

California State University, Monterey Bay

International Programs Partner Fact Sheet

California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) offers students a unique opportunity to learn on a residential campus near the scenic shores of Monterey Bay. Our diverse student body enjoys small class sizes, hands-on learning through internships, and service opportunities, preparing graduates to make an impact. With access to one of the world's top tourist destinations and rich research environments, CSUMB combines recreation with innovation.



Partner Portal csumb.edu/extended/global/intl-partner-portal/

The Partner Portal is a resource page where international partner universities and agents can quickly access information, forms, and CSUMB assets.



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Program Options

	Degree Seeking Students	Semester@/Exchange	ALCP
Length of Stay	Entire degree	Semester or year	16 weeks to one year for individual students. For groups of 10 or more, specialized program dates are offered.
Semester Dates	Fall: late August - mid-December Spring: late January - mid-May		
Eligibility	See admission requirements and language proficiency.	Semester@: Open to any interested student. Exchange: Nominated for a tuition waiver by CSUMB partner institution	Open to any interested student.

Estimated Program Fees* (by semester)

	Degree Seeking	Semester@ CSUMB	International Exchange	ALCP
Tuition and Fees	\$9,496	\$6,000	Paid to home university*	\$6,000
Living Expenses	\$8,131			
Personal Expenses, books	\$2,102			
Health Insurance (Required)	International students are automatically enrolled in mandatory health insurance. The student account is charged an estimate of \$800/semester.			



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Application and Admission Requirements

	Degree Seeking Students	Semester@/Exchange	ALCP
Admission Requirements	- Official transcripts and certified English translations - Minimum 2.5 Grade Point Average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale in high school for incoming Freshmen - Minimum 2.0 GPA for Transfer Students Official test scores	- In good standing at current university or institution - Copy of transcripts in English (required for course placement) - No minimum grade point average (GPA) - Only English proficiency test scores needed	No admission requirements for ALCP applicants
Language Proficiency	Students can prove English proficiency by: - Duolingo score of 95; TOEFL iBT score of 61; IELTS score of 6.0; or PTE score of 45 - Attending a school full-time where English was the primary language of instruction for at least three years before admission. - Other methods outlined in the institution's contractual agreement with CSUMB.		No language proficiency required for ALCP applicants
Nomination Procedure	Visit the International Partner Portal at csumb.edu/extended/global/intl-partner-portal/ to complete a basic nomination form for all interested students.		
Application Procedure	Students must apply via Cal State Apply and provide: - Scanned passport - Financial affidavit - Proof of financial ability - Proof of English proficiency - Official transcripts	Students must apply through an online application system called Unihub. Application steps can be found at csumb.edu/international/apply . All students should be prepared to provide the required supporting materials: - Scanned passport - Financial affidavit - Proof of financial ability - Proof of English proficiency - Unofficial transcripts	Students must apply through an online application system called Unihub. Application steps can be found at csumb.edu/international/apply . All students should be prepared to provide the required supporting materials: - Scanned passport - Financial affidavit - Proof of financial ability
Application Deadline	Priority deadline for preferred housing and course selection is Fall: April 1 of same year; Spring: October 1 of previous year Application deadline is Fall: June 1 of same year; Spring: November 1 of previous year		

*Most International Exchange students will pay fees to CSUMB; please verify with your home university or advisor about exceptions.

** Costs are approximate, and may vary by housing availability, personal preference, and other circumstances.

Prices are subject to change without notice.



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Majors & Concentrations

Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

Cinematic Arts & Technology B.A.

Ethnic and Gender Studies B.A.

Global Studies B.A.

Humanities & Communication B.A.

Communication Studies
Creative Writing & Social Action
Education (English)
English Studies
Historical Studies
Journalism & Media Studies
Legal Studies
Philosophy & Applied Ethics
Sociology

Japanese Language & Culture B.A.

Music B.A.

Music Technology Concentration
Music Major Electives

Psychology B.A.

Social & Behavioral Sciences B.A.

Archaeology
Geographic Information Systems
Native American Studies
Political Economy
Social History
Sociology

Spanish Language & Hispanic Cultures B.A.

Visual & Public Art B.A.

Business

Business Administration B.S.

Accounting
Agribusiness
Entrepreneurship
Business Analytics & Information Systems
Management & International Business
Marketing

Sustainable Hospitality Management B.S.

Destination & Tourism Management
Hospitality & Event Management

Education

Liberal Studies B.A.

