

New International Student Bulletin



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Orientation Fall 2010

After you arrive in Fresno, please come to the International Business Programs Office (see enclosed map). We will direct you to the location of Orientation and Check-In.

Orientation schedule

There are TWO orientations for International Scholars and One-on-One Exchange students:

1. International Business Programs Orientation:

Date: Friday, August 20, 2010

Time: 11:00am—12:00pm

Location: University Business Center, Room 191

2. International Student Services & Programs:

Date: August 18 and 19, 2010

Time: All day

Both Orientation are MANDATORY. There is also a \$50 fee required for International Student Services & Programs Orientation.

What to bring?

- ◆ Notice of Admission
- ◆ DS-2019
- ◆ Passport with I-94 Card

You will not be able to complete check-in & registration without the above documents

Health Insurance (MANDATORY)

All students who attend California State University, Fresno must be covered by health insurance. You are **REQUIRED** to purchase the International Student Health Insurance group policy offered through WELLS FARGO Student Insurance.

What am I buying? (www.csuhealthlink.com)

The California State University system arranges student health insurance through WELLS FARGO Student Health Insurance. At Fresno State, WELLS FARGO coordinates services with the University Health Center and the insurance can also be used off campus. The insurance covers most medical problems, but does not include travel issues, such as luggage or ticket loss. The total cost of prescription medicine may be reimbursed using the original receipt if purchased at the University Health Center. Prescription medicine purchased elsewhere may be eligible for a 50% reimbursement. For more coverage information, please refer to the "Policy Brochure" section of the above website.

How much does it cost?

Please refer to the pricing schedule below. This is only a medical policy. If you are interested in dental coverage, there is an additional charge.

Terms	Costs
Annual	\$ 855
Spring & Summer Semester	\$ 505
Fall Semester	\$ 367

When should I pay?

If you are unable to purchase this insurance before arrival, you must purchase it at the International Student Services & Programs Office or online at www.csuhealthlink.com as soon as you arrive on campus.

How should I pay?

You can purchase the WELLS FARGO Insurance online from anywhere in the world. To enroll, go to the link at the top of this page and click on the 09-10 CSU Fresno International Section. Online enrollment requires that you pay with a Visa or MasterCard from any country. If you would like to pay for the insurance after your arrival and do not want to use a credit card, you need an international bank draft or international money order:

- ◆ for the exact amount of insurance, and...
- ◆ Made payable to "WELLS FARGO of California Insurance Services, Inc."

Selecting for Courses

(One-on-One Exchange Program)

Where can I select my courses?

1. Visit my.csufresno.edu
2. Click "[Class Schedule](#)" on the left hand side.
3. Click "[Search Class Schedule](#)". (Make sure you type 2107 in the term of the semester for Fall 2010).
4. Click "Go".

How do I search for my courses?

Fill in the Course Subject

- ◆ Accounting (ACCT)
- ◆ Business Administration (BA)
- ◆ Finance (FIN)
- ◆ Information Systems (IS)
- ◆ Decision Science (DS)
- ◆ Entrepreneurship (ENTR)
- ◆ Human Resource Management (HRM)
- ◆ Management (MGT)
- ◆ Marketing (MKTG)

**We suggest you don't check the Show Open Classes Only box, since you may want to see even those courses that are full. If a course you want is full, it is still possible you can take this course.*

You may also access the catalog at <http://www.csufresno.edu/catoffice/> to see the course description and the course pre-requisites. Please make sure you have the pre-requisites before you select the courses.

If a course is in the catalog, it does not mean it will be offered during the semester.

How do I register for my courses?

After selecting the course, email Crystal at crystalcui@mail.fresnostate.edu about your courses selections. We will inform you after reviewing your pre-requisites for the Business courses approval. And you will be notified when you can register for your classes.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- ◆ *You are required to take at least 12 units to fulfill the Full-time student requirement.*
- ◆ *It is your responsibility to select the courses.*

Enrolling for Courses

(One-on-One Exchange Program)

How can I enroll for my courses?

