



INFORMATION SHEETS FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

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USEFUL INFORMATION	
CSUSB Information	<p>California State University, San Bernardino (Cal State San Bernardino or CSUSB) is a public university in San Bernardino, California, serving approximately 20,000 students. It is one of the 23 general campuses of the California State University system. CSUSB's mascot is a coyote, inspired by the desert animals that live near the campus. The campus itself is located below the San Bernardino mountains. The campus includes many notable buildings, a rock-climbing wall, and a telescope observatory. CSUSB is located at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An approximately 30-minute drive from Ontario Mills (shopping outlet) • An approximately 1-hour drive from Hollywood • An approximately 1-hour drive from Disneyland • An approximately 1.5-hour drive from Santa Monica • An approximately 1-hour drive from Palm Springs • An approximately 1-hour drive from Big Bear (for winter snowboarding) <p>The climate in San Bernardino ranges from an average low of 5°C in the winter to an average high of 36°C in the summer. Weather includes windy autumns; mild, cold winters; and hot, dry summers.</p>
Nomination and Application Deadlines	<p>Fall Semester: Nomination deadline for exchange partner university: Feb. 15 Application deadline for exchange students: March 15</p> <p>Spring Semester: Nomination deadline for exchange partner university: September 1 Application deadline for exchange students: September 15</p>
Academic Calendar and Semesters	<p>The CSUSB academic calendar is listed here: www.csusb.edu/academic-programs/academic-calendars.</p> <p>The Fall semester begins in late August and ends in mid-December. The Spring semester begins in late January and ends in late May.</p> <p>Classes are held in the “intersessions” (January and summer terms) but are not included in the exchange agreement, and exchange students need to pay tuition for these classes.</p>
Application and Admissions	<p>Students currently enrolled at one of CSUSB's exchange partner universities may be eligible to participate in our international exchange program at CSUSB. The exchange student application includes the following to be admitted to CSUSB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of financial support

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J-1 Visa and Immigration	<p>All exchange students will need to follow these steps to apply for a J-1 visa. In order to get a U.S. student visa, students will need to pay an I-901 SEVIS fee (\$220 USD, as of February 2022) to the U.S. government and schedule a visa appointment at their local U.S. embassy or consulate. See more at https://goabroad.csusb.edu/?go=J1visa.</p> <p>After the exchange student is admitted to CSUSB, staff at the CSUSB Education Abroad Office will mail the DS-2019 forms to university exchange coordinators, who will give these documents to exchange students. Each student must have a valid visa stamp and DS-2019 to enter the U.S.</p> <p>Note: CSUSB does <u>not</u> accept dual citizens of the U.S. and other countries.</p>
Enrolling in Classes at CSUSB	<p>Visit http://bulletin.csusb.edu/ for a list of all current classes at CSUSB. All classes are taught in English. CSUSB welcomes all majors <u>except</u> the following impacted programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Criminal Justice • Kinesiology-Allied Health • Pre-Nursing • Pre-Psychology • Pre-Social Work
CSUSB ID and Email Address	<p>Exchange students will receive both their Coyote ID (student identification number) and Coyote email account information once their application has been processed and they have been admitted. Exchange students will receive a message to the email account identified in their application informing them on how to activate their new student account as well as read and send student emails via MyCoyote (https://my.csusb.edu).</p>
Housing	<p>Exchange students will apply for campus housing, which is based on availability. For more information about housing, visit www.csusb.edu/housing.</p> <p>CSUSB housing offers many services which are all listed at www.csusb.edu/housing/current-residents/resident-services. These services include Internet/Wi-Fi access, mail services, laundry services, and linen and décor rentals.</p>
Food and Meal Plans	<p>Depending upon their housing placement, students may be required or wish to purchase a meal plan. For more information about dining plans, visit www.csusb.edu/dining. There are also several places to eat food on or close to campus. See this list.</p>
Costs at CSUSB	<p>CSUSB Costs (One Semester): \$10,523 USD CSUSB Costs (Two Semesters): \$21,046 USD</p> <p>Exchange students will be required to scan and upload bank statements indicating the equivalent of \$10,523 for one semester or \$21,046 for two semesters.</p> <p>Numbeo.com offers additional information on the average cost of living in San Bernardino, CA.</p>

Mandatory Health Insurance <i>(updated in Fall 2022)</i>	<p>The U.S. government requires all exchange students to be covered by adequate health and accident insurance. Failure to carry adequate insurance may lead to termination of exchange visitors' status. To purchase the mandatory health insurance, please visit https://csusb.myahpcare.com/enrollment</p> <p>Payment options include the fall semester (August to January) or the academic year (August to August).</p>
Airports	<p>We recommend the following airports for students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) is the largest international airport but is up to 2 hours drive from campus. • Ontario International Airport (ONT), is approximately 30 minutes drive from campus.
Airport Shuttles	<p>Students are responsible for their transportation to campus. Here are three popular options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ridesharing: Lyft, Uber or other ride-sharing companies. Note, that a smartphone is needed for the application that connects you to drivers. The approximate cost for a one-way, personal ride from Ontario (ONT) airport to CSUSB is \$45-\$60 USD. • Airport shuttle: Airport shuttle companies are another ridesharing option. Reservations need to be booked online and rides can cost between \$85 and \$100 from Ontario (ONT) airport. Rides from Los Angeles (LAX) airport range from \$190 to \$225. If you ordering with Xpress Shuttles, know that the shuttle picks you up at the curb outside of baggage claim, rather than in a separate parking lot. For additional information, see https://xpressshuttles.com/.
Mandatory Orientation	<p>All exchange students are required to participate in the international student orientation that takes place before classes begin and costs \$70.</p>
Events at CSUSB	<p>Visit these sites to find out what is going on at CSUSB: www.csusb.edu/events, www.csusb.edu/recreation-wellness, and CoyoteConnection.</p>
Virtual Tour of CSUSB	<p>Take a look at where you will be studying: www.csusb.edu/maps-directions/csusb-virtual-tour</p>