the completed form to Emperor’s College of Traditional Oriental Medicine.

FAX
Attention: Admissions
310-829-3838

Mail
Attention: Admissions
Emperor’s College
1807 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 200
Santa Monica, CA 90403
Emperor’s College’s DSO (Designated Student Officer) will work with you to obtain an F-1 Student Visa.

To get started, follow the steps below:

**New Students**

**Q** How do I go about obtaining a student visa?

**A** During the application process please let Admissions know that you need an I-20 Request Form. Submit the I-20 Request Form, along with a copy of your passport, with your application materials. Alternatively, you can complete the I-20 Request Form after you have been accepted into the masters or doctoral degree program.

**Q** Does the school issue the F-1 Visa?

**A** Only the US Government can issue a visa. Once you have been accepted into Emperor’s College we will mail you a Letter of Acceptance and an I-20 Certificate of Eligibility. Take your Letter of Acceptance and the I-20 Certificate of Eligibility and make an appointment at your local US Embassy.

**Q** How many units must I be enrolled in each quarter to maintain my F-1 Visa status?

**A** International students on an F-1 Visa must maintain a full-time program of study, or a minimum of 12 units per quarter. (clinical training, including observation and internship, are awarded 2.5 units for every 50 clock hours)

**Q** Can I take a Leave of Absence (LOA) during my course of study?

**A** International students can take one (1) quarter as a Leave of Absence after completing one (1) academic year of the program.
- Example: Complete three (3) quarters of coursework, followed by one (1) quarter leave of absence.

**Transfer Students**

**Q** What do I need to do to transfer to Emperor’s College if I have an I-20 at another institution?

**A** Contact our Admissions Team. In addition to the application, international students will need the following:
- Submit an I-20 Request Form along with copy of your passport.
- Submit a completed I-20 Transfer Release Form to the Designated School Official, DSO, at your current school.
  The DSO of your current school will release your SEVIS record and transfer it to Emperor’s College of Traditional Oriental Medicine.

**Q** Can the school delay or hold the transfer of my SEVIS record?

**A** No. The record is part of the United States Department of Homeland Security. The record must be released when requested by the student.

**Q** Who do I contact if I have additional questions?

**A** Please contact the for any specific questions regarding SEVIS School Designated Official or our Admissions Team at 310-453-8300.

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*For additional information:*  
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310-453-8300 ext.142  
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