1. Visit my.csufresno.edu
2. Log on by using your username and password.
3. Under “My Menu”, select “Student Self Service”.
4. Click “Student Center”.
5. On your Student Center.
 - a. Under the heading of “Holds”, check to see if you have any holds in “Holds”. **You will not be allowed to register until all registration holds are cleared.**
 - b. Under the heading of **Enrollment**, click on **Add a Class**.
 - c. Select the **Fall 2010** term.
 - d. Enter the **Class Number (5 digits)** in the **Class Nbr box**. Hit the **Enter** key
 - e. Click **Next** button. A message will appear which confirms that the class has been added to your shopping cart.
 - f. Repeat Steps **d** and **e** to add other classes.
 - g. After finished adding, click the box labeled **Proceed to Step 2 to 3**.
 - h. A confirmation panel will appear. Verify class information. If request is correct, click box labeled Finish Enrolling.
 - i. Verify status of Add(s) under the Message column. It should say **Success**.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- ◆ *Since Fall semester courses will be limited on space availability, we strongly suggest you to enroll your courses on the Enrollment Date/Time.*
- ◆ *You are required to enroll into a minimum of 12 units, in order to fulfill the full-time student requirement in Fresno State.*

Preparing to Arrive in the U.S.

It is important that you understand the student visa procedures in order to get all of your travel/immigration transactions settled, and arrive safely in the United States.

Obtaining your student visa (DS-2019)

This process includes getting a Form DS-2019 for J-1 from Fresno State, securing appropriate application forms and interviews, as well as providing supplementary documents. Allow extra time in your planning. Visa issuance may take several weeks but sometimes even longer. While individual experiences differ, these are the basic steps you should follow and what you can expect throughout the process.

Research the process

Visit www.unitedstatesvisas.gov for information on current U.S. visa policy and procedures, or visit <http://usembassy.state.gov> to find a link to your local U.S. Embassy. These websites will help you determine the specific steps on how to obtain a J-1 visa. For more customized information, you may also want to visit Fresno State's Blackboard site at <http://blackboard.csufresno.edu>.

Make an appointment

Visit the U.S. Embassy or Consulate. Visa application procedures vary somewhat among embassies and consulates, depending on local needs. In most countries, you will need to make an appointment. This can be done by phone, mail, online, or in person, depending on the circumstances of your country. Wait times for appointments may be long. Schedule an appointment as soon as possible.

Be sure to ask what fees are required and how they can be paid.

Many embassies require visa application fees in addition to the SEVIS Fee (see below) All application fees must be paid before your appointment and are non-refundable.

Prepare your documents

Complete the following:

- ◆ J-1 SEVIS Fee
- ◆ DS-156 (Nonimmigrant Visa Application Form)
- ◆ DS-157 (Supplemental Nonimmigrant Visa Application, ONLY for males between the ages of 16-45)
- ◆ DS-2019 (You will need to sign the DS-2019 once you receive it)
- ◆ I-901 SEVIS FEE Receipt (You must pay this fee to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security at least 3 business days before going to the U.S. Embassy for your interview.

Your visa appointment

Give your application, passport, and other documents to the U.S. Embassy or Consulate. These may take a few weeks to process, depending on the circumstances.

Your visa & travel

A visa allows you to travel from your country to a port of entry in the U.S. In many cases, that port of entry will be the airport where you land. On the airplane, you will be asked to complete an arrival/departure form (I-94). This will be an important record to submit when you get off the plane.

Preparing to Arrive in Fresno

The following information will tell you about financial information, health immunizations, and our online discussion board called, "Blackboard".

Financial information

- ◆ International students will not be allowed to work on or off campus during their programs.
- ◆ For expenses during your first semester, bring approximately \$12,000 for: tuition fees, housing, textbooks, health insurance, etc.
- ◆ Traveler's checks and/or debit cards from an international bank that has branches in Fresno are the best ways to transport money.
- ◆ Banks here will hold your international bank draft for 2-3 weeks. Do not rely on them for immediate cash.
- ◆ International transfers (money wired directly from your home back to a Fresno area bank) may be used when you establish an account at a Fresno area bank.
- ◆ Opening a bank account and writing checks require both a passport and another form of identification such as a Student ID card, a California Driver's License, or other photo ID.
- ◆ We recommend you obtain an International Visa Bankcard or MasterCard prior to arrival in the U.S. There are a number of banks that issue such cards including Citibank.

Health care & immunization requirements

- ◆ Health care in the U.S. is very expensive. Take care of health concerns before arriving and be sure to bring information about your medical history, including immunization records.
- ◆ Students must either show proof of a recent tuberculosis (TB) skin test to University Health Services, or take the skin test that University Health Services provides for \$5.00.
- ◆ The California State University requires many students to be immunized against measles and rubella (German measles). Included among the requirements for this single injection are all international students whose primary and secondary education was obtained outside the United States. CSUF charges \$50.
- ◆ Students 18 years old or younger on the first day of classes must be immunized against Hepatitis B. To achieve full immunity, a series of three injections is given over a six-month period. It is free to students 18 years old or younger. At age 19, remaining injections are \$30 each.
- ◆ Bring a supply of prescription and other medicines until you can obtain a supply within the U.S.

