



California State University, Chico

2025/26 Exchange Fact Sheet

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CALENDAR

2025/2026 Academic Year	Fall Semester (2025 Semester 2)	Spring Semester (2026 Semester 1)
Orientation Dates	<i>August 19-23, 2025 (Tentative)</i>	<i>January 13-17, 2026 (tentative)</i>
Start of Classes	August 25, 2025	January 20, 2026
Final Exam Week	December 15-19, 2025	May 11-15, 2026
End of Classes (including Exams)	December 19, 2025	May 15, 2026

Exchange Application	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Nomination Deadline (flexible)	March 1	September 15
Application Deadlines	March 15	October 1
Priority Course Registration (Staff manually register students)	Mid-April	Mid-October
Admission Notice	May 1-15	November 1-15

APPLICATION PROCESS

Nomination	Partner International Office submits nominations through the Nomination Portal . Students will receive an email after nomination with information about next steps in the application process after the nomination deadline.
Required Documents <i>(Nominees must submit all documents via the online portal. In order to submit documents, they will need to follow these instructions to create a new account)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upload completed and signed application (Submitted via online application) 2. Upload copy of passport bio page (Submitted via online application) 3. Upload proof of sufficient financial funds (Submitted via online application) 4. Upload proof of English proficiency (Submitted via online application) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. TOEFL or TOEFL MyBest 61ibt, IELTS band 6, Duolingo 95, or letter from English faculty 5. Complete the DS-2019 Questionnaire (Submitted via online application) 6. Priority Course Request Form (Submitted via Microsoft Form) 7. Official transcript of record: submitted to Chico State DIRECTLY from home institution by mail or via secure Box upload link
Application Documents & Resources	https://www.csuchico.edu/studyabroad/exchange/application.shtml



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ACADEMIC INFORMATION	
List of Available Courses <i>Class Schedule</i>	https://www.csuchico.edu/schedule/ Select "View the Class Schedule" and select the correct term of planned studies.
Academic Programs & Course Descriptions <i>University Catalog</i>	https://catalog.csuchico.edu/courses/
Language of Instruction	English is primary. Foreign language courses are available from the Department of Languages and Cultures .
English Language Support	Non-native English courses are available through the English Department : EFLN 170 Free language tutoring is available from the ESL Support Services . Graduate assistants support language learners with speaking, reading, writing, and listening skill development.
Tips for Selecting Courses	Undergraduate students must maintain full-time status at Chico State for immigration purposes. Most courses award 3 units of credit, with full-time status at 12 units or more. We suggest that non-native English speakers limit enrollment to no more than 15 units per semester, which is average for all students. Students should review the Priority Course Request Form for guidance on selecting courses by course number; 100-299 lower-division, 300-499 upper-division). <u>A mixture of levels (1xx, 2xx, 3xx, 4xx) is common for all students.</u> Inform iss@csuchico.edu early if preferred courses require pre-requisite approval.
Transcript of Academic Record	Grades are released within 4 weeks after final exams. One electronic transcript is sent at the end of the student's exchange program. All student financial accounts must be in clear standing for the release of records. Holds are placed for failure to pay housing, library or special course fees. Additional official copies can be ordered by the student for a small fee from the Office of the Registrar .

ESTIMATED EXPENSES		
2025/2026	Semester	Academic Year
Room & Board	\$5,910 USD	\$11,820 USD
Textbooks & Supplies	\$526 USD	\$1,052 USD
Personal	\$626 USD	\$1,252 USD
Insurance	\$625 USD	\$1,250 USD
Total Required	\$7,687 USD	\$15,374 USD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All fees listed above are estimates and are subject to change. ▪ All exchange students receive a tuition fee waiver while at Chico State. This allows access to all University services, e.g. student health center, library, computer labs, free local bus transportation, WREC (recreational center), etc. ▪ In rare cases specific courses may charge a fee for use/purchase of special equipment or to facilitate field studies. Exchange students must submit a payment for these "Special Course Fees". 		



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STUDENT VISAS	
Visa Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Exchange students apply for a J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa.
Application Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students submit a “Request for a DS-2019” form with their Exchange Application. Financial support documentation is required along with a copy of their passport. ▪ Upon admission to the University, the International Education & Global Engagement office will provide each student an Acceptance Packet including a DS-2019 “Certificate of Eligibility”. ▪ Students must make payment for the SEVIS I-901 Fee. ▪ Students make an appointment at a local US Consulate or Embassy and pay the appropriate J-1 Visa Application fee. ▪ Students are allowed entry 30 days prior to start of the program (Orientation) and may exit the US 30 days past the end of the program (Friday of Final Exam Week). ▪ Upon arrival students must show proof of valid and sufficient accident/illness insurance. ▪ California State University (CSU) also requires all students to be current on a number of immunizations and screenings. Per CSU policy, vaccinations and booster shots against COVID-19 are strongly recommended.
Insurance Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ California State University (CSU) requires all international students to have adequate medical, medical evacuation, and repatriation insurance coverage. All incoming international students will be automatically enrolled in a University-approved health insurance plan that meets this requirement for the duration of the student’s academic program and grace period. The fees for this health insurance program must be paid in full by the second week of each semester the student attends. ▪ For information about the Chico State partner insurance provider, please visit their website. ▪ For J-1 visa holders, failure to meet this requirement is also a violation of your immigration status and may result in the cancellation of your DS-2019 and disenrollment from the University.
HOUSING	
Housing Types Available	<p>Overview of Housing Options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Off-campus private flat/apartment (with American & International Students) ▪ Off-campus private dormitory ▪ Campus-owned housing (apartment-style shared flats at University Village)
Application Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Off-campus</u>: support with housing search is provided by the International Student & Scholar Services support team. However, paperwork must be completed by the student directly with the Property Manager. ▪ <u>Campus-owned</u>: students can apply through the University Housing website.
Housing Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ International Student & Scholar Services: jsss@csuchico.edu
ARRIVAL INFORMATION	
Arrival in Chico	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All students are advised to arrive at Sacramento International Airport (SMF), not San Francisco (SFO). ▪ The International Education & Global Engagement office offers airport pick-up service from Sacramento International Airport (SMF) on a limited basis the weekend before International Student Orientation. Exact dates and times will be communicated by International Student & Scholar Services within one month before Orientation. Students must complete an Arrival Form to secure this service. ▪ If the airport pick-up service is not available, all travelers are advised to use a shuttle service.