

California State University, Chico

2020/21 Exchange Fact Sheet



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CALENDAR

2020/2021 Academic Year	Fall Semester (2020 Semester 2)	Spring Semester (2021 Semester 1)
Orientation Dates	August 18-20, 2020 (Tentative)	January 19-21, 2021 (Tentative)
Beginning of Classes	August 24, 2020	January 25, 2021
Final Exam Week	December 14-18, 2020	May 17-21, 2021
End of Classes (including Exams)	December 18, 2020	May 21, 2021

Exchange Application	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Nomination Deadline (flexible)	March 1	September 15
Application Deadlines	March 15	October 1
Priority Course Registration (Staff manually register students)	Mid-April	Mid-October
Admission Notice	May 1-15	November 1-15

APPLICATION PROCESS

Nomination	Partner International Office completes our Nomination Form In an effort streamline our processes, we have created Google Form for all nominees to be submitted. An email will be sent to the students informing them of the next steps in the application.
Required Documents <i>(Nominees will be submitting all documents through our online portal. In order to submit documents they will need to follow these directions to create a "Non-CSU-Chico Log-in)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Upload completed and signed application (Submitted through new online application) Upload copy of passport bio page (Submitted through new online application) Upload proof of Sufficient Financial Funds (Submitted through new online application) Upload proof of English proficiency (Submitted through new online application) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> TOEFL 61ibt, IELTS band 6, or letter from English faculty Complete the DS-2019 Questionnaire (Submitted through new online application) Course Request Form (Complete Google Form) International Buddy Program Questionnaire (Complete Google Form) Official transcript of record <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted to CSU, Chico DIRECTLY from Institution via email/mail
Location of Documents	https://www.csuchico.edu/studyabroad/exchange/how.shtml

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ACADEMIC INFORMATION	
Academic Programs (Majors) <i>University Catalog</i>	http://catalog.csuchico.edu/viewer/20/search/programs.html
Course Descriptions <i>University Catalog</i>	http://catalog.csuchico.edu/viewer/20/search/courses.html
List of Available Courses <i>Class Schedule</i>	http://www.csuchico.edu/schedule/
Information for Exchange Students	http://www.csuchico.edu/studyabroad/exchange/index.shtml
Language of instruction	English is primary. Foreign language courses are available from the International Languages, Literatures, and Cultures Department .
English Language Support	Non-native English courses are available through the English Department : EFLN 170 Free language tutoring is available from the ESL Resource Center . Graduate assistants support language learners with speaking, reading, writing and listening skill development.
Tips for selecting courses	Undergraduate students must maintain full-time status at CSU, Chico for immigration purposes. Most courses award 3 units of credit, with full-time status at 12 units or more. We suggest that non-native English speakers limit enrollment to no more than 15 units per semester, which is average for native students. Students should review the Course Request Form for guidance on selecting courses by course number; 100-299 lower division, 300-499 upper division). <u>A mixture of levels (1xx, 2xx, 3xx, 4xx) is common for all students.</u>
Transcript of Academic Record	Grades are released within 4 weeks after final exams. One hardcopy transcript is sent at the end of the student's exchange program. All student financial accounts must be in clear standing for the release of records. Holds are placed for failure to pay housing, library or special course fees. Additional official copies can be ordered by the student for a small fee from the Office of the Registrar .

ESTIMATED EXPENSES		
2020/2021	Semester	Academic Year
Living Expenses	\$5,657 USD	\$11,314 USD
Textbooks & Supplies	\$575 USD	\$1,150 USD
Personal	\$952 USD	\$1,904 USD
Transportation	\$347 USD	\$694 USD
Total Required	\$7,795 USD	\$15,062 USD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All exchange students receive a tuition fee-waiver while at CSU, Chico. This allows access to all University services, i.e. Student Health Center, library, computer labs, free local bus transportation and WREC recreational center, etc. ▪ In rare cases specific courses may charge a fee for use/purchase of special equipment or to facilitate field studies. Exchange students must make payment for these "Special Course Fees". 		

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STUDENT VISAS	
Visa Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exchange students apply for a J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa.
Application Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students submit a "Request for a DS-2019" form with their Exchange Application. Financial support documentation is required along with a copy of their passport. Upon admission to the University, the Office of International Education will provide each student an Acceptance Packet including a DS-2019 "Certificate of Eligibility". The student must make payment for the SEVIS I-901 Fee The student makes an appointment at a local US consulate and pays the appropriate J-1 Visa Application fee. The student is allowed entry 30 days prior to start of the program (Orientation) and may exit the US up to 30 days past the end of the program (Friday of Final Exam Week). Upon arrival students must show proof of valid and sufficient accident/illness insurance.
Insurance Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are required to purchase American accident/illness insurance through CSU Chico and are highly encouraged to purchase a travel insurance policy from their home country for their time abroad. Information about the mandatory US health policy will be provided to students before arrival. Students without coverage are required to purchase the policy no later than the International Student Orientation. The use of home country insurance, or a comparable policy, in lieu of CSU, Chico insurance, may be considered upon advance request.

HOUSING	
Housing Types Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-campus (Academic Year or Spring Semester students ONLY) Off-campus private flat/apartment (with American & International Students) Off-campus private dormitory Campus-owned housing (apartment-style shared flats at University Village)
Application Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Off-campus</u>: support with housing search given by the Study Abroad Office, however paperwork will be completed by the student directly with the Property Manager. <u>Campus-owned</u>: students can apply through the University Housing website. http://www.csuchico.edu/housing/
Housing Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Jacob Edington, Exchange Advisor: exchange@csuchico.edu

ARRIVAL INFORMATION	
Arrival in Chico	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students are advised to arrive at Sacramento International Airport (SMF), not San Francisco (SFO). The Office of International Education offers airport pick-up service from Sacramento International Airport (SMF) on a limited basis the weekend before International Student Orientation. Exact dates and times will be communicated within one month before Orientation. Students must complete an Arrival Form to secure this service. If the airport pickup service is not available, all travelers are advised to use a shuttle service (http://www.csuchico.edu/directions/index.shtml).