Getting Settled in Chico

Transportation

Bicycling: Most students live within biking distance to the university, which makes bicycling a very convenient mode of transportation. It is also a popular recreational sport, as there are many scenic areas and few hills in the Chico area. There are, however, bicycle regulations with which you should be familiar and on campus there are specific areas where riding or parking your bike is prohibited. For more go to: Campus Bike Rules

Registering your bicycle is required by law in California. To register your bike, go to the University Police Department. New bike registrations are $10 and the registration will last 3 years. Bike registration renewals are $5.

Public Transportation

B-Line (Butte Regional Transit): The B-Line provides bus service within Chico and to the neighboring cities of Paradise and Oroville, at very reasonable rates. CSU, Chico students may use the B Line free of charge by showing a valid student ID card to the driver. Schedules are available upon request at the customer service desk in the Wildcat Bookstore. You can get on the bus at the Transit Center at Second and Salem Street. Website: www.blinetransit.com

Train: The AMTRAK train and bus depot is located at West 5th and Orange Streets. Contact 1-800-USA-RAIL or a local travel agency for details. Website: www.amtrak.com

Bus Services (long distance): The Greyhound bus depot is located at West 5th and Orange Street in Chico. Call 343-8266 or 1-800-231-2222 for the schedule and current fares. Website: www.greyhound.com

Airline Services: From Chico Municipal Airport (CIC) service to San Francisco International Airport (SFO) is provided by United Express Airlines. Flying out of the Chico Municipal Airport is quite convenient, but can be expensive. The Sacramento Metropolitan Airport is the nearest airport with international flight service. Many students also schedule international flights out of San Francisco or Oakland.
Airport Transportation Service: The North Valley Shuttle provides transportation to and from the Sacramento Metropolitan Airport. For current cost and schedule information, call 530-891-1219 or check their website: www.northvalleyshuttle.com.

Car Rentals: If you need to travel and you do not have a car, there are companies that will rent you a car for the time that you need it. You will need to furnish the following:
   a) Proof that you are at least 20 years of age (Hertz) or 21 years of age (Enterprise)
   b) Valid driver’s license
   c) Valid passport showing the date of entry in the U.S.
   d) A major credit card (i.e. MasterCard, Visa, etc.) or
   e) A cash deposit covering the rental period.
Please visit company websites for more information.

Hertz Car Rental / www.hertz.com
150 Airpark Blvd Suite 50, Chico / 530-332-9663
Enterprise Rent-a-Car / www.enterprise.com
2267 Esplanade, Suite C, Chico / 530-899-1188

Zipcar: www.zipcar.com/chico
Members pay an annual fee of $35, and pay an hourly rate ($8) or a daily rate ($66) to rent a Zipcar. The cars are located on campus and are available to Chico State students and the surrounding community. You must be at least 18 with clean driving records. You must also have had a driver’s license for at least a year. You may be eligible to apply for membership with your home country driver’s license. Please go to the Zipcar website for more information.