

### International Student Orientation

All International students are required to attend the mandatory International Student Orientation to have the opportunity to meet other students and learn more about the campus, life in the US, and resources available to you. Detailed information about Orientation will be sent to students via email. Please plan to arrive in the U.S before the scheduled orientation. Keep in mind that you cannot arrive in the U.S more than 30 days before the date listed on your I-20.

You will need to have the following documents & forms to Orientation:

- [New Student Check-In Form](#)
- [F-1 Student Regulations](#)
- [International Student Financial Acknowledgement](#)
- Government Sponsored Students: [Consent to Release Academic Information](#)
- Copy of:
  - Passport
  - F-1 visa
  - I-94 record after arriving to the US from [I94 - Official Website \(dhs.gov\)](#)
  - CSUDH and any previous I-20

### Things to keep in mind before arriving in USA

#### F-1 Visa

After receiving admission confirmation and your I-20 form. You will require to follow the following steps:

- 1) Pay the SEVIS fee at [www.fmjfee.com](http://www.fmjfee.com)
- 2) Schedule a visa appointment with the most convenient U.S. Embassy or Consulate. (You can book the appointment online at [www.usembassy.gov](http://www.usembassy.gov) )
- 3) Collect all the documents that required for the VISA interview. They usually consist of but are not limited to:
  - a. Valid Passport
  - b. Form I-20 from CSU-Dominguez Hills
  - c. SEVIS Fee Receipt
  - d. Financial Documents

The VISA interview is a short conversational interview during which you will need to explain the reasons to study in the U.S. and how you will cover the school costs and the living expenses.

NOTE: If your visa application is denied or under further reviews known as Administrative Processing, please contact CSUDH International Student Services at [iss@csudh.edu](mailto:iss@csudh.edu).

### Planning Your Stay in the U.S.

After planning your studies in the U.S., you need to decide on living arrangements. Your options can be categorized into two categories:

a) Living On-Campus

Living on campus has many benefits such as convenience, having specialized communities, and not having to worry about maintenances and bills. On campus, it's all taken care of for you. Everything is added to the Housing Fee. It also means that you are always within walking distance to your classes and all the activities that take place in the campus. CSUDH University Housing has holds various extracurricular activities and events that will make your college experience all that much more memorable.

[NOTE: To avail housing services you must apply before the deadline else you will be placed on the waiting list. For Further Information please visit the University housing website at <https://www.csudh.edu/housing/> and apply for housing at [Housing Application](#)]

The University Housing Address is:

CSUDH University Housing,  
1100 E Victoria Street,  
Carson, California, 90747

b) Living Off-Campus

If you do not want to live on campus, you can live off campus. Find places that are convenient and affordable for you. You can look at places like AirBNB and other online rental sites. Think about transportation methods as that may be a factor into looking for places to live. The local transportation you can use is the Metro Bus, L.A. Metro Rail, and Metrolink. Research the many living options that are out there. Remember to calculate your cost of living and expenses to make your stay in the U.S. affordable.

### Forms of Transportation from the Airport to our housing location

There are many services, you use and reserve:

- a) Airport Shuttle and Taxi services
- b) Uber or Lyft cabs from the airport
- c) Rent a car service