





### Education Abroad

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### CSULB Fact Sheet Academic Year 2024-2025

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IMPORTANT DATES			
Fall 2024		Spring 2025	
Suggested Arrival Period	August 19 – 21, 2024	Suggested Arrival Period	January 13-15, 2025
Orientation (date is subject to change)	August 22, 2024	Orientation (date is subject to change)	January 16, 2025
First Day of Classes	August 26, 2024	First Day of Classes	January 21, 2025
Final Examinations	December 12- 18, 2024	Final Examinations	May 12- May 17, 2025
Last Date of Semester	December 24, 2024	Last Date of Semester	May 23, 2025
Holidays		Holidays	
Labor Day: September 2, 2024		Spring Recess (no classes, campus open except March 31):	
Veterans Day: November 11, 2024		March 31 to April 6	
Fall break: November 25-27, 2024 (no classes, campus open)		Cesar Chavez Day (campus closed): March 31	
Thanksgiving: November 28- December 1, 2024			

## ELIGIBILITY

Exchange participants must not have U.S. citizenship; this includes dual citizens.

We rely on your judgment and verification that the students you nominate have the academic ability, mental preparation and appropriate level of English proficiency to succeed at CSULB. As a result, we do not have a specific English proficiency test or score requirement. Below is a guide used by our degree-seeking students that you can reference to determine if your students will be successful at our campus:

English Proficiency Test	Suggested Minimum scores accepted for admission	
	Undergraduate	Graduate
TOEFL (Paper-based)	500	550
TOEFL (Internet-based)	61	80
IELTS	5.5	6.0
Duolingo English Test	95	115

Full explanation of English proficiency requirements for degree-seeking students on our campus are listed [here](#). Please note that if a student's English skill level is noticeably below the university standard, then their program may be shortened.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

1. **Nominations:** Nominations are sent via email to the Inbound Exchange advisor at CSULB. Must include student's full name, email, field of study, intended semester of study, and length of stay.
2. **Online Application Form:** Once students have been nominated and confirmed by our office, they will receive a personalized link to complete the online application.
3. **Application Deadlines** (deadlines are subject to change)  
Fall: March 28<sup>th</sup>      Spring: October 31<sup>th</sup>
  - For the online application, students must
    - Input answers on the exchange program application questionnaire (biographical, academic, emergency contact, etc.)
  - Students must submit the following documents in PDF format with their online application:
    - Copy of transcripts (academic record)
    - Copy of student's current schedule of classes/modules
    - Copy of the signed [Class Selection and Agreement of Understanding](#)
    - Copy of a valid passport
    - Copy of signed [Exchange Student Agreement](#)
    - Copy of signed [Statement of Financial Obligation](#)
      - Proof of finances showing minimum of \$ 10,664.00 USD each semester is required for visa purposes

4. **Notification of Acceptance:** Students can expect to receive a decision on their application shortly after completing the online application. Our office will send two separate email messages to students with an attachment of their official acceptance letter and their electronic DS-2019 document for J-1 visa purposes.

For partners who are unable to send us any exchange students due to an imbalance, students can consider the fee-paying [Study Abroad @ The Beach](#) program.

## ACADEMICS

**Class Selection:** Students can find all class descriptions in the CSULB Catalog listed by subject. The Schedule of Classes will indicate which classes are being offered each semester so they can be sure to select the options that are available for that semester.

Schedule of Classes: [http://web.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment/registration/class\\_schedule/](http://web.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment/registration/class_schedule/)  
CSULB Course Catalog: <http://web.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/catalog/current/index.html>

**Units Required:** Undergraduate students must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits and graduate students must be enrolled in a minimum of 8 credits to maintain their visa status (please note: Graduate students who decide to enroll in the undergraduate classes, will be expected to complete 12 units per semester). Most classes are worth 3 credits, however, some may vary. Students should pay close attention to any pre-requisites that are required for the class to ensure they qualify.

**Grading:** Each class will receive a separate grade mark (A, B, C, D, or F). An A, B, and C are considered passing while D and F are considered below average and failing. Each of these marks are then averaged based on the number of credits assigned in what we call a Grade Point Average (GPA). For example, a 1-credit class will not affect the average as much as a 3-credit class. At the end of each term, the grade points earned are divided by the credits taken per class to determine the student's GPA. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA or C average to remain in the program.

**Registration:** Students should submit class requests with their online application. Students can enroll in some courses on their own, but there are some classes where our staff will have to initiate the enrollment process with each major department on campus. Unfortunately, exchange students do not receive priority registration. It is, therefore, important to note that class requests are **not** guaranteed. We aim to finalize enrollment prior to student arrival; however, due to the enrollment process, some schedules are finalized during the first 1-2 weeks on campus. Students who plan to enroll for the full academic year will be advised on how to complete enrollment independently for their second semester at CSULB.

**Transcripts:** One original transcript will be sent free of charge to the student's home university. This usually happens within one month after the end of the semester after all grades are posted. Students are able to request additional copies at a cost from [Enrollment Services](#), which are often valuable for future endeavors such as graduate school applications.

## HEALTH INSURANCE & IMMUNIZATIONS

**Health Insurance:** All students must purchase the JCB Health Insurance Policy. The policy averages \$680- \$700 USD each semester. No exceptions or waivers to this coverage are allowed. Directions for enrollment will be sent to you by email after you are admitted into the exchange program.

