A Guide for International Students

Welcome to the San Francisco Bay Area!
Welcome to California State University, East Bay!

Where all your possibilities come into view

Nestled in the hills overlooking San Francisco Bay, California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) offers you an inspiring setting for personal growth, career exploration, and academic achievement – with a view that stretches all the way to tomorrow.

- **Est. 1957**
- **15,400+ Enrolled**
- **1,100+ Int'l Students**
- **60+ Countries**
- **100+ Academic Programs**
- **#1 Most diverse school in U.S.A.** by U.S. News & World Report 2018
- **Student to Faculty Ratio**
  - Undergraduate: 28:1
  - Graduate: 17:1

- **Mediterranean Climate with mild weather year-round**
  - Summer 22°C
  - Winter 10°C

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Live On or Off Campus

At CSUEB living on campus is about becoming part of a true living-learning community designed to help you thrive academically, personally, and socially. Our on-campus housing is safe, convenient, and comfortable. The spacious fully-furnished apartments consist of 1 to 4 bedrooms, 1 or 2 bathrooms, a living room and a kitchen (full-size refrigerator, sink, microwave and cabinet spaces); Internet, phone and cable TV service included; study rooms, laundry facilities, and recreation areas are among the amenities. All bedrooms are double occupancy and partial or full meal plans are included in the quoted price.

For more information, see www.csueastbay.edu/housing and complete the International Student Housing Interest Form at www.csueastbay.edu/alp/housing/housing-interest-form.php

If you don’t want to live on campus, we give you the freedom to choose off-campus housing. About 600 of our students live in apartments nearby within walking distance of campus. For assistance finding housing off campus, submit the online International Student Housing Interest Form and we will contact you to help you assess your options (homestay, short-term housing, apartment rental, etc.).

Getting around campus and beyond

Students can walk from one side of campus to the other in just 10 - 15 minutes, so it’s easy to get between classes. If you want to get there even faster, Cal State East Bay partners with Zagster to offer a bicycle-sharing program on campus, giving students an alternative mode of transportation which can be used both on campus and off campus. The University also provides complimentary shuttle service between CSUEB and the Hayward and Castro Valley BART Stations which link Hayward to downtown San Francisco and the entire Bay Area.

Fueling your body

The Dining Commons on campus offers a variety of meal plans and delicious, fresh choices – plus a view of the Bay! Elsewhere on campus find quick meals, snacks, and drinks at Starbucks, Jamba Juice, Subway, Taco Bell, Pizza Hut Express, Panda Express, Einstein Bros, Bagels, Greens to Go, and P.O.D. Market. Keep fit in the swimming pool on campus or at the state-of-the-art Recreation and Wellness Center which features a gymnasium, indoor track, fitness classes, personal trainers, and equipment rental.

Life at the Bay

As a student at Cal State East Bay, you’ll have unlimited opportunities to join in the fun, meet people, and be part of campus life.

• Active Student Life - choose from more than 150 academic, athletic, honor, religious, recreational, and cultural clubs and organizations, plus NCAA Division II sports.
• Multicultural Community - meet people from all over the world, share ideas and activities, and establish lifelong friendships.
• Amazing View and Safe Location - relax and enjoy the view from our parklike campus which is in a residential area, giving the comfort and security of a family community.
• Take advantage of our location to explore Northern California's amazing attractions - exciting cities, a thriving cultural scene, and breathtaking beaches, mountains and forests - all just a short drive away.
CSUEB has a diverse culture and prepares graduates for the rapidly changing globally competitive environment. I am currently interning at SAP Labs, Palo Alto in the Big Data and Analytics team. What I like about my role is I am a product owner and I get to work with product management teams and other stakeholders. CSUEB helped me develop the critical thinking needed for the job as well as giving me direction as I pursue my career growth.

Meena Purbia, India
MBA
CPT: SAP America, Inc.

I started an internship at Hewlett-Packard’s networking department as soon as I was eligible for CPT. Because I so enjoyed my work at HP, I joined the company as a regular employee for my OPT program as well. The fundamentals classes at CSUEB combined with my previous experience helped me to get the work I wanted in the Software Defined Networking area, which is one of the hottest and most-cutting edge fields in IT.

