Getting Settled in Chico

Identification

Passport:
This is a very important document which you should always keep in a safe place. You will need this to get your Student ID and to establish your identity with your new bank. In general, however, you should not carry it with you after you have taken care of such business. The Office of International Education recommends you keep hard copies and electronic copies of your important immigration and identity documents.

CSU, Chico Wildcat Card (Student ID):
After you have paid your University fees, you can get your Wildcat Card at Meriam Library (MLIB) Room 142.
What you will need:
- Passport
- Student ID number
- If you have just paid your fees, bring your receipt
This card is needed to use the library, Student Health Center, OIE, and other University services. Carry it with you when on campus. You can also put money on this card to be used at all the campus eateries by calling Sutter Dining at 898-5962.

California State Identification (ID) Card:
It is strongly recommended that you get a California State ID Card if you do not have a California Driver’s License. You can get a California ID Card at the same place you apply for a Driver’s License - the Department of Motor Vehicles, located at 500 Cohasset Lane (on the Number 2 Bus Route).
What you will need to get a California ID Card:
- Passport
- Social Security Card (or a letter from Social Security stating that you are not eligible for a Social Security Card)
- 1-20
On many occasions you will be asked to show an ID card or Driver’s License. It is normal in the United States to be asked for ID before certain services are available to you, such as paying for merchandise by check, buying alcoholic beverages (you must be at least 21 years old), or entering certain places where alcoholic beverages are sold.