**Required Immunizations:** All exchange students will be asked to provide proof of the required immunizations, which are listed below.

Required Immunization	Required Documentation
Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)	All incoming students born after 1956. 2 doses on or after 1st birthday

<b>Meningococcal Conjugate (Serogroups A,C,Y &amp; W-135) (MenACWY)</b>	All incoming students through 21 years of age. 1 dose on or after the 16th birthday
<b>Hepatitis B</b>	First-time enrollees at California State University campuses 18 years of age and younger. Full Immunization series
<b>Tuberculosis (TB) risk questionnaire</b>	All incoming students must complete a Tuberculosis (TB) risk questionnaire. Incoming students who are at higher risk for TB infection should undergo either skin or blood testing for TB infection within 1 year of entry into CSULB

**Additional Vaccination for Students Living in Housing (on-campus):**

<b>Required Immunization</b>	<b>Required Documentation</b>
<b>Varicella (Chicken Pox)</b>	All incoming students born in U.S. after 1979. 2 doses on or after 1st birthday
<b>Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (Tdap)</b>	1 dose on or after the 7th birthday.
<b>Meningococcal Serogroup B Vaccine</b>	All incoming Housing Students. 2 dose series (Bexsero) 2 or 3 dose series (Trumenba)

If you are missing a required immunization or are unsure about its status, it is recommended you get these vaccinations in your home country, as it can be quite expensive to get them after your arrival.

## VISA

Exchange students must apply for the J-1 visa. It is important to note that all exchange students must comply with their student visa regulations in order to remain active in their exchange program. This includes, but is not limited to, maintaining the 2.0 GPA requirement, preventing any disciplinary action, and maintaining full-time enrollment for the duration of study.

We receive many requests for students to extend their stay at CSULB for an additional semester. If this is permitted by both CSULB and the student's home university, it is important to note that, in order to extend their J-1 visa, students will need to return to their home country to apply for an extension. Therefore, at the beginning of the application process students should be encouraged to apply for the longest period of exchange they are interested in to prevent the need for an unnecessary trip home to extend the visa.

Information about the visa application process can be found at this link: <http://j1visa.state.gov/participants/>

## CAMPUS FEES

**Tuition:** Basic tuition fees are waived for exchange students based on our institutional agreements.

**Health Insurance:** Students must purchase the JCB Health Insurance Policy. The policy averages \$680- \$700 USD each semester. **No exceptions or waivers to this coverage are allowed.** Directions for enrollment will be sent to students by email after they are admitted into the exchange program.

**Accommodations:** Students are responsible for their own accommodation and living expenses.

**Miscellaneous Fees:** Students who choose classes with special laboratory, art supply or activity charges should be aware that they will be responsible for paying the fees. Additionally, students are responsible for overdue library books or materials and other fines the university may implement.

## ACCOMMODATION

**On-Campus:** On-campus housing is available but not guaranteed to exchange students. This is a good option for students who would like to share a bedroom, bathroom, and dining facilities. CSULB has 18 residence hall buildings on

campus and an off-site residential complex, accommodating more than 2,400 total students. All halls are coeducational, and with the exception of a limited number of single rooms at Residence Commons, the rooms are intended for double occupancy. Students are assigned same-sex roommates, and bathrooms are not coeducational. A custodial staff maintains all bathrooms and public areas. We highly recommend the International House, which helps pair international students with U.S. students.

**On-Campus Housing Application:** The application process for housing is completed online at this link: <https://csulb.starrezhousing.com/StarRezPortalX/Login>. Students must have a CSULB student ID number and password to complete the application, which will be assigned upon acceptance into the exchange program. The Fall/Academic year application period is mid-March to early-May. We recommend that students complete their applications on time to increase the chances of placement, late applicants may be placed on a waiting list. Students can make payments online through our web portal's secure payment system, complete a wire transfer, or send in a cashier's check. Money Orders are not accepted. More resources and details about off-campus housing are listed in the Exchange Student Program Guide.

Fall semester students should be aware that the housing office only issues yearlong contracts. Therefore, students will be required to sign a contract for the entire academic year and then obtain a letter from our office at the end of the term to receive approval to end the contract early. Spring placements are based on available space or departures, which greatly varies each semester.

**Off-Campus:** Students seeking a more independent experience may want to explore off-campus housing options since they provide more flexibility and privacy. In many cases, off-campus housing in Long Beach can be more affordable than on-campus dormitories. The campus is in a central location and many of the buses connect to other parts of Long Beach, other cities, and run through or near the campus, which makes living on or off campus equally convenient. All students are able to obtain a bus pass called a 'Tap Card' at a reasonable cost for local transportation within the city. We recommend that students search for and arrange this housing as early as possible after receiving their official admission letter. Some students elect to arrange temporary housing upon arrival to give them time to find and confirm housing.

## HELPFUL LINKS

Mandatory Health Insurance: [www.jcbins.com](http://www.jcbins.com)

Housing Information: <https://www.cpie.csulb.edu/international/international-students---scholars-services/newly-admitted-students#/housing>

On-Campus Housing Application: <https://www.csulb.edu/student-affairs/university-housing-residential-life/incoming-students/apply-for-housing>