Roman Nersisyan, Armenia
MS Computer Science
CPT & OPT: Hewlett-Packard

I have been pleased to find a well-balanced program of study at Cal State East Bay, which is not only very analytical and technical by nature, but also has helped me to build leadership and team-building skills. I am currently a Program Management Intern at a semiconductors high tech company located in San Jose, CA. This has been a great opportunity to learn and grow in a dynamic and fast-paced environment, surrounded by brilliant and inspiring people every day.

Andrea Espitia, Colombia
MS Engineering Management
CPT: Comet Technologies USA

The project assignments we had in Computer Science courses in CSUEB were very helpful in preparing me for job interviews and daily work in an IT company. By doing OPT, you can learn tons of things every day since you can work closely with many experts in this industry. Some of my colleagues at Cisco are actually the developers of current industrial standards.

Benrui She, China
MS Computer Science
OPT: Software Engineer, Cisco
Cal State East Bay offers a wide variety of academic programs offering real-world focused curriculum designed to prepare you for a lifetime of personal achievement and career success.

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MS Computer Science
XOOM, a PayPal Service
California State University, East Bay is recognized as one of the best values in public university education in the nation. Did you know: Cal State East Bay ranks among the top universities in the West for “Best Bang for the Buck” (by Washington Monthly) and was named a 2018 “Best Value College” by Forbes and 2018 “Best Value School” for Return on Investment (by Payscale.com).

Elektra Kountouris
Greece
International Business Diploma

“Price is an important consideration for most students wanting to study abroad, and it played a critical factor in my decision to attend Cal State East Bay. It costs half, if not one-third less, to study at Cal State East Bay compared to the other institutions I considered in the area. I believe Cal State East Bay is the ideal university, especially for international students, because it offers an education that is academically strong, yet affordable.”

Admission Requirements

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
• TOEFL 61 or IELTS 6.0
• High school diploma or graduation certificate
• Freshmen: Minimum high school GPA 3.0
• Transfer: Minimum GPA 2.0

Conditional Admission is available for students who are academically qualified, but do not meet the English language requirement. See: www.csueastbay.edu/alp/programs

GRADUATE/POST GRADUATE REQUIREMENTS
• TOEFL 79 or IELTS 6.5
• A degree awarded by an accredited university equivalent to a four-year U.S. bachelor degree with a minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Some graduate departments may have additional academic requirements and standards for admission. Visit the department website to find the specific requirements for your degree.

WHAT IF I NEED TO IMPROVE MY ENGLISH SCORE?
The American Language Program (ALP) at Cal State East Bay offers a wide range of high-quality, intensive English language classes and IELTS preparation for students from all over the world. For over three decades, our international staff and instructors have equipped students from over 50 countries to achieve their personal, academic, and career goals. See www.csueastbay.edu/alp.

WHAT IF I ONLY WANT TO STUDY ABROAD SHORT-TERM?
ALP also offers a wide range of programs for students interested in preparing for university studies in the United States, getting a post-bachelor’s certificate, or experiencing life at an American university. To learn more about the short-term Visiting Student Program, Pre-MBA program, or other certificate programs, see www.csueastbay.edu/alp/programs.

Check out our video gallery to hear international students talk about their experiences at CSUEB: www.csueastbay.edu/cie/videogallery

A quality education doesn’t have to be expensive. Academic rigor, real-world curriculum, expert instruction and personal support are what counts. This is the basis of the affordable education you’ll get at Cal State East Bay.

A quality education at a competitive price

Choose from:
• 50 undergraduate degrees
• 30 graduate degrees
• 5 certificate programs

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International Student Testimonials

“The best thing is it is located in the Bay Area which is a hub of all kinds of companies and startups. The kind of knowledge and exposure I got from CSUEB helped me to get my dream job [at Intel].”

- Amrita, India

“The location of the campus, within the very international Bay Area, is absolutely unique.”

- Holger, Germany

“Professors at East Bay are very helpful. They have always been there for me. They spend as much time as possible to help me and other international students achieve their goals.”

- Tony, China

For anybody who is considering studying abroad, I think that Cal State East Bay is one of the best options that you have because of the considerable diversity.”

- Charley, Colombia

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