

Newsletter



Chaffey College
International Students



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FROM THE INT'L STUDENT STAFF

We hope you are all in good health and doing well in your fall classes. The fall semester edition of our newsletter contains important information about deadlines, reminders and activities. We hope you find it beneficial and of assistance as you continue your studies at Chaffey College. As always, we are here to help you in any way possible, and remember that you are welcome to visit the International Student Center anytime during our business hours.



We continue to work on improving our communication venues through newsletters, Student Mixers, the Multicultural Student Club, special activities, our website and social media. Do not forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

Have a wonderful semester and best wishes from the International Student Center Staff!

Saba Kazmi, Graciela Arriaga-Sosa, Carolina Escobar, Rushil Gumasana, and Moses Solomon.

IMMIGRATION UPDATES & INFO

I-20 Extensions - Students must apply for an extension of their I-20 prior to current I-20 end date. For example, if your I-20 is ending on 10/20/2016 you must contact international student's office by 09/11/2016. **No exceptions may be granted if students do not request an extension prior to their current I-20 end date.**

IMMIGRATION UPDATES & INFO CONT.

Planning a trip home for the Winter break? Be sure to bring your I-20 to the International Student Center at least **two (2) weeks prior to departure** for the required signatures. Before making travel plans, check all of the following items:

- I-20 page (2) a signature is needed from the DSO (Saba Kazmi or Graciela Arriaga)
- Check your passport dates! If expired, contact your embassy and apply for a new one.
- Check your Visa! If expired and a renewal is needed, notify the International Center

Visit <http://www.ice.gov/sevis/> for important immigration facts, as well as other international student resources.

WRITING, LANGUAGE, MATH, AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY CENTERS

Chaffey College has excellent multidisciplinary centers available in all three campuses. If you are in need of assistance with any subject, do not hesitate to contact them by phone, or stop by during business hours.

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Language Success Center Fall 2016 Hours:

M - Th 8am-8pm, Fri 10am-4pm, Sat & Sun 10am-3pm
909.652.6907 or 6820
BEB-101

Math Success Center Fall 2016 Hours:

M - Th 8am-8pm, Fri 10am-4pm, Sat & Sun 10am-3pm
909.652.6452
MATH-121

Multidisciplinary Success Center Fall 2016 Hours:

M - Th 8am-8pm, Fri 10am-4pm, Sat & Sun 10am-3pm
909.652.6932
LIB-7E

WRITING, LANGUAGE, MATH, AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY CENTERS CONT.

FONTANA & CHINO SUCCESS CENTER

Fall 2016 Hours:

M – Th 8am-8pm, Fri 10am-4pm, Sat & Sun 10am-3pm

Chino's Success Center:

909.652.8150

CHMB-145

Fontana's Success Center:

909.652.7408

NFC-122

Workshops Offered by the Writing Center:

- Prewriting Developing
- Paragraphs
- Learning Strategies & writing
- Sentence Variety
- Thesis

Services Provided by the Math Success Center:

- Tutoring
- Learning Groups
- Assignments Assistance
- Computer Access
- Petition Clearance for Math Courses

Tutoring Provided by the Multidisciplinary Success Center:

- Accounting
- Anatomy
- Anthropology
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Business
- Microbiology
- And many more subjects

NBS TUITION PAYMENT PLAN

If you cannot pay your tuition in full, you have the option of making payments. This is an automatic payment plan, and an easier way to pay for college tuition. Payments are processed through the student's bank account each month and continued until the balance is paid in full. There is a \$20 enrollment fee per semester (Price subject to change).

To enroll go to:

www.MyCollegePaymentPlan.com/chaffey

Please contact the Intl Office (909)652-6195 or the Cashier's Office (909)652-6000 for more information.

STUDENT SUCCESS ACT

It is important that you fulfill the AOE Requirements:

Assessment, Orientation, and Educational Plan

By completing these three components, your registration date for Spring 2017 will be improved!

Quick Tip: You can visit the GPS Center to meet with a Success Guide for a 1semester Ed-Plan and get credit for AOE purposes!

SPRING SEMESTER 2017 REGISTRATION

Registration begins on Wednesday, November 7.

To learn your exact registration date, please log-on to the MyChaffeyPortal after October 26.

BLOCKS

Students may be blocked for the following reasons:

- Completing or registering in less than 12 units without permission
- GPA less than 2.0
- Failing to provide proof of health insurance coverage.
- Failing to provide proof of TB test (first semester enrolled).

If you have any questions, please visit us at the International Student Center

CHANGE OF HOME OR EMAIL ADDRESS

According to immigration regulations, it is crucial for all international students to have current US address, phone number, and email address recorded with the International Students Center. ***Students must comply by notifying the International Student Center within ten (10) days of any change***, so the advisor can update SEVIS records and take care of the U.S. Immigration and Citizenship notification promptly.

NOTE: Please update any changes to your contact information in a timely manner, at both, the International Student Center and at your MyChaffeyView.

GRADUATION

Have you applied for graduation? The deadline to graduate Fall 2016 is:

December 2nd 2016

For more information, visit

<http://www.chaffey.edu/counseling/graduation.shtml>



COUNSELING APPOINTMENTS

The registration for **Spring 2017** semester is approaching! If you have not yet completed an Educational Plan, please schedule an appointment with your counselor. Failing to have an Educational Plan on file, could jeopardize your Spring 2017 registration date and time.

Please contact the Counseling Department to schedule an appointment with Jackie Boboye at (909)652-6200.

OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (OPT)

If you are graduating in Fall 2016 and would like to apply for Optional Practical Training (OPT), please visit the International Students Center as soon as possible. You **must** apply for OPT 60 days *prior* to graduation

(It is recommended that you apply by October)

REDUCE COURSE LOAD

Students are **required** to take 12 units each semester (fall and spring). Before dropping a class, students must obtain authorization from the advisor at the International Student Center. A reduced course load may be authorized only for the following reasons:

- 1) **Academic Reasons:**
 - a. If it is the first semester for a student: a) initial difficulty with English or reading requirements; b) unfamiliarity with American teaching methods, or c) improper course-level placement.
- 2) **Medical Reasons:**
 - a. Students who fall ill, or need to take maternity leave, may be authorized by the DSO to reduce their course loads or take no classes. Such students must provide the DSO with a letter from a licensed medical doctor.
- 3) **Last Semester:**
 - a. Students may take a reduced course load in their final term if only one or two classes are needed to complete the degree. Student must submit an educational plan from the counselor.
 - b. Student may not continue to be enrolled only for administrative purposes if all degree requirements are met.

CLASSROOM CELLPHONE ETIQUETTE

Cell phones are a disturbance during lecture. Please remember to turn off your phone or put on "vibrate" when in class. If you are caught text messaging it could be treated as cheating.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MIXER

The International student mixer is held on the last Wednesday of each month at the International Student Center (CCE-123). Please be advised that we are continuing the discussion topic called: "**Share your culture**" during mixers. If you would like to share about your country/culture, please let us know one week before the mixer.

The International Student mixers will be held on the following dates during Fall 2016:

September 28th and October 26th

Time: 12:00pm-1:00pm

Pizza lunch is provided ☺

Hope you'll join us!

SOCIAL SECURITY

Social Security Numbers are only issued after the F-1 visa student has submitted evidence that he or she is authorized by the school to work and has secured employment or a promise of employment on campus (Regulation 22).

MEDICAL INSURANCE

Medical Insurance is required by the school and immigration. Currently Medical Insurance is provided by "ASCENSION". You can purchase insurance through this website: www.4studenthealth.com/chaffey

To register on-line, you must have an **e-mail address, credit card, & student ID**. If you are missing any of the above, please contact the International Student Center to get information on how to register by mail.

Cost for Spring/Summer: \$801.50

Cost for Summer: \$229.00

Cost for Fall: \$572.50

Cost per year: \$1,374.00

Warning: if you have not purchased medical insurance for **Fall 2016 semester**, your records are currently blocked!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FALL 2016 SEM	
AUGUST 24	International Student Mixer Location: International Student Center (CCE-123), Time: 12:00pm to 1:00pm
SEPTEMBER 28	International Student Mixer Location: International Student Center (CCE-123), Time: 12:00pm to 1:00pm
OCTOBER 26	International Student Mixer Location: International Student Center (CCE-123), Time: 12:00pm to 1:00pm
NOVEMBER 14	International Education Week Opening Reception (Rancho Campus) Location: Student Life, Time: 12:00pm to 1:00pm
NOVEMBER 15	International Education Week (Fontana Campus) Time: 11:30pm to 1:30pm
NOVEMBER 16	International Education Week (Rancho Campus) Time: 11:30pm to 1:30pm
NOVEMBER 17	International Education Week (Chino Campus) Time: 11:30pm to 1:30pm
NOVEMBER 30	International Student Potluck Location: International Student Center (CCE-123), Time: 12:00pm to 1:00pm
DECEMBER 7	International Holiday Luncheon Location: Location: AD-151, Time: 12:00pm to 1:30pm



TOTAL ENROLLMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FOR THE FALL 2016 IS

160

FROM THE FOLLOWING 39 COUNTRIES:

Belize	Japan	Oman
Brazil	Jordan	Qatar
Cambodia	Kazakhstan	Saudi Arabia
Canada	Kenya	Sudan
Chile	Lebanon	South Korea
China	Malaysia	Sudan
Colombia	Myanmar	Syria
Denmark	Mexico	Taiwan
Egypt	Nicaragua	Thailand
Ghana	Nigeria	Togo
India	Pakistan	UAE
Indonesia	Peru	Uzbekistan
Israel	Philippines	Vietnam

HELPFUL HINTS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

What is Plagiarism and why is it wrong?

Plagiarism is using other people's ideas and words without clearly acknowledging the source of that information. In college courses, we are continually engaged with other people's ideas; we read them in texts, hear them in lectures, discuss them in class, and incorporate them into our own writing. As a result, it is very important to give credit where it is due.

How Can Students Avoid Plagiarism?

To avoid plagiarism, you must give credit whenever you use:

- Another person's ideas, opinion, or theory;
- Any facts, statistics, graphs, drawings-any piece of information that is not common knowledge.
- Quotations of another person's actual spoken or written words; or
- Paraphrase of another person's spoken or written words.

Source: <http://wpacouncil.org/node/9>

REMINDER: FAST-TRACK-2 CLASSES

Registration begins September 26

At Chaffey College, we also offer "Fast-Track" classes. These classes are offered as 8-week courses that are open for registration as long as there are seats available and until the first day of class. Eligibility and pre-requisite rules apply. The fast-track classes enable students to take a lower level class during the first 8 weeks of the semester and consequently enroll into the higher level class upon completion of that class within the same semester. **It is also an opportunity for a student to register in 12 units as required!**

For more info visit www.chaffey.edu/fasttrack/courses.shtml

If you need more information about accelerated/Fast-Track classes, please contact the International Student Center.

The International Student Center

PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR E-MAILS REGARDING IMPORTANT EVENTS AND OTHER IMPORTANT UPDATES/NEWS! WE ALSO WELCOME ANY FEEDBACK ON WAYS TO IMPROVE THE NEWSLETTER!



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NOTE: If you would like to volunteer with our office or if you have any questions on any of the events listed in the Newsletter, please contact us.