WELCOME TO THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA!

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY

A Guide for International Students
California State University, East Bay, fondly referred to as Cal State East Bay or CSUEB, sits atop the hills of Hayward, a relaxed, down-to-earth community strategically located within a short drive of San Francisco, San José and Silicon Valley. Cal State East Bay’s lush, spacious 342-acre campus offers a commanding view of the San Francisco Bay.
At Cal State East Bay you will live and learn in one of the most beautiful, innovative and multicultural centers in the world, the San Francisco Bay Area. You will be equipped with a top-notch education that will enable you to make an immediate impact in your career field or be prepared for the next stage of your educational pursuits.

CSUEB is located in the heart of the San Francisco Bay Area only 30-40 minutes from San Francisco and Silicon Valley.

WHY CHOOSE CAL STATE EAST BAY?

- Academic Excellence
- Prime Location
- Affordable Tuition
- Diverse Student Body
- Internship Opportunities
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Enrollment
15,000+ Enrolled
1,000+ International
60+ Countries Represented

Student to Faculty Ratio
Undergraduate 28:1
Graduate 17:1

#1 Most diverse school in U.S.A. by U.S. News & World Report 2018

The San Francisco Bay Area has a Mediterranean climate with mild weather year-round

22°C summer
10°C winter

100 Academic Programs

Los Angeles
San Diego
Comfortably-sized and classroom-oriented, Cal State East Bay combines the personal atmosphere of a small college with the resources of a major university, like our state-of-the-art broadcast communications studio (top left), university theatre (middle right) and brand new molecular research and environmental analysis labs (bottom left).
A student discussing internship opportunities at the Tesla booth at one of the bi-annual career fairs on campus.

A student getting free tutoring for her statistics class

The annual Honors Convocation ceremony

RESOURCES TO HELP INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SUCCEED:

• **Center for International Education (CIE)** offers immigration advising to assist students in maintaining F-1 status and obtaining employment authorization. [csueastbay.edu/cie](http://csueastbay.edu/cie)

• **Academic Advising and Career Education (AACE)** is a one-stop center for both academic advising and career services. Our counselors guide students in understanding and completing General Education and graduation requirements in addition to helping them clarify and attain their career goals. AACE hosts workshops each term to assist students with resume writing, interview skills, and more, plus multiple career fairs each year. [csueastbay.edu/aace](http://csueastbay.edu/aace)

• **Student Center for Academic Achievement (SCAA)** provides FREE tutoring for math, writing, statistics, and science courses. [scaa.csueastbay.edu](http://scaa.csueastbay.edu)

• **Center for Student Research (CSR)** facilitates student engagement in faculty-mentored outside-of-the-classroom work and helps students develop academic and professional skills. Participating students may be eligible to submit travel and supply grant proposals to the CSR or earn tuition support. [csueastbay.edu/csr](http://csueastbay.edu/csr)

• **University Honors Program (UHP)** provides outstanding students the opportunity for academic challenge through the completion of specialized courses, seminars and projects under the direction of faculty mentors. University Honors Students in good standing gain early registration for most university classes, may be considered for periodic awards and scholarships, and receive recognition on their official transcripts and diplomas. [www.csueastbay.edu/uhp](http://www.csueastbay.edu/uhp)
**LIVE ON OR OFF CAMPUS**

Our **on-campus housing** is safe, convenient, and comfortable. The apartments and suites are spacious, furnished, and affordable. Computing labs, and study, exercise, laundry, and recreation rooms are available on site. Housing options include double occupancy, triple occupancy, and single occupancy rooms. Partial or full meal plans are included in the quoted price.

If you don’t want to live on campus, we give you the freedom to choose **off-campus housing**. About 500 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 (home-stay, short-term housing, apartment rental, etc.).

**Amazing View and Safe Location** - relax and enjoy the view from our park-like campus which is in a residential area, giving the comfort and security of a family community.

