

# International Student Services and Programs

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### International Community

California State University, Fresno enjoys 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

Our international admissions staff members process your application for admission and evaluate your courses for transfer credit. The program 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, Campus Program* under the Special Programs section.) Visit our Web site for the latest information. (See top of this page.)

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.

### Opportunities

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 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 international student counselors 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 to 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 student-centered programs of the highest quality for 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 culturally sensitive support services to international students to maximize their success and meet challenges together;
- to working with international students to build a home away from home where they have the opportunity and encouragement to pursue their dreams, develop leadership potential, become involved in the university community, and have their efforts recognized;
- to encouraging international students to ask questions and offer suggestions while we address their concerns with respect, reassurance, and understanding;
- to providing programming and resources to faculty and staff to facilitate intercultural understanding and cross-cultural communication;
- to enabling the campus community to understand the unique needs of international students;
- to assisting international students in complying with immigration regulations while educating the campus community regarding the importance of those requirements; and
- to offering our friendship today and tomorrow as we work together to build a better world.