

CSUSB INTERNATIONAL STUDENT WELCOME PACKET

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Important Dates

- March 21, 2008
 - Orientation @ 8:30 AM
- March 23, 2008
 - EPT ELM test
- April 1, 2008
 - Classes begin

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Welcome!

Dear Student,

We are pleased and honored that you have chosen to come to California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB). This packet has important information about your student life and includes information on academic advising, registration, and orientation. Please read it carefully, it will help you know what to do before you arrive and what to expect when you first join us. If you have concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. The International Center is here to assist you. We are located in University Hall 235 or call us at 909.537.5193. You can even request forms on line by visiting us at <http://iss.csusb.edu/Webhelp/index.asp>. We look forward to meeting you.

International Student Orientation

IMPORTANT! You must attend the Orientation Program scheduled for the Spring 2008 Quarter on April 1 at 8:30AM in the Commons Building. To purchase your parking permit, stop by the Information Center.



What can you expect at Orientation?

The Orientation will be held in the Commons Building.

- Obtain a class schedule
- Meet your academic advisor
- Understand academic and graduation requirements
- Receive an explanation of Immigration regulations
- Get to know the Int'l Center Staff & International Peer Advisors
- Find out important information about CSUSB
- Have Breakfast
- Complete health insurance requirements and benefits
- Make new friends

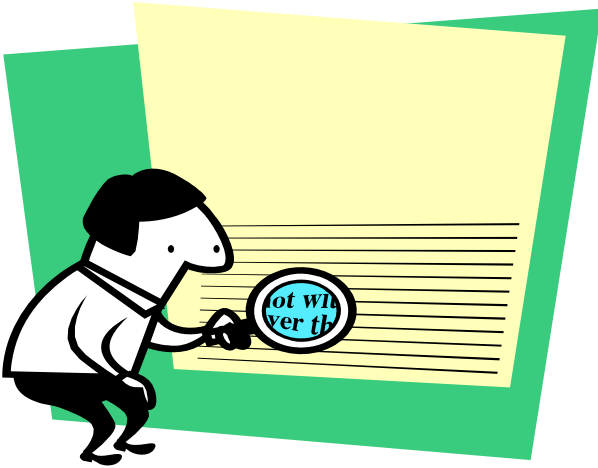


You must bring to Orientation:

- Immigration documents (Passport, signed F-1 I-20/J-1 DS-2019, visa (Canadian students do not need a visa) & I-94)
- Money for tuition (we accept everything but a visa credit card.)
- \$70 orientation fee
- Receipt, Check or Money Order, paid to the order of **DELOS Insurance Company**.

Note: If you do not bring items above you will not be able to register for classes.

Obtaining initial F-1/J-1 Status: overview



After an I-20/DS-2019 form is issued, you must use it to obtain an F-1/J-1 visa.

Use the I-20/DS-2019 to obtain an F-1/J-1 visa at a U.S. embassy or consulate. You need to pay the I-901 before your appointment at the embassy or consulate. You can pay online at: <https://www.fmjfee.com/index.jhtml>. Take your I-20/DS-2019, acceptance letter, passport, financial documents/bank statement and I-901 receipt with you at the time of your appointment. Please contact the embassy or consulate for additional requirements.

Note: Students will not be permitted to enter the U.S. if they appear at a port of entry sooner than 30 days before the I-20/DS-2019 program start date, despite having a valid F-1 visa.

Note for Canadian Students—You do not need a visa. Use your passport, F-1 I-20 or J-1 DS-2019 and acceptance letter at port of entry.

F-1 Status Transfer Procedures

If you are currently studying with an F-1 visa at another school in the United States, you are then considered a “transfer student” and will need to do the following before International Center can send you a CSUSB I-20 form:

1. Notify the International Student Advisor at your current U.S. school of your intent to transfer to CSUSB for the Spring 2008 quarter. You can download a transfer form from our website: <http://iss.csusb.edu/Webhelp/form/csusbt.pdf>
2. The International Student Advisor at your current U.S. school will then need to update your record in SEVIS (the immigration system for international students) as a “Transfer Out” student by indicating that you plan to transfer to CSUSB for the Spring 2008 Quarter and by indicating a “Release Date.” This date will most likely be the last day of classes or final exams at your current U.S. school or the day on which you complete all of your program requirements.
3. The International Student Advisor at your current U.S. school will then need to update your record in SEVIS (the immigration system for international students) as a “Transfer Out” student by indicating that you plan to transfer to CSUSB for the Spring 2008 Quarter and by indicating a “Release Date.” This date will most likely be the last day of classes or final exams at your current U.S. school or the day on which you complete all of your program requirements.
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Upon notification from SEVIS of your “Release Date,” CSUSB will then issue you a new SEVIS I-20. Your new SEVIS I-20 form will then be sent to the address you indicated on your application form. If you have any questions about the transfer process, please contact Elanor Perry at the International Center, tel 909-537-5193, e-mail eperry@csusb.edu or pamaya@csusb.edu.