BLACKBOARD (Bb) "Online Advisor—Int'l Student Services and Programs"

International Student Services and Programs uses a web-based discussion board software to provide information on advising, housing, immigration, and up-to-date announcements.

Although both BLACKBOARD and your *myFRESNOSTATE* portal use the same username and password for log in, they are two different web sites. Go to <http://blackboard.csufresno.edu> to get started. If you are unable to login to BLACKBOARD after you have accepted your admission, please email the BLACKBOARD HELP DESK at digitalcampus@listserv.csufresno.edu or see their website at: www.csufresno.edu/digitalcampus

Arriving in Fresno

The information below explains more about your first few hours and days in California and Fresno. This time can be stressful if you are not familiar with the area and/or the procedures. Please follow these general guidelines to assist you with your arrival to Fresno State.

Airport Information

When you get off the plane, follow the directions for NON-CITIZEN ENTRY. At the airport, a U.S. official will interview you briefly, take a digital picture and fingerprints and verify your paperwork. Once they admit you, they will attach your I-94 card (arrival/departure card) to your passport and stamp your passport. DO NOT LOSE the I-94 card! Proceed to baggage claims and U.S. Customs.

Arrival

All students must arrive by January 10. If you require any assistance at the Fresno airport, check with the airport INFORMATION DESK (open 8:00AM—8:00PM). Taxis are available at the Fresno Airport, Fresno train station, and Fresno bus station. Ask the driver for the estimated cost prior to departing for your destination. It is customary that you pay the driver a 10-15% tip.

Lodging

If you arrive in Fresno before your accommodation is ready, there are some nearby hotels:

- ◆ University INN—2655 E. Shaw Avenue (559.294.0224)
<http://www.cmpm.net/university/fresno/index.html>
- ◆ Piccadilly INN — 4961 N. Cedar Avenue (559.224.4200)
<http://www.piccadillyinn.com/university/>

Baggage

If you have made arrangements to live in the University Residence Halls, you can ship items to:

University Courtyard
California State University, Fresno
5152 N. Barton, MS RH82
Fresno, CA 93740-8013

- ◆ Clearly mark each box with your name and, “New Student—Spring 2010”
- ◆ If you plan to live off campus, you will need to have your belongings shipped AFTER you have found permanent housing.
- ◆ Please do not mail baggage to IBP office; we do not have storage facilities.

About Fresno

Fresno is a city with a multiethnic population of over 470,000 located on the western edge of the Sierra Nevada mountain range. Fresno is within driving distance of cities including San Francisco and Los Angeles and several national parks including Yosemite, Kings Canyon, and Sequoia.

In addition to the availability and freshness of agricultural goods, the cost of living in Fresno is significantly lower than many other places in California.

Fresno has mostly sunny weather, except for three months in the winter (December—February). It does not snow in Fresno, but it does snow in nearby Yosemite National Park and adjacent mountain areas. You should bring lightweight clothing for the summer and medium to heavyweight clothing for the winter.

Arranging Housing

When one studies abroad, a major concern is to find accommodations that are suitable for the life of a student: on or near campus, clean, comfortable, quiet, and most of all, within a student's budget. At Fresno State, several different housing options are affordable and safe, yet still very convenient for the student.

On-Campus housing (residence halls)

If you wish to live on campus, contact the housing office IMMEDIATELY for an application. Residence Hall rooms are contracted for the full academic year. Not by semester. There is a waiting list. Space is limited and rooms fill quickly.

Housing Office Information:

Phone: 559-278-2345

FAX: 559-278-5020

Email: emilya@csufresno.edu

Web: www.universitycourtyard.org

Also visit the following site for deadline information & announcements:

www.universitycourtyard.org/announcements_deadlines_events.Htm

ATTENTION: If you have already applied for on-campus living in the Residence Halls, you will notice that you will not be able to check into your room before your required attendance at the ISSP Check-in & Orientation. Because of this, you will need to arrange temporary housing until you are able to check into your room. Check the previous page for a sample of relatively inexpensive hotels located next to Fresno State.

