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CSULB Fact Sheet Academic Year 2022-2023

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<b>IMPORTANT DATES</b>			
(orientation date is subject to change)			
<b>Fall 2022</b>		<b>Spring 2023</b>	
Suggested Arrival Period	August 15 – 17, 2022	Suggested Arrival Period	January 13-17, 2023
Orientation	August 18, 2022	Orientation	January 18, 2023
Classes Start	August 22, 2022	Classes Start	January 19, 2023
Final Examinations	December 12- 17, 2022	Final Examinations	May 8- May 13, 2023
Last Date of Semester	December 23, 2022	Last Date of Semester	May 19, 2023
Holidays (campus closed)		Holidays (campus closed)	
- Labor Day	September 5, 2022	- Spring Recess	March 27 – 31, 2023
- Veterans Day	November 11, 2022	- Cesar Chavez	March 31, 2023
- Thanksgiving	November 24–25, 2022		

## 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.
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<b>Fall Application Deadline</b>	March 25	<b>Spring Application Deadline</b>	October 14
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\*deadlines are subject to change

Students should prepare answers and the following documents (PDF format only) for the online application:

- Copy of transcripts (academic record)
  - Copy of the signed [Class Selection and Agreement of Understanding](#)
  - Copy of the valid passport
  - Copy of signed [Statement of Financial Obligation](#)
    - Minimum of \$10,340 USD each semester is required for visa purposes
  - Input answers onto the exchange program application questionnaire (biographical, academic, emergency contact, etc.)
  - Input list of 8 class/module requests (listed in order of priority)
4. **Notification of Acceptance:** Students can expect to receive a decision on their application shortly after completing the online application. At that time our staff will send an email notification in addition to mailing an official acceptance letter and original DS-2019 document to your office 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.

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.

## 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 \$570 - \$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, 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 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://www.csulb.edu/student-affairs/university-housing-residential-life/incoming-students/apply-for-housing>

Students must have a CSULB student ID number and password to complete the application, which will be assigned upon acceptance into the exchange program. 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

Inbound Exchange Student Website: <https://www.cpie.csulb.edu/international/study-abroad/study-at-csulb/inbound-exchange-students>

Mandatory Health Insurance: <https://student.jcbins.com/206>

CSULB Catalog: <http://web.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/catalog/current/index.html>

Schedule of Classes: [http://web.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment/registration/class\\_schedule/](http://web.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment/registration/class_schedule/)

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>