Temporary Housing

You should make arrangements for temporary housing, before you arrive in San Bernardino. If you have signed a contract to live on campus, you may not be allowed to move into your residence hall until the beginning of your lease. If you plan to live off campus, you will need some time to search for an apartment. You may make arrangements to stay in a hotel near campus. We recommend:

Days Inn Hotel

Address: 2000 Ostrems Way
San Bernardino, CA
Web: <http://www.qualityinn.com>
Cost: \$69 per night + Tax approx
Phone: 909-880-8425
Fax: 909-880-8295

Living On Campus

The University's on-campus housing facility called SERRANO VILLAGE is a focal point of campus life. Social as well as educational activities are offered making the VILLAGE a center for living and learning with other students. The VILLAGE is composed of eight attractive redwood houses, Resident Halls, and University Apartments.



RESIDENCE HALLS



UNIVERSITY APARTMENTS

What's the advantage of living on campus?

- Easier to make friends
- Can register for classes earlier
- Close to campus
- Can get involved in:
 - Intramural sports of all kinds
 - Cultural events
 - Dances, movie nights and much more!

To apply for on-campus housing contact

<http://housing.csusb.edu/>

Living Off Campus

Apartments are also available, within walking or a short commuting distance from the campus. International Center will assist you in finding roommates and locating off campus housing. There are 1, 2 & 3 bedroom apartments ranging around \$625—\$1100 per month. Most landlords require an additional security deposit, and apartments are usually unfurnished. Visit <http://iss.csusb.edu> for details.

Please note: For your convenience, you may consider arriving well before orientation day. Please notify us of your housing and travel requests far in advance.



Other places to search

www.move.com
www.westsiderentals.com
www.apartmentguide.com
www.apartmentratings.com
www.apartments.com
www.easyroommate.com

Nonresident Tuition & Fees

Non resident tuition is \$226 per unit and \$113 per 1/2 unit. Nonresident tuition is charged in addition to fees listed for residents and applies to all nonresidents of California including international (visa) students. (To see current registration fees, look in the class schedule or online at: http://admnacct.csusb.edu/bursar_fees.htm.)

You are required to have a parking permit to park on campus at any time. If you plan to commute by car to campus, buy your parking permit when you pay your registration. The permit costs \$72.00 per quarter. You may also purchase a day permit in Parking Permit Dispensers for \$4.00.

Note: In order to maintain immigration status, international students must be registered for at least 12 units per quarter if undergraduate, or 8 units if graduate.



Health Insurance

All international students are required to have continuous health insurance coverage while in the U.S. You **MUST** purchase the insurance plan available through CSUSB that is specifically designed for international students. The cost of this insurance is reasonable, almost one third the cost of domestic insurance. Visit <http://www.renadmin.com/onlineenrollment/Default.aspx?PolicyID=898> to pay for your health insurance by credit card. Checks or Money Orders should be made out to **DELOS Insurance Company**.



If you are traveling from your home country or from another campus within the U.S., we strongly advise you to seek traveler's medical insurance to provide protection from the moment of your departure until your arrival at CSUSB. However, traveler's insurance can not be used as an alternative to health insurance. Our experience has shown that most plans available in your home countries for overseas students are not sufficient for the extremely high cost of health care in Southern California.

Every student is required to Have a Measles/Mumps/Rubella Vaccination within the last year. Students should take care of this requirement with our University Health Center before registration.

**Every international student under 18 years of age is required to have his/her parents sign the authorization for medical treatment form (<http://www.csusb.edu/healthcenter/forms/minorconsent.pdf>) and submit it to the International Center. Students should take care of this requirement before registration.

Test Requirements

Freshmen and Transfer Students

The California State University requires that all first-year freshmen, lower-division transfers and some transfers from institutions abroad fulfill the CSU Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) and the English Placement Test (EPT) requirements before they enroll in classes.

These placement tests are not a condition for admission to CSUSB, but they are requirements for enrollment. Students who do not demonstrate college-level skills in English and in mathematics will be placed in appropriate remedial programs and activities during the first term of their enrollment.

Questions about test dates and registration materials may be addressed to the Testing Office, JB-405, 909-537-5041. For more information go to: www.ets.org/csu

For more information, please refer to the CSUSB Bulletin of Courses:
<http://catalog.csusb.edu>



Score Information

Student EPT Score

- EPT total score of 151 or greater, students may enroll in ENG 101.
- EPT total score in range form 142-150 (regardless of EPT essay score), students must enroll in ENG95.
- EPT total score in range from 0-141 (regardless of EPT essay score or units earned), students must enroll in ENG 85A.

Student ELM Score

- ELM score of 550 or greater, students may enroll in any General Education mathematics course.
- ELM score of 480 to 540, students must enroll in MATH 80.
- ELM score of 330 to 340, students have two options available:
 1. Enroll in MATH 80 plus MATH 79 math lab adjunct
 2. Enroll in MATH 75B.
- ELM score 280 to 320, students must enroll in MATH 75B.
- ELM score below 270, student must enroll in MATH 75A.

All prerequisite math course work (MATH 75A, 75B, 79,80,90) must be completed within one year.