

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 Student Counseling Service, assists foreign students with academic and personal problems, and housing (see *Student Housing*), as well as governmental and legal aspects of their stay. A special orientation program is planned and required of all foreign students prior to registration each semester. Students should notify the International Student Counseling Office of their arrival plans and consult them immediately upon arrival on campus for verification of enrollment, orientation, and assistance (See *General Information—Admission to the University*).

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 courses 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 during the first year at the university and 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 6 units. These are the minimum-unit loads foreign students must carry in order to keep their student visas valid. They are also required to participate in the university health insurance program or demonstrate adequate health insurance coverage at the time of registration.

The International Student Counseling Office also coordinates campus and community activities for foreign students. These 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.

Full-Time/Part-Time Student (definition, unit load)

See *Financial Aids*

STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE

The Student Affairs Office provides services invaluable to the student who wishes to use them. The office provides information about campus organizations or the formation of new organizations. Through the office, recognized student organizations may reserve facilities for meetings and other functions and obtain help in requisitioning audio-visual equipment when needed; students may obtain permits to distribute goods or literature on campus; information is available concerning the Child Day Care Center, student government, commencement ceremonies, legal advisement, handicapped student program, opportunities for involvement on and off campus, planning activities, and many other aspects of university life. Offices of the dean, assistant dean, and student affairs assistants are located within the Student Affairs Office.

STUDENT HOUSING

RESIDENCE HALLS

The university can accommodate 1,258 students in the residence halls on campus. Three types of rooms are available: single, double, and suite. A suite consists of three regular double rooms plus a living-study room and private bath. Rooms are attractively furnished and provide pleasant study and living facilities. The halls also have special lounge areas, recreation rooms, study rooms, and laundry facilities. Food service is provided by the university cafeteria. A choice of board plans is available, allowing the resident to choose the one which meets his needs and budget. The hall governments sponsor an extremely active and varied program of activities. In addition to the conveniences of location and services offered by the residence halls, the group living situation affords a unique opportunity for students to make new friends and to become involved in university and hall activities.