**PIONEER DINING**

The **Dining Commons** on campus offers a variety of meal plans and delicious, fresh choices, including vegetarian options — 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, and more.
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 on foot or by bike (Zagster offers a bicycle-sharing program for use on campus and in the surrounding community). The University also provides complimentary shuttle service between CSUEB and the Hayward and Castro Valley BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) Stations which link Hayward to downtown San Francisco and most of the Bay Area.
Our ideal location in the heart of the San Francisco Bay Area together with our commitment to experiential education makes it possible for you to combine studies with on-the-job experience through internships with national and Bay Area companies that are leaders in their field. Many of our students complete practical training with local companies throughout the San Francisco Bay Area and Silicon Valley during their studies and after graduation.
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What CSUEB students say about their Internships and Practical Training

“Being able to work at Facebook has been a life-changing opportunity, and validation of all the effort I put into my education at Cal State East Bay. I felt supported by my professors and staff at the University throughout the CPT process and was thrilled when Facebook offered me a position as a Security Engineer, working on protecting employees and users from external threats, for my OPT.”

Egxona F., Kosovo, BS Computer Science

“Through CSUEB’s MS Accountancy program, I was able to take part in networking events with accounting firms, developed valuable relationships with fellow peers now working in the same industries, and landed a full-time position with Deloitte & Touche, LLP. Employment for international students is very much possible!”

Jeff C., South Korea, MS Accountancy

“Over the last two years, the Computer Science course curriculum and projects gave me an incredible amount of industry exposure. And of course as CSUEB is in the middle of Silicon Valley, it helped me to get an opportunity to Intern at Oracle headquarters.”

Tejaswi G., India, MS Computer Science

“I have been blessed to work with the smartest and brightest consultants in corporate real estate as a member of the CBRE team for my CPT and OPT. CSUEB is the right place to invest in yourself and build life-long relationships.”

Bohdan S., Ukraine, MS Economics

CPT = Curricular Practical Training  OPT = Optional Practical Training
**PIONEER LIFE**

- **Active Student Life** - Choose from more than 120 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.

- 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.
Keep fit in the swimming pool on campus or in the fully-equipped Recreation and Wellness Center that features a gymnasium, indoor track, weight room, fitness classes, personal trainers and equipment rental.
DEGREES OFFERED AT CAL STATE EAST BAY

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS*

Anthropology (B.A.)
- Archaeology and Biological Anthropology
- Culture, Discourse, and Society

Art (B.A.)
- Art History and Visual Studies
- Design
- Studio Arts

Art (B.F.A.)
- 3D Art and Design
- Fine Arts Practice
- Graphic Design
- Illustration
- Interaction and Game Design
- Photography
- Transdisciplinary Arts
- Video and Animation

Biochemistry (B.A.)
- Biochemistry
- Chemistry Education

Biochemistry (B.S.)*

Biological Science (B.A.)*
- Biology Education

Biological Sciences (B.S.)*
- Cell and Molecular Biology
- Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
- Forensic Science
- Microbiology and Biomedical Lab Sciences
- Physiology

Business Administration (B.S.)
- Accounting
- Business Economics
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance
- General Management
- Human Resources Management and Organizational Behavior
- Information Technology Management
- Marketing Management
- Operations and Supply Chain Management

Chemistry (B.A.)
- Chemistry
- Chemistry Education

Chemistry (B.S.)
- Chemistry
- Bioanalytical and Forensic

Communication (B.A.)
- Communication and Media Studies
- Multimedia Journalism
- Strategic Communication

Computer Engineering (B.S.)*

Computer Science (B.S.)*

Construction Management (B.S.)*

Criminal Justice (B.S.)*

Economics (B.S.)

English (B.A.)
- British and American Literature
- Creative Writing
- English Language and Literacies

Environmental Science (B.S.)*
- Environmental Health
- Environmental Science

Environmental Studies (B.A.)*

Ethnic Studies (B.A.)
- American Indian Studies
- Asian American Studies
- Black Studies
- Chicano and Latinx Studies
- Comparative Ethnic Studies

French (B.A.)

Geography (B.S.)
- Regions and Cultures
- Resources and Sustainability
- Spatial Techniques

Geology (B.A.)*
- Geology
- Geoscience Education

Geology (B.S.)

Global Studies (B.A.)

