

STUDENT AFFAIRS

students. Counselors are available to assist students with answers to their questions or referral to the office or agency that can best serve the student's needs.

INTERNATIONAL (FOREIGN) STUDENTS

California State University, Fresno, regularly enrolls a significant number of students from abroad. The International Student Counseling Office staff, under the direction of the Counseling Center assists foreign students with academic and personal problems, and housing (see *Student Housing*), as well as governmental and legal aspects of their stay. Foreign students wishing to change their major should personally initiate the change with their International Student Counselor. A special orientation program is planned and required of all new foreign students prior to registration their first semester. Students should notify the International Student Counseling Office of their arrival plans and contact the office immediately upon arrival on campus for verification of enrollment, orientation, and assistance (See *General Information—Admission to the University*).

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International students must have sufficient understanding and proficiency in use of the English language to be successful in their course work at the university (see *Entrance Examinations*). A special program of English language and American studies, International Studies Courses (ISC), is available to assist students whose previous instruction has been in a language other than English. (See *International Studies—Campus Program*). Except for the few who are employed as graduate assistants, students must have sufficient funds so that they will not need employment. They should plan to register for the minimum legal number of courses each semester, which for undergraduate students on "F" or "J" type visas is 12 units and for graduate students is 8 units. These are the minimum-unit loads foreign students must carry in order to keep their student visas valid. **They are also required to purchase health insurance coverage equal in coverage to the policy available to all students through the Associated Students Office.**

The International Student Counseling Office also coordinates campus and community activities for foreign students. These activities are designed to enhance their educational experiences in the United States. Students should consult the International Student Counseling Office for information pertaining to these activities. Foreign graduate students should refer to the *School of Graduate Studies* section of the catalog.

DEAN OF STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE

In addition to providing guidance to the various units within Student Affairs, the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs is responsible for administering the Student Grievance Procedure, student discipline, and for maintaining liaison with other administrative and academic areas of the university. A legal advisement program is also administered through the office.