CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
LONG BEACH

Pre-Departure Orientation
Degree Seeking Students

Center for International Education (CIE)
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Welcome!
Before Leaving Home

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- Housing
- Money Preparation
Before Leaving Home

Must-Do Checklist for Enrollment
Go to “Newly Admitted Students” at www.cpie.csulb.edu/newstudents

Newly Admitted Students

Spring 2023 Admitted International Student

Congratulations on your admission to California State University, Long Beach. Admitted international students must follow and complete the Required Steps to Enrollment listed below. It is important to read carefully and follow all the steps to aid in your transition to CSULB.

Newly admitted students for Fall 2023 should wait for the Fall 2023 Required Steps to Enrollment, which will be made available after May 2023.

All Students Starting Spring 2023
Before Leaving Home

Visa & Immigration

- Pay SEVIS I-901 fee and obtain your F-1 visa if needed (see I-20 cover for details)
- Make copies of your passport, visa & I-20 (paper and electronic)
- Late entry is not allowed
Before Leaving Home

Health Care

• Gather your immunization documents
• Complete any medical and dental check-ups
• Prepare any extra personal medications
Before Leaving Home
Immunizations / Vaccinations

Upload your Immunizations in your Student Portal (SSO)
Student Health Services chiclet

- COVID-10 Vaccination ([video instructions](#))
- Measles/Rubella (MMR)
- Tuberculosis (TB) test within the past year
  - QuantiFERON TB test is highly recommended
  - Offered on campus - appointment required
- If you are 18 or younger: Hepatitis B
- If you’ll live on-campus: Meningitis

Google/Web search: “csulb immunization”
Read the requirements carefully!
CSULB is a NON-SMOKING CAMPUS

Did you know?

CSULB students have decided to commit to clean and healthy educational living and working environment for all members of the campus community. Everyone has a right to breathe fresh air, therefore, CSULB is now a 100% smoke, vapor, and tobacco-free campus.

csulb.edu/livewell/breathe
CSULB has Accessibility & Support

Wellness group serving students, faculty and staff

Rachelle.Ang@csulb.edu @ Counseling and Psychological Services

bmac@csulb.edu @ Bob Murphy Access Center

wellness@csulb.edu @ Student Health Center
Waivers only permitted for:
- Certain government sponsored plans (e.g. SACM, Oman, Lanekassen, Fulbright, etc.)
- Plan under a parent or spouse employed by a U.S. company

For video instructions: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l349XobamaU
REDEFINING STUDENT INSURANCE

Students, Find Your School
Use the search and we’ll direct you to your student portal.

CSU Long Beach (CSULB)

Select your plan year.
2019-2020

What type of student are you?

International Program

Go
For students who have been accepted to on-campus housing

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Packing
On-Campus Housing

What you Need:
• Blankets, Bedspreads, and Sheets
• Sheet size: Twin extra long 203.2cm x 86.36cm
• Pillowcases
• Towels
• Study lamps (non halogen)

Room Furniture Included:
• Bed
• Dresser
• Desk
• Chair
• Bookshelf
• Trash can
• Closet
• Mirror for each resident

1. Bring these items with you, or
2. Purchase before arriving at campus for delivery at [www.ocm.com](http://www.ocm.com), or
3. Purchase after arriving at campus at a store nearby
Off Campus Housing

Off-Campus Housing

- Off-Campus Housing (temporary stay, apartments, homestays, etc.):
  https://calstatelongbeach.rentcollegepads.com/
- Roommate Finder:
  https://www.roomsurf.com/california-state-university-long-beach-roommates

The above website is for reference. CSULB does not endorse any particular off-campus website or accommodation. You are responsible for finding accommodations.
# Estimated Expenses

## Semester Expenses – living alone

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Arriving in the U.S. and CSULB

- When am I allowed to enter?
- What happens at the port of entry?
- How to get to CSULB?
Arriving in the U.S.

When am I allowed to enter?

You can only enter the U.S. up to 30 days before your program start date on your I-20.

Look at "Earliest Admission Date" on your I-20.

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Arriving in the U.S.
What happens at the port of entry?

Prepare to show these documents to the Customs and Border Protection Officer:

- I-20 Form
- Acceptance letter
- Evidence of financial support
- Passport valid for at least 6 months
- Valid F-1 visa (except Canadian citizens)

*Keep these documents in your carry-on bag for immediate access.*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1qDJ05tKKs
Arriving in the U.S.
Questions the border officer might ask

• What is the purpose of your visit?
• How long is your stay?
• Where will you be staying?
• How will you support yourself financially?