Health Sciences (B.S.)
- Health Policy
- Health Sciences
- Public Health

History (B.A.)
- Migration and Globalization
- Social Justice and Citizships
- Sustainability and Modernization

Hospitality and Tourism (B.S.)
- Event Planning and Management
- Food & Beverage
- Lodging, Resort and Club Management

Human Development (B.A.)
- Adolescent Development
- Childhood Development

Industrial Engineering (B.S.)*

Interdisciplinary Studies (B.A., B.S.)*

Kinesiology (B.S.)

Liberal Studies (B.A.)
- Early Childhood Education
- Liberal Arts
- Teacher Preparation

Mathematics (B.S.)*

Music (B.A.)

Nursing (B.S.)
- Pre-licensure
- Post-licensure

Philosophy (B.A.)
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies

Physics (B.A., B.S.)*

Political Science (B.A.)
- Pre-Law
- Public Affairs and Administration
- Traditional Political Science

Psychology (B.A.)
- Ergonomics and Human Factors
- Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Psychology (B.S.)
- Recreation Therapy
- Sustainability
- Youth Development Programming

Sociology (B.A.)

Spanish (B.A.)

Speech Pathology and Audiology (B.S.)

Statistics (B.S.)*
- Statistics
- Data Science

Theatre Arts (B.A.)
- Dance and Inclusive Performance
- Stage Technology and Design
- Theatre Performance: Acting and Musical Theatre

* Academic programs are subject to change. For the official up-to-date list of academic programs offered, visit our online university catalog at catalog.csueastbay.edu.

† Denotes STEM programs
UNDERGRADUATE MINORS

- Advertising
- American Indian Studies
- American Sign Language
- Anthropology
- Art History and Visual Studies
- Art Studio
- Asian American Studies
- Astronomy
- Biological Sciences
- Biostatistics
- Black Studies
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Chicano and Latinx Studies
- Chinese Language and Culture
- Communication
- Computer Science
- Creative Writing
- Criminal Justice
- Dance
- Data Science
- Early Childhood Education
- English
- Environmental Studies
- French
- Game Design
- GE Minor in Sustainability
- Genders and Sexualities in Communities of Color
- Geography
- Geology
- Global Studies
- History
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Human Development
- Inclusive and Social Justice Performance
- Information Technology Management
- Interaction Design
- International Business
- Japanese
- Marketing
- Mathematics
- Music
- Philosophy
- Photography
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Real Estate
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Statistics
- Theatre
- Women’s Studies

GRADUATE PROGRAMS*

Accountancy (M.S.)
Biological Science (M.S.) +
Biostatistics (M.S.) +
Business Administration (M.B.A.)
  - Analytics for Managers
  - Finance
  - General Business
  - Global Innovators
  - Human Resources Management and Organizational Behavior
  - Marketing Management
  - One-Year Intensive MBA
  - Operations and Supply Chain Management
  - Strategy and Innovation
Business Analytics (M.S.) +
Chemistry (M.S.) +
  - Chemistry
  - Biochemistry
Communication (M.A.)
Computer Science (M.S.) +
  - Computer Networks
  - Computer Science
Construction Management (M.S.) +
Counseling (M.S.)
  - Marriage and Family Therapy
  - School Counseling
  - School Psychology
Early Childhood Education (M.S.)
Economics (M.S.)
  - General Economics
  - Quantitative Economics +
Educational Leadership for Social Justice (Ed.D.)
Educational Technology (M.S.) +
Engineering Management (M.S.)
Environmental Geosciences (M.S.) +
Health Care Administration (M.S.)
History (M.A.)
  - Generalist
  - Public History
  - Teaching History
  - University Thesis
Interaction Design and Interactive Art, (M.A.) +
Kinesiology (M.S.)
Marine Science (M.S.) +
Mathematics (M.S.) +
Music (M.A.)
Public Administration (M.P.A.)
  - Health Care Administration
  - Public Management and Policy Analysis
Social Work (M.S.W.)
  - Children, Youth, and Families
  - Community Mental Health
Special Education (M.S.)
  - Extensive Support Needs
  - Mild/Moderate Support Needs
Speech-Language Pathology (M.S.)
Statistics (M.S.) +
  - Actuarial Science
  - Applied Statistics
  - Data Science
  - Mathematical Statistics
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Language (TESOL) (M.A.)

NON-DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS*

- International Business Certificate
- Paralegal Studies
- Pre-professional Health Academic Program
Ishita T.
India
MS Computer Science/Networks
OPT and STEM OPT: Cisco Systems, Inc.

