


International Scholars Bulletin



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Orientation Spring 2016

After you arrive in Fresno and check-in your residence, please come to the International Business Programs Office, located at Peters Building, Room 189 (see enclosed map). We will direct you to the location of the Orientation.

Orientation schedule

There are **TWO** orientations for International Scholar students:

1. International Business Programs Orientation:
Date: Friday, January 15, 2016
Time: 11:00am—12:00pm
Location: University Business Center, Room 192
2. International Student Services & Programs:
Date: Friday, January 15, 2016
Time: 1:00pm—3:00pm
Location: University Business Center, Room 192

BOTH ORIENTATIONS ARE MANDATORY.

What to bring?

- ◆ Notice of Admission
- ◆ DS-2019

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

Health Insurance (MANDATORY)

All students who attend California State University must be covered by health insurance. The California State University Health Insurance is MANDATORY for all International Students.

What am I buying?

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
Spring/Summer Semester	\$ 770

Where can I purchase the health Insurance?

- ◆ You will be automatically enrolled in the CSU-sponsored health insurance policy. Students who are studying at Fresno State for the Spring 2016 semester will see a change of \$770 after you enrolled in your courses.

How should I pay?

- ◆ Instructions will be provided during the orientation in Fresno State.

Selecting & Registering for Courses

(International Scholars Program)

How do I select my courses?

After your acceptance to the program, you will need to use your username and password to log in the site at www.craig.csufresno.edu/international/login/ibp_login.aspx and complete your course work request. Each student must to select courses in First option and Second option in order to accommodate your courses request for enrollment. Please select your courses wisely as you cannot change them after course work approval. Please make sure that your classes are not overlapping.

Where can I search for my courses?

1. Visit my.csufresno.edu and click “Class Schedule” on the left hand side.
2. Click “Class Search”. (Make sure you choose “Spring 2016” in the term box.)
3. Click “Go”.
4. Fill in the Course Subject for Business Courses:

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

**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 can also access the catalog at www.fresnostate.edu/catoffice/current/courses.html to see the course description and the course pre-requisites. Please make sure you have the prerequisites before you select the courses.

Please Note: if a course is in the catalog, it does not mean it will be offered during the semester.

How do I enter my courses selection?

After selecting the courses, please input your selections to www.craig.csufresno.edu/international/login/ibp_login.aspx

It is important that your second selection includes alternative courses.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- ◆ *In order to stay in the U.S. legally, you are required to take at least 12 units to fulfill the Full-time student requirement. And you are required to take at least 9 units of business-related courses.*
- ◆ *It is your responsibility to select the courses.*
- ◆ *After your courses selections approved, no changes can be made.*

Payment for Courses

(International Scholars Program)

Please note that the fees listed below are subject to changes throughout the academic year.

Course payment

Please see below for the payment list:

	Fall Semester Only	Spring Semester Only	Academic Year	
			Semester 1	Semester 2
Application Fee	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$0
DS 2019	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$0
Orientation Fee	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$0
Student Body Center	\$67	\$67	\$67	\$67
Health Fee	\$118	\$118	\$118	\$118
Academic Instructions	\$3540	\$3540	\$3540	\$3540
Program, and Seminar Fees	\$140	\$140	\$140	\$140
Total Cost	\$3995	\$3995	\$3995	\$3865
Other Fees				
MBA Courses— Professional Program Fee is \$254 per unit	\$254	\$254	\$254	\$254
Internship (Optional)	\$885	\$885	\$885	\$885
On/Off-Campus Room and Board (Approximately)	\$3000	\$3000	\$3000	\$3000
CSU Health Insurance Cost (Approximately)	\$560	\$770	Refer to Fall/ Spring semester Prices	\$0
Additional unit cost above the 12 units is \$295 per unit:	\$295	\$295	\$295	\$295

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: housing@csufresno.edu

Web: www.universitycourtyard.org

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 web-site for more information:

Palazzo at Campus Pointe website: www.palazzofresno.com

In regards to the off-campus housing, please be advised that the rental leases are either for 6 months or 12 months. It is your responsibility to read your rental agreement carefully and contact the rental office directly for any other inquiries.

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

Preparing to Arrive in the United States

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 J-1 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.travel.state.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://bb-app.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.

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

- ◆ All students will be screened for risk factors for Tuberculosis (TB) when they arrive through the Tuberculosis Screening Questionnaire.
- ◆ The California State University system requires many students to be immunized against measles and rubella (German measles). Included among the requirements for this single injection are all international students who primary and secondary education was obtained outside the United States. Fresno State charges **\$55.00**.
- ◆ Student 18 years or younger on the first day of classes must be immunized against Hepatitis B. To achieve full immunity, a series of 3 injections is given over a 6-month period. The university Health Services can provide this vaccination for **\$35.00** per injection.
- ◆ 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://bb-app.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 tiltsupport@csufresno.edu or see their website at: <https://help.fresnostate.edu/>

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 stamp your passport. Proceed to baggage claims and U.S. Customs.

