



**CALIFORNIA  
MIRAMAR  
UNIVERSITY**

# Pre-Arrival Information Packet For International Students



## San Diego Campus:

3550 Camino Del Rio N. Suite 208  
San Diego, CA 92108  
Phone: 858-653-3000



[www.calmu.edu](http://www.calmu.edu)

## LA Campus:

1720 Walnut Avenue  
La Puente, CA 91744  
Phone: 858-500-2613

# For International Students at San Diego & LA Campuses

## WELCOME INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS!

Now that you have been accepted at California Miramar University (CMU), you are likely to have numerous questions on what documents to bring, how much money you need to bring, what to expect upon arrival in the U.S., etc. To help you prepare for your departure, please consult Education USA's excellent guide on pre-departure planning found at: <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/students/getting-to-the-united-states>

## WHEN CAN YOU ARRIVE INTO THE UNITED STATES?

**Students can enter the U.S. no earlier than 30 days before the I-20 program start date.** However, a student visa may be issued up to 120 days in advance of your course start date.

## DOCUMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES

- Review your passport and visa to ensure they are still valid for entry.  
**Your passport should be valid for at least six months past your expected stay.**
- Check for the correct visa classification (**F-1**).
- Be sure your **family/last name and first name are the same** on both your passport and visa.
- Address of where you will be living in the U.S.



**DOCUMENTS YOU CARRY ON YOU** The following documents should not be put in your checked luggage:

- 1.) Passport
- 2.) SEVIS Form 1-20
- 3.) Receipt verifying payment of SEVIS Fee I-901
- 4.) Evidence of financial resources
- 5.) Transcripts

For more information on what to expect for arrival into the U.S., go to: <http://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors>

## ARRIVING AT YOUR PORT OF ENTRY

Upon arrival into the U.S., all individuals are subject to inspection by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers. You will be asked to state why you are entering the U.S. and show your documents. Once you have completed the inspection, an electronic I-94 Arrival/Departure Record is processed.

**You will need to print your electronic I-94**, or it can be done when you check in at CMU. The I-94 will be needed for your student file, Department of Motor Vehicles (if you plan to obtain a California driver license), Social Security Administration, and for Employment Eligibility Verification.



### STEPS TO PRINTING YOUR ELECTRONIC I-94

- **Access the Customs and Border Patrol** website at: <http://www.cbp.gov/i94>
- Type in the requested data to access your **I-94**
- Check that your information in the system is correct
- **Print out 2 copies of the form**, one for your student file and one for yourself

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## HEALTH INSURANCE

Health insurance is **mandatory** and a copy of your insurance policy will be required when you register for your classes. You may purchase health insurance in your home country or you may purchase it when you arrive.

**ISI International Student Insurance:** <http://www.internationalstudentinsurance.com/explained>

**ISO International Student Insurance:** <https://www.isoa.org>



## ORIENTATION REGISTRATION

Before your arrival, you will be notified of your orientation date. During orientation, you will be provided with information regarding school rules, schedules, visa rules, banking, and other information to help you, while at CMU.

All new international students (including transfer students from other U.S. schools) must check in at CMU's International Program Center at the San Diego or Los Angeles campus **within 15 days** of your program start date.

**Failure to check in may result in the termination of your SEVIS record and loss of your F-1 status.**

## MAINTAINING YOUR VISA STATUS

If you change your residence while studying in the U.S., you **must** advise the Designated School Official (DSO) of your address change **within 10 days**.

For more information on maintaining your status, please see: <http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/maintaining-your-status>

## San Diego Campus:

### SAN DIEGO: CLIMATE

San Diego California has a mild climate. The average annual high in San Diego is 70°F (21°C) and the average annual low is 58°F (14°C).



More detailed weather can be found at:

- <https://www.currentresults.com/weather/california/places/los-angelos-temperature-by-month-average.php>

### SAN DIEGO: ACTIVITIES

San Diego offers amazing beaches, cultural events, historical sites, and sporting events.

For more information, visit:

- <http://www.sandiego.org/articles/25-fun-free-things-to-do-in-san-diego.aspx>



## LA Sports Campus:



### LA: CLIMATE

Los Angeles California has a mild climate. The average annual high in Los Angeles is 85°F (29.4°C) and the average annual low is 48°F (8.8°C).

More detailed weather can be found at:

- <https://www.currentresults.com/weather/california/places/los-angelos-temperature-by-month-average.php>

### LA: ACTIVITIES

Los Angeles offers amazing beaches, cultural events, historical sites, and sporting events.

For more information, visit:

- <https://www.discoverlosangeles.com/events>

# San Diego Campus:

# LA Sports Campus:

## GETTING TO CMU IN SAN DIEGO

*It is recommended to fly into San Diego (SAN) instead of Los Angeles (LAX) due of the extra cost and travel required (112 miles/180 kilometers) between the cities.*

### ARRIVAL INTO THE SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

San Diego International Airport is located downtown and is approximately 20 min. from the CMU campus. Airport shuttles, taxis, and car rentals can be found at all terminals.