“While studying MS in Computer Science/Networks at CSUEB, I not only gained knowledge of building various applications, platforms, and technologies but also got a chance to work on many projects, one of my favorite of which was a multi-factor authentication research project with Dr. Levent Ertaul. I felt deeply involved with the curriculum and experienced ongoing personal and professional career growth both through my work on campus and my practical training in Silicon Valley. Currently I am working as a Scrum Master, Agile Expert with Cisco Systems Inc., where applying my talent and skills gives me a tremendous sense of fulfillment. I feel very lucky to have been a part of the CSUEB Family. #ForeverPioneer”
The Global Academy strives to offer the highest quality academic and cultural programs and activities for a diverse international population and serves as a gateway for Cal State East Bay. For over three decades, our international staff and instructors have offered the resources and support to students from over 50 countries to achieve their personal, academic, and career goals.

**Intensive English Program**

Improve your English language skills, whether you need it for general purposes or for academic preparation. Class sizes are small (usually 12 students) and our instructors have Master’s degrees and years of experience teaching international learners. Students are given English placement tests during the orientation to place them in appropriate levels from beginner to advanced. The length of the program depends on the student’s level of English upon arrival and academic progress.

**Visiting Student Program**

Experience one or two semesters of university study at Cal State East Bay by taking regular university classes through Open University. Students gain invaluable exposure to the American university culture and may earn academic credits to transfer back to their home universities abroad. Students also have an opportunity to explore Northern California during term breaks. Students must meet a minimum English proficiency requirement to enroll.

**International Business Certificate (IBC)**

Learn to operate and succeed as a business leader in the international marketplace. This one year program allows students to take accelerated studies in international business without having to commit to a time-consuming degree. Upon completion, students may be eligible to apply for OPT (Optional Practicum Training) to get practical experience in a real business situation where you can apply your knowledge and skills gained through the program.

**Pre-Business Analytics Program**

Offered in collaboration with the College of Business and Economics, the Pre-Business Analytics Program is an intensive, integrated curriculum of business courses, GMAT preparation and critical academic skills for international students preparing to enter graduate business school.
QUALITY EDUCATION AT A COMPETITIVE PRICE

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.

“What I liked about Cal State East Bay is it is both centrally located within the Bay Area (close to San Jose, Berkeley and San Francisco), and a great value compared to nearby institutions. The relatively economical tuition at Cal State East Bay was a big factor in my decision. Cal State East Bay is a great choice for budget-conscious international students because it is academically strong, yet affordable.”

Kevin Anton, Indonesia
B.S. Computer Science

The Scholarship Office at CSUEB provides scholarship availability to international students. International students can apply for merit-based scholarships via the Pioneer Scholarships Portal: csueastbay.edu/scholarships

The portal opens annually on October 1 for awards covering the following academic year. Students who have applied to Cal State East Bay are invited to submit an online application to be considered for any institutional scholarships for which they are eligible, including two new opportunities for undergraduate international students: Global Excellence Scholarships and Global Honors Scholarships. Individual scholarships may have additional requirements. Scholarships opportunities are subject to change, and availability is based on budget.

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” in 2021 (by Washington Monthly) and was named a 2021 “Best Value College” by Forbes and 2021 “Best Colleges Based on Salary Potential” (by Payscale.com).
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION PERIODS

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: csueastbay.edu/globalacademy/programs

Graduate/ Post Graduate Requirements
- TOEFL 80 or IELTS 6.5
- A degree awarded by an accredited university equivalent to a U.S. bachelor degree with a minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher.

*Some graduate departments may have earlier deadlines or additional academic requirements and standards for admission. Visit the department website to find the specific requirements for your degree: www.csueastbay.edu/graduate-studies

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APPLICATION FILING PERIOD

Cal State Apply Applications Open*
- October 1 - May 1
- August 1 - October 1

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY

Apply Now! calstate.edu/apply
Choose from:
- 49 undergraduate degrees
- 30 graduate degrees
- 3 certificate programs
Check out our video gallery to hear international students share their experiences and why they chose Cal State East Bay:

csueastbay.edu/cie/videogallery

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