

International Student Services and Programs

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California State University, Fresno, welcomes you as an international student and provides a comfortable environment that allows you to make the most of your educational experience. CSU, Fresno attracts international students from over 65 countries and has one of the largest foreign student populations in the CSU system, numbering over 1,000. The university also employs international and multi-ethnic 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 Office is directly responsible for assisting you. Being an international staff themselves, they understand your goals, ambitions, home country, and family expectations. After you are admitted, the International staff sends you information regarding arrival in the United States, visa and immigration, housing in the Fresno area and registration. When you arrive, they guide you through several mandatory pre-registration workshops, post-admission English testing and registration. You may be enrolled in International Studies Courses your first semester and will work closely with the International staff. (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. Additional help from the International staff is available in obtaining housing for the year.



Learn about Americans by making friends with families through our International Host Family 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 Speaker's Bureau.

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 International Club or any of the 200 clubs available on campus. As many as 15 different international clubs are recognized.

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.

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.