

# International Student Services and Programs

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California State University, Fresno has a large international student community. Our multicultural staff is committed to international student success, as stated in our mission statement. We provide a comfortable environment that allows students to make the most of their educational experience.

**International Student Services and Programs** sends international students information regarding arrival in the United States, visa and immigration, housing in the Fresno area, and registration after students are admitted. After arrival, the staff guides students through several mandatory preregistration workshops, post-admission English testing, and registration. International students may need to enroll in English as a Second Language courses during their first semester or a course in American culture and society. (See *International Programs — Special Programs* section.) Visit our Web address (see top of this page).

**Help with housing** is provided. The International staff will assist you in obtaining housing. 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.

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

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

**Take advantage of opportunities** to share your country and culture with the Fresno community and the Fresno State campus by speaking to small groups through our Exploring Global Diversity — International Coffee Hour series.

**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, International Culture Night, Mooncake Festival, Malaysia Night, and other national day celebrations.



**Learn about travel** around the United States by using our Resource Center. A computer terminal is also available for electronic mail.

**The foreign student advisors** take a personal interest in helping you adjust to the academic environment and resolve your own personal concerns, such as financial assistance, immigration matters, and personal needs. Agency and foreign government sponsored students participate in our Sponsored Student Program.

We offer 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; we want your stay 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. ☕

## Mission Statement

*Our mission is to provide the highest quality services to international students, staff, and faculty at California State University, Fresno.*

We are committed:

- to providing a warm and informative welcome to international students, recognizing their importance and their contributions to the campus and the Fresno community
- to providing appropriate services and assistance to international students so they do not face challenges alone
- to working with international students to build a home away from home where they have opportunity and encouragement to pursue their dreams, be involved in the university community and have their efforts recognized
- to encouraging international students to ask questions and offer suggestions while we do our utmost to address their concerns with respect, reassurances, and understanding
- to serving as a resource to faculty and staff to facilitate international exchange, enhance cross-cultural communication and support international endeavors
- to offering our friendship today and tomorrow as we work together to dream and build a better world