- If you have a hotel reservation in San Diego, some hotels provide complimentary shuttle services to and from the airport.
- **CMU Representative Pick Up:** You have the option for a representative from CMU to meet you upon arrival at the airport and take you to your hotel or housing. The fee for this service is **\$60\***. *Please advise of your flight arrival information at least 2 weeks before arriving.*
- **Taxi Service:** Taxi to the San Diego campus is approximately **\$30 - \$35\*** plus gratuity. All taxis from the airport are registered, and the driver must charge the fare based on a standardized electronic meter. *You may pay with cash or credit card.*
- **Shared Shuttle Services:** to the San Diego CMU area can be found with several different shuttle services:
  - **Advanced Shuttle:** <http://www.advancedshuttle.com>
  - **EZ Ride:** <http://ezrideshuttle.com>

### IF YOU DO DECIDE TO FLY INTO LAX

To get from LAX to San Diego, you take a commuter flight, bus, train, or shuttle to San Diego.

- **Shuttle Service:** **\$185-\$225\*** (*reservations needed*)
- **Amtrak:** to reach Union Station, take the FlyAway bus at terminal 1 (Cost is **\$9.75\*** *bus leaves every half hour*). *Allow at least 35 min. to get to Union Station.* An Amtrak one way fare from Los Angeles to San Diego is **\$36\***
- **By Car:** CMU International Admission's is located at 3550 Camino Del Rio N., Suite 208, San Diego, CA 92108. Phone 858-653-3000 x 22.

**Directions:** From LAX take the I-105 East to I-405 South to San Diego, continue and merge onto I-5 South and exit onto 8 East. Continue on 8 East and exit at Mission Gorge Road/Fairmount Avenue. Go under the freeway and make a left onto Camino Del Rio N. Drive for 1.2 miles. CMU is located on the right side.

## GETTING TO CMU IN LA

*It is recommended to fly into Los Angeles (LAX).*

### ARRIVAL INTO THE LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The Los Angeles County metropolitan transportation Authority offer Metro, a transportation pass for Los Angeles county. The cost is **\$43\*** for a student and can be purchased online at: <https://www.taptogo.net/>.

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  - **Super Shuttle Express:** <https://www.supershuttle.com/locations/losangeles-lax/>
  - **Prime Time Services:** <https://www.primetimeshuttle.com/>
  - **Shuttle2LA:** <https://www.shuttletolax.com/>



*\*The prices listed in this booklet may vary or could have changed, please see the websites of these services to check the current prices.*

# San Diego Campus:

## SAN DIEGO: HOUSING



If you have not made prior arrangements, some suggestions for San Diego student housing:

- **RoomChazer:** <https://www.roomchazer.com/>
- **San Diego Student Housing:** [www.sandiego-studenthousing.com](http://www.sandiego-studenthousing.com)
- **The Suites on Paseo:** [www.suitesonpaseo.com](http://www.suitesonpaseo.com)
- **Vantaggio Suites:** [www.vantaggiosuites.com](http://www.vantaggiosuites.com)
- **Kamo Housing:** [www.kamohousing.com](http://www.kamohousing.com)

The cost varies for a single bedroom apartment or a shared bedroom. However, expect to pay a minimum of **\$700** per month. This may or may not include utilities-electric, water, and internet.

If you prefer to live with a host family, please contact:

- <http://san-diego.homestaybay.com/en>
- <http://www.sandiegohomestay.com>

The cost of a homestay varies and may or may not include meals.

Another option for housing is to stay in a hotel or hostel for a short time upon arrival and then, look for a place to rent. If you choose this option, let us know and we can recommend a few hotels near the school.

## SAN DIEGO: TRANSPORTATION

The San Diego Transit offers one-time fares (*check pricing online*) and a monthly pass that is valid on all buses (except express buses) and the trolley. The cost of the monthly pass is **\$72\*** and can be purchased at Trolley/Coaster/Sprinter station ticket vending machines. A map for the trolley/bus, and timetables can be found at:

- <http://www.sdmts.com/Trolley/Trolley.asp>
- [http://www.sdmts.com/map\\_timetable.asp](http://www.sdmts.com/map_timetable.asp)

Ride sharing apps like: Uber & Lyft can be an option.

## SAN DIEGO: COST OF LIVING

Please see the detailed information about the cost of living in San Diego by clicking on the link below.

- <https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/in/San-Diego>
- <https://bestfitmovers.com/how-much-money-do-you-need-to-comfortably-live-in-san-diego>

# LA Sports Campus:



## LA: HOUSING

If you prefer to live with a host family, please contact:

- [www.Homestayin.com](http://www.Homestayin.com)
- [www.homestay.com](http://www.homestay.com)
- <https://homestaymatch.com/about-us>
- <https://studentroomstay.com/>

The cost of a homestay varies and may or may not include meals.

Another option is to stay in a hotel for a short time upon arrival and look for a place to rent. Here are a list of some hotels we can recommend near the school:

- **Comfort Suites Inn:** [choicehotels.com](http://choicehotels.com) +1-626-330-0030  
753 Glendora Ave  
La Puente, CA 91744
- **Industry Inn & Suites:** +1-626-333-4440  
13736 E Valley Blvd  
La Puente, CA 91746
- **Quality Inn & Suites:** +1-909-895-4319  
1170 Fairway Dr  
Walnut, CA 91789
- **Azusa Inn:** +1 (626) 961-8829  
519 N Azusa Ave  
La Puente, CA 91744

## LA: TRANSPORTATION

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority offers one-time fares (*check pricing online*) and a monthly pass through the Metro, a transportation pass for Los Angeles county. The cost is **\$43\*** for a monthly student and can be purchased online at:

- <https://www.metro.net/>
- <https://www.taptogo.net/>

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