Human Development & Family Science B.S.

Health Sciences & Human Services

Collaborative Health & Human Services B.A.

Public Health
Social Work
Public Administration & Nonprofit Management
Interdisciplinary Concentration

Kinesiology B.S.

Exercise Science
Wellness

Science

Agricultural Plant and Soil Sciences B.A.

Biology B.S.

Molecular Biology
Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Biology

Mechatronics Engineering B.S.

Communication Design B.S.

Game Design & Interactive Media
Visual Design

Computer Science B.S.

Data Science
Game Development
Network & Security
Software Engineering
General Computer Science

Environmental Science, Technology & Policy B.S.

Applied Ecology
Environmental Data Analysis
Watershed Systems

Environmental Studies B.A.

Sustainable Communities
Education and Community Outreach

Marine Science B.S.

Mathematics B.S.

Pure & Applied Mathematics
Mathematics for Teaching

Statistics B.S.



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Courses and Grades

Courses Available	Courses can be found at csumb.edu/schedule .	
Course Enrollment Procedure	Students will be enrolled in classes in advance of coming to campus. All information on advice for choosing classes and how to enroll can be found at: https://csumb.edu/international/resources/nondegree-next-steps/ NOTE: This is not relevant for Degree-Seeking students.	
Course Value/Average Course Load	Class value is denoted in terms of "credits" or "units" (these terms can be used interchangeably). A credit is equivalent to contact hours per week spent in class, e.g. 3 hours in class per week = 3 credit course. One (1) U.S. credit is roughly equivalent to two (2) European ECTS, though students should always work with academic advisors at home and at CSUMB to ensure credit transfer value. Students may take a minimum of 12 credits and a maximum of 17 credits each semester. A standard full-time course load is 15 credits.	
Grading System	CSUMB operates on the 4.0 U.S. grading system using the letter grades A, B, C, D, and F, where "A," the top score, is equivalent to a 4.0, "B" = 3.0, "C" = 2.0, "D" = 1.0, "F" = 0. The lowest passing grade at CSUMB is a "D-." Some courses may also be taken as Credit/No Credit, which will not affect a student's GPA.	

Housing and Meals

On Campus Housing	While placements in specific accommodations are not guaranteed, CSUMB makes every attempt to house students according to their preferences. Visiting international students are not required to live on campus, but most students choose to live on campus for convenience and cost. Once admitted, students will submit a separate housing application from the "My Housing" portal on their CSUMB Dashboard. Complete details as well as housing options and rates are available at csumb.edu/housing .	
Housing Reservation Deposit	All students living on campus are responsible for paying a housing reservation deposit, which will be automatically applied to their first housing payment and a non-refundable \$150 application fee.	Homestay options are available for ALCP students.
Meal Plans	If a student's accommodation is not equipped with a kitchen, the student must purchase a meal plan, which can be used at any of CSUMB's dining facilities. Students living in these accommodations are automatically enrolled in the least expensive meal plan, but may choose to subscribe to larger meal plans if desired. All details can be found at csumb.edu/dining .	



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General Information

Important Dates	All important dates, including application deadlines and academic year start/end dates can be found at csumb.edu/international/important-dates
Arrival and Orientation	Students are responsible for arranging their own transportation to campus, and there are three convenient airports located near to CSUMB: Monterey Regional Airport (MRY): 20-minute taxi/rideshare from campus. San Jose International (SJC): About an hour from Monterey. Shuttle service is available through Groome Transportation Shuttle. San Francisco International (SFO): About 2 hours from Monterey. Shuttle service is available through Groome Transportation Shuttle. Groome Transportation Shuttle will drop students off directly on CSUMB's campus. Details for arrival planning are available at csumb.edu/international/resources/degree-next-steps/ Details about move-in and orientation can be found at csumb.edu/international/resources/orientation-guide/
Making Payments	To assist students with making payments using foreign currency, CSUMB has contracted with a third-party vendor called 'Flywire,' which allows students to seamlessly make payments online in their own currency. This helps students to avoid credit card fees, and allows for refundable money (like the housing deposit) to be returned digitally, rather than receiving a U.S. paper check. All payment deadlines and details are available at csumb.edu/international/resources/payments/
Working as an International Student	International students are eligible to work in the U.S. with certain restrictions based on type of employment and visa category of the student. Visit csumb.edu/international/resources/employment/ for more information.



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