Arrival

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)
www.universityinnfresno.com/
- ◆ University Square Hotel — 4961 N. Cedar Avenue (559.224.4200)
www.universitysquarehotelloffresno.com/

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

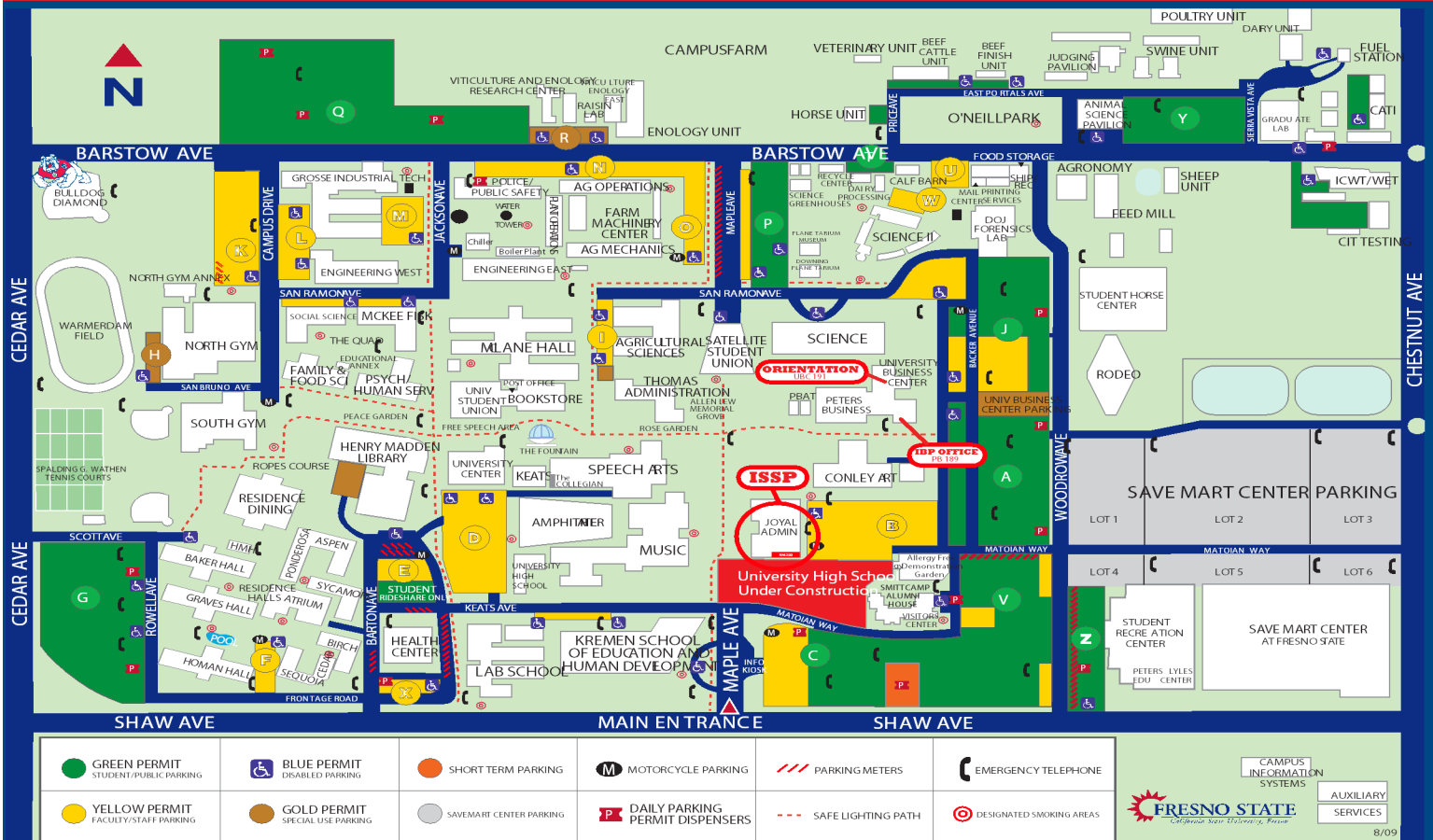
- ◆ Clearly mark each box with your name and, “New Student—SPRING 2014”
- ◆ If you plan to live off campus, you will need to have your belongings shipped AFTER you have found permanent housing.
- ◆ Please do not mail baggage to IBP office; we do not have storage facilities.

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.



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