
International Education & Exchange Updates
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Dear International Students,

As state funding for higher education continues to decline, the California State University Board of Trustees increased student fees for undergraduate, credential and graduate students. The 10% fee increase takes effect for the 2009-2010 academic year.

I know this is not happy news for you and I understand that this will have a major impact on you as an international student, because you pay non-resident fees just like the domestic American students who are from outside the State of California. This fee increase will affect **all** students enrolled in the 23 CSU campuses, not just international students.

The CSU continues to charge the lowest undergraduate and graduate fees among these comparison institutions, and is in the bottom fifth for nonresident tuition. For fee comparison rates, please check the following website:

<http://www.calstate.edu/budget/2009-2010/supportbook2/fees-comparison.shtml>

Even with the fee increase, the State of California is subsidizing the cost of your education as international students. Non-resident fees (\$339 per unit) will **not** increase.

The tables below indicate the new total tuition and basic fees.

2009-2010 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TUITION & STATE FEES

<u>TOTAL AMOUNTS PER ACADEMIC YEAR</u>	<u>UNDERGR</u>	<u>CREDENTIAL</u>	<u>GRADUATES</u>
<u>DESCRIPTION</u>			
Non-resident tuition at \$339 per unit (0% increase)	8136	6102	6102
Basic registration/student fees (10% increase)	3990	4530	4770
Living expenses including room & board (variable)	13521	13521	13521
Books and supplies (variable)	1638	1638	1638
Student health insurance	951	951	951
TOTAL REQUIRED ON I-	28236	26742	26982
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You will need to carefully plan your budget for the next academic year in order to continue full-time enrollment and have sufficient living expenses. As an F-1 visa student, you may be eligible to apply for off-campus employment authorization based upon severe economic hardship. A state-wide increase in tuition fees may be cited as one of the reasons to justify your need to apply for work authorization. The work permit must be approved by the Department of Homeland Security. If you are eligible and plan to apply for the work permit, please schedule an

appointment with an advisor in our office for assistance with the application or to discuss other options that may be available to you.

International students are valued members of the Cal State Fullerton community. We are committed to providing diversity and a global outlook for all students enrolled at our campus.

I wish you much success in your pursuit of your academic goals at Cal State Fullerton.

Sincerely,

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