The officer will check to see if your documents match the purpose of your visit.
Arriving at LAX

Getting to Long Beach, CA

There is no pickup service from the school, but it is easy to find transportation from LAX to Long Beach:

- **39 km** from LAX to CSULB
- **Taxi**: $80-$90
- **Uber and Lyft**: $30-$40
- **Airport shuttle** is located just outside the baggage claim areas. [Super Shuttle](https://www.supershuttle.com) or [Prime Time Shuttle](https://www.prime-shuttle.com) will cost $25-$50
- **Video of LAX Intl Arrivals:**
  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQjIOaQKVNU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQjIOaQKVNU)
After Arriving at CSULB

Course Registration
Check-in & Orientation
Tuition & Fee Payment
After Arriving at CSULB

Two Mandatory Events

1. CIE Online Immigration Check-In:
   July 18 – August 23, 2023

2. International Student Orientation:
   August 14, 2023
After Arriving at CSULB

Mandatory CIE Immigration Check-In

Online Check-In is open on July 18, 2023
You must be physically present in the U.S.

- This check-in is required to validate your F-1 immigration record in the U.S.
- You will receive a link to go online to upload your check-in documents
- This link will be posted on CIE website under “Newly Admitted Students”

If you fail to do Check-In for immigration purposes will be dis-enrolled from their classes
After Arriving at CSULB

Mandatory International Student Orientation

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

Date: Monday, August 14, 2023
Location: TBD – Check back for updates

Academic status equals your Visa status
Employment & Internship rules
Campus & Academic rules
Living in the United States
Lunch provided & Resource Fair

Campus Map
After Arriving at CSULB

Regularly check this email account:

Your.Name@student.csulb.edu

Tell your friends too!

All immigration and school-related mail will be sent there
MyCSULB – Holds

Registration Holds & To Do List

- Health Insurance
- Admission Documents
- Check-in Hold (January 22, 2020)

CIE Admissions holds: cie-admission@csulb.edu
Health Insurance & Check-In holds: cie-student@csulb.edu
Admissions, Financial, Enrollment, etc: Find “Beach Central” (Google search)
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
LONG BEACH

Student Financial Services

Cashiering

&

Student Account Services
Student Financial Services

• We manage tuition and fee calculation
• We receive & apply payments
  ✓ Individual Payments
  ✓ Installment Plans
  ✓ Financial Aid
  ✓ Third-Party Sponsor Payments
  ✓ College Savings Plan Payments
• We issue refunds and financial aid disbursements
• We issue tuition tax document 1098-T
MyCSULB and Student Financial Services

- View Charges Due and Account Activity
- Make Payments
- Enroll in Installment Payment Plans
- Sign Up for E-Refund
- View & Download 1098-T tax documents
Tuition and Fees

Tuition at a CSU
• Basic tuition is not charged per-Unit
• Based on enrollment status
  • Half-Time or Less (0 – 6 units)
  • Greater than Half-Time (7 units or more)
• “Resident” – refers to CA residents
• Non-Resident tuition is in addition to the basic Tuition Fee and is charged on a per-unit basis ($396 per unit). (Out-of-state or International Students)
Payment Options

• When paying at the Cashier’s Office
  ✓ Cash
  ✓ Check or Money Order
  ✓ Debit ATM Card

• When paying online
  ✓ Credit Card (2.65% fee)
  ✓ E-Check
  ✓ Foreign Currency - Convera
How to Pay

Select the "Make a Payment" link below the "Finances" section of the Student Center.
Paying with Foreign Currency - Convera

After selecting “Foreign Currency” as the payment method, you will be taken to the Convera website to complete your transaction.
Payment Plans

What if I can’t pay my balance all at once, do you have payment options?

• Yes, we offer installment plans. You can sign up online through MyCSULB. Installment plans for basic and non-resident tuition are available through the 4th week of the semester, BUT students must enroll before their assigned payment deadline and adhere to their assigned due dates.
When is the Spring 2023 Payment Due?

- Fees are due 30 days from registering or the pre-semester deadline of January 4th, whichever occurs first.
- If you register after January 4th, fees will be due the next day.
Our Office is Open!

Brotman Hall

Student Financial Services:
Staff available from 8am-5pm via:

- **Phones**  (562) 985-5471 Option 3
- **Windows** – 1st floor courtyard; open 8:30am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-5:00pm
  - Payments
  - Account Questions
  - Resolving Financial Holds
- **Online**: csulb.edu/financial-management/student-financial-services for information and Ask Elbee chat bot
Contact CIE-ISS

Main Office
Office of International Students & Scholars (ISS)
Foundation Building, Room 185

Monday – Thursday
9:00 am to 12:00 pm & 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Fridays – No Walk-ins

Website
csulb.edu/international

E-mail
cie-student@csulb.edu

Phone Number
+1 562-985-4106

Social
Facebook.com/csulbiss
Instagram/csulb_iss

Have your CSULB ID number ready
when you contact any office in the university
FINALLY, DON’T FORGET

Go Beach
Questions and Answers

You can leave this online room if you don't have any questions.