

# International Student Services and Programs

## Student Affairs

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Southeast Asian Student Services  
International Programs—Study Abroad

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**C**alifornia State University, Fresno, welcomes you as an international student, permanent resident, or immigrant student and provides a comfortable environment that allows you to make the most of your educational experience.

CSU, Fresno attracts international students from more than 70 countries and has one of the largest international student populations in the CSU system, numbering more than 1,000. The university also enrolls nearly 1,000 immigrant and permanent-resident students.

The university employs international and multiethnic faculty and staff, many of whom work with you directly to assist you in attaining your educational goals and making the critical personal and cultural adjustments necessary for success.

The International Student Services and Programs Office is primarily responsible for assisting you. Being an international staff ourselves, we understand your

goals, ambitions, home country, and family expectations. Upon admission, international students will receive information regarding arrival in the United States, visa and immigration, housing in the Fresno area, and registration. After arrival, the staff will guide you through several mandatory preregistration workshops, post-admission English testing, and registration. You may be enrolled in English as a Foreign Language courses your first semester and will work closely with us. (See *International Programs—Special Programs Section*.) Some of the other opportunities available to you include the following:

**Help with housing is available.** An American family or a student from your country can meet you at the airport when you first arrive and provide some short-stay emergency housing. The International staff is available to assist you in obtaining housing.

**Learn about Americans** by making friends with families through our International Friendship Program.

**Enjoy recreational activities** with fellow classmates by participation in trips and activities.

*Take advantage of opportunities* to share your country and culture with the Fresno community and CSU, Fresno campus by speaking to small groups through our Culture Exchange speaker's program.

*Keep in touch* with all the happenings through the monthly *International Newsletter*, written by the International staff with contributions from fellow international students.

*Join the many international clubs* or any of the 200 other organizations available on campus. Participate in and enjoy the varied cultural programs during the year such as International Week, U.N. Celebration, International Night, Mooncake Festival, Malaysia Night and other national day celebrations.

*Learn about travel and study overseas* by using our resource library and talking to the International Programs Campus Coordinator. (See *International Programs: Overseas—Special Programs Section*.)

The International counselors take a personal interest in helping you get adjusted to the academic requirements of the university, as well as your own personal concerns, such as financial problems, immigration matters, counseling, and personal problem solving. Agency and foreign government sponsored students participate in our Sponsored Student Program.

Southeast Asian students obtain services to meet their special needs as permanent residents in the United States. Southeast Asian Student Services provides academic advising, personal counseling, and support for academic success.

CSU, Fresno offers you more than good weather, a reasonable cost of living, and excellent selections in undergraduate and graduate academic programs. We care about your development as a whole person; that your stay and learning in the United States be worthwhile. We believe your experience and involvement in the United States will enrich your life, as well as our university. We look forward to sharing this experience with you.