Off-Campus housing

A new Student Housing is available a short walk distance to campus; this is a private complex and does not belong to CSUF. Here is the website for more information:

Palazzo at Campus Pointe: www.palazzofresno.com

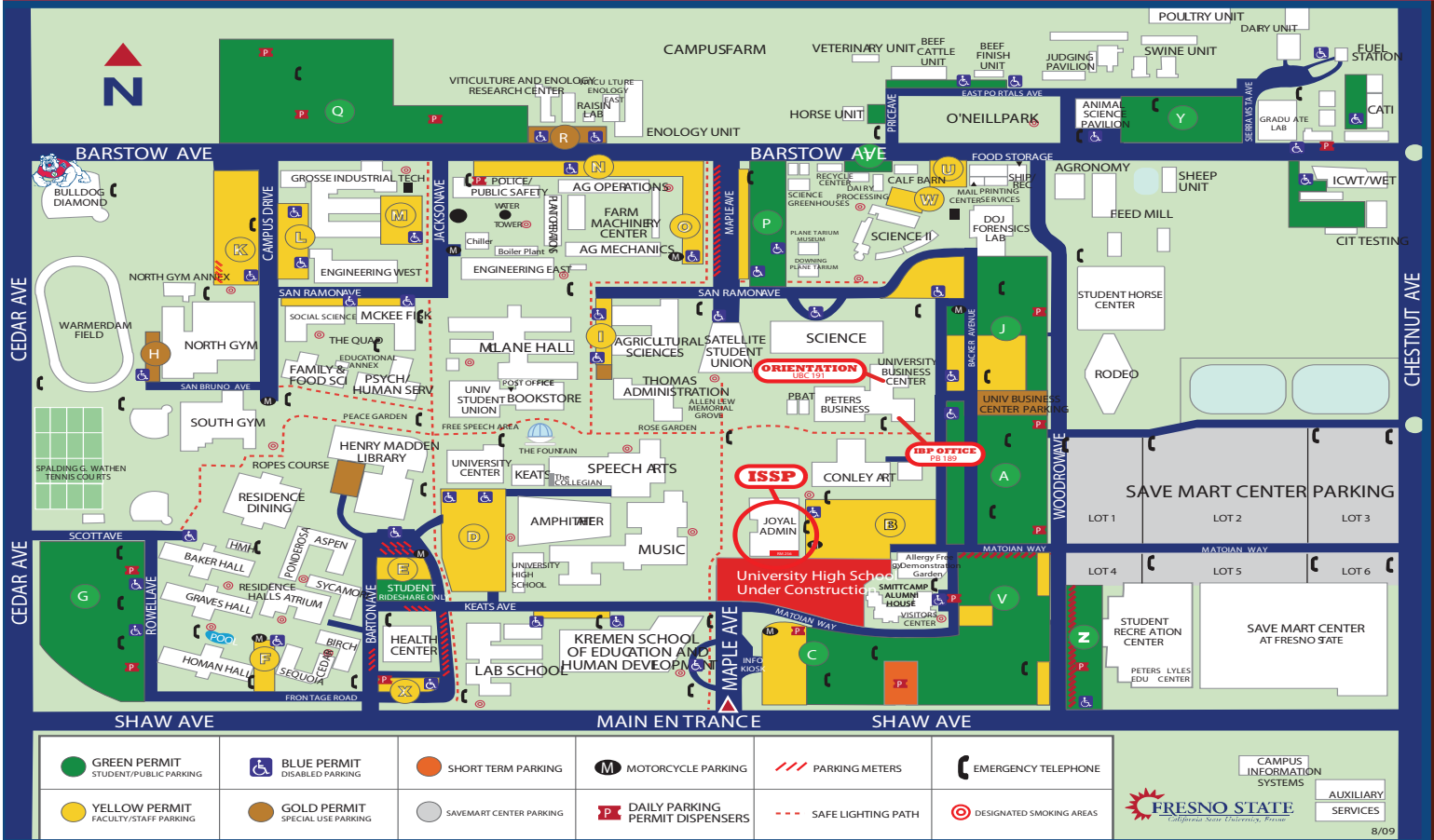
Campus Pointe: www.campuspointe.com

In regards to the off-campus housing, please be advised that the most leases are for 10 or 12 months. If you are planning to stay for less than 12 months, you are required to sell your lease before your departure. Please read your rental agreement carefully and contact your rental office directly for any other inquiries.

Also try www.och101.com/fresno which is the Off-Campus Housing Office at Fresno State.

To find a roommate or apartment

- ◆ Log on to the Online Advisor—Int'l Student Services and Programs link in BLACKBOARD
- ◆ Go to the Roommates and Apartments section in the Discussion Board link
- ◆ Login as soon as possible in order to find a roommate before all the offers are taken.



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