



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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 30-minute drive from Ontario Mills (shopping outlet) • Approximately one-hour drive from Hollywood • Approximately one-hour drive from Disneyland • Approximately 1.5-hour drive from Santa Monica • Approximately one-hour drive from Palm Springs • Approximately one-hour drive from Big Bear (for winter snowboarding) <p>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 will 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 <p>Once admitted, exchange students will submit a Learning Agreement Form for selecting their classes, which must be signed by the academic authority at home institution for registration. Forms must be submitted with their applications. Note: Please make sure to add extra classes, should the first choices become full.</p>
CSUSB ID and Email Address	<p>Exchange students will receive their Coyote email account information once their application has been processed and they have been admitted and given a Coyote ID (student identification number). Exchange students will receive a message to the personal email provided in their application with information on how to activate their new student account and read and send student emails on 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 has many other housing resident services listed on www.csusb.edu/housing/current-residents/resident-services. These services include information on Internet/Wi-Fi access, mail services, laundry services, and linens and décor rental for rooms.</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, which are listed here.</p>
Costs at CSUSB (updated in Fall 2020)	<p>CSUSB Costs (One Semester): \$9,583 USD CSUSB Costs (Two Semesters): \$19,166 USD</p> <p>Exchange students will be required to scan and upload their bank statement indicating the equivalent of USD \$9,583 for one semester or USD \$19,166 for two semesters.</p>

	Read this Numbeo.com webpage for details on average cost of living in San Bernardino, CA .
Mandatory Health Insurance (updated in Fall 2020)	<p>The U.S. government requires that all exchange students be covered by adequate health and accident insurance while in this country. Failure to carry adequate insurance may lead to termination of your exchange visitor status. To purchase the mandatory health insurance, please visit https://4studenthealth.relationinsurance.com/plan/international-student-insurance-plan-2020-2021-7232.</p> <p>You have the option to pay for the Fall semester (August to January) or the academic year (August to August). If you are studying for the Spring semester, you will need to pay through the monthly enrollment option (please email us for more information).</p>
Airports	<p>We recommend the following airport for students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ontario International Airport (ONT), approximately 30 minutes' drive from campus. <p>Los Angeles (LAX) is the largest international airport, but is up to 2 hours' drive from campus. Other smaller airport choices are PSP in Palm Springs (about 1 hour drive) SNA in Orange County (up to 1.5 hours' drive), BUR in Burbank (up to 1.5 hours' drive), and LGB in Long Beach (up to 2 hours' drive). Of all airport choices, ONT is the best one for CSUSB students.</p>
Airport Shuttles	<p>Students are responsible for their travel to campus. Here are three of many options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lyft, Uber or other ride-sharing companies (you need to download a smartphone app and add credit card information): approximately \$35-\$42 USD for a personal ride, one way from Ontario (ONT) airport. • Xpress Shuttles or other airport shuttle companies (you need to book a ride on their websites): \$66 USD for a shuttle ride (with 15% discount; originally \$79), one way from Ontario (ONT) airport. A discounted rate from LAX airport would be \$158 USD, one way with discount (originally \$214). If you are ordering with Xpress Shuttles, tell them you are a student at CSU San Bernardino to get the 15% discount. This shuttle picks you up at the curb near your baggage claim, rather than at a separate parking lot. https://xpressshuttles.com/ • International Students, Inc. (ISI) is an unaffiliated program that provides free airport pickups from any airport in Southern California. They also host events and dinners to international students from many university campuses. To arrange an airport pickup, you can email Andy Pearce at apearce@isionline.org.
Mandatory Orientation	All exchange students will participate in a mandatory orientation that takes place before classes begin. The cost is \$70 USD, regardless of time of attendance (updated in February 2022). Please visit www.csusb.edu/cisp/student-services/newly-admitted-students/orientation-program for more information.
Events at CSUSB	Visit these sites to find out what is going on at CSUSB: www.csusb.edu/events and www.csusb.edu/recreation-wellness
Virtual Tour of CSUSB	Take a look at where you will be studying: www.csusb.edu/maps-directions/csusb-virtual-tour