Getting Settled in Chico

Money & Banking

It is customary in the U.S. to keep all, or most, of your money in a bank. Most Americans use their debit or credit cards for daily expenses. This is a safe practice and is what OIE recommends. It is unsafe to carry large sums of cash or keep large sums of money in your room or apartment. If you have concerns or questions about banking in the U.S., please come talk to us.

There are many banks in the City of Chico and several are close to the University. They are listed below for your convenience. You are advised to call or visit these establishments in order to determine which will offer you the best services. Your passport will be required for identification purposes when you open an account.

Bank of America
400 Broadway
530-899-2120
www.bankofamerica.com

Chase
200 Broadway
530-343-4223
www.chase.com

Wells Fargo Bank
355 Memorial Way
530-343-5886
www.wellsfargo.com

Tri-Counties Bank
525 Salem
530-893-8861
www.tcbk.com

Most of these banks are open between 9 AM and 6 PM Monday - Friday. The Bank of America, Chase, and Wells Fargo Banks are also open on Saturdays. Automatic teller machines (ATMs) are usually open on a 24-hour basis. Some of the banks have ATMs on campus at the BMU.

Personal Expenses: Your immediate expenses will include your housing deposit, telephone service, electric/gas costs, food, bedding and other personal effects. You will also need to buy your books and school supplies. You may be able to take advantage of used books, which are always cheaper than new ones. Some used books are available, in limited quantities, at the Wildcat Bookstore. Some other options for textbook purchasing or renting include: www.amazon.com, www.alibris.com, www.chegg.com, and www.half.com.