

## The California State University INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

**Application Deadline: December 15** (Australia and South Africa: May 1)

IMPORTANT: Return all materials to the International Programs Coordinator on YOUR Campus

#### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS**

#### Read Before you Complete Application

Please review the IP website for your overseas center (country) and program before beginning the application. Pay particular attention to the information about the academic program and the eligibility requirements so that you have a clear understanding of the course of study offered and the requirements of the program. If you have questions, see your IP coordinator on campus.

#### How to Complete the Application

The online version of the application is available at www.calstate.edu/ip. Take care in completing all parts of the application. Remember that it will be judged at a statewide level by people who will not have the chance to meet you in person, so you should make as effective of a presentation of your qualifications as possible.

#### 1a. Application Form - Fill in every item. If an item does not apply to you, enter NA.

- If you need more space you may submit additional pages to your coordinator.
- If you are graduating this May or June, be sure to check the appropriate box in item 10 under "Postbaccalaureate" or your application may be denied for failure to clarify your degree objective.
- On the fourth page of the application there is space for your Statement of Purpose. Follow the instructions carefully.

Programs - Enter in item 1 of your application. If your overseas center is not listed below, enter NA for your program. • Australia: Agriculture; Anthropology; Engineering; Environmental Studies; Food and Nutrition; Hospitality and Tourism; Information Technology; Kinesiology and Exercise Science; Marine Biology; Occupational Therapy; Performing Arts; Psychology; Studio Art • China: Learn Chinese; Advanced • Denmark: Architecture; Child Diversity and Development • France: Aix (Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced); Paris (Intermediate, Advanced) • Germany: Beginning; Intermediate; Advanced; Music • Italy: Architecture; Art History; History and Classics; Italian Studies; Literature; Social Science; Studio Art • Mexico: Learn Spanish; Study in English; Advanced; LA META (Learn about Mexican Education through a Teaching Assistantship) •South Africa: African Studies; Anthropology; Biology; Business; Computer Science; Economics; Engineering; English; Environmental Science; Geography; History; Kinesiology; Literature; Marine Biology; Mathematics; Music; Philosophy; Photography; Physics; Political Science; Psychology; Sociology; Zoology • Spain: Granada; Jaén; Madrid • Sweden: Anthropology; European Studies; Global/International Studies; Interdisciplinary Studies (Economics, History, Language, Literature, Political Science); Media and Communication Studies • Taiwan: Learn Chinese; Study in English; Advanced • United Kingdom: Archaeology; Biology; Business, Chemistry; Classics; Computer Science; Criminal Justice; Drama; Economics; Engineering; Geography; History; Literature; Philosophy; Physics; Political Science; Psychology; Religious Studies; Sociology

#### 1b. Second Choice - Only if both programs are in the same cycle.

You may be considered for a second choice program or overseas center in the event that you are not selected for your first choice. To request this, complete item 2 and attach a seperate page to your original application completing items 22-24, 30 and 31 as they relate to your second choice. (When you apply online you will automatically be asked to respond to these questions for your second choice.) Be sure to discuss both your first and second choices in your Statement of Purpose.

#### 2. Faculty Recommendations

a. **Faculty Recommendations** - You must have two college instructors who are familiar with your recent academic work complete faculty recommendation forms for you. One recommendation must come from a faculty member or graduate teaching assistant in your major department (minor where relevant). Do not request recommendations from employers, university staff, or administrators who have not had you as a student in a course.

b. Foreign Language Faculty Recommendation - This recommendation is required from students who will be studying at the intermediate and advanced levels in the host country's language, including all native speakers, for Chile, China, France, Germany, Mexico, Spain and Taiwan. (Not required of students in beginning, "Learn Language" programs or those applying for Japan.)

When you ask faculty if they would be willing to complete a recommendation for you, take time to familiarize them with the IP program. It may be helpful to give them a copy of the IP country flyer. It is your responsibility to make sure that all faculty recommendations are received by December 15 (May 1 for Australia and South Africa). You should collect your recommendations from your professors and submit them to your IP Coordinator on your CSU campus.

#### 3. Transcripts

You must request and submit official transcripts from each university or college you have attended, reflecting grades through the fall term (spring term for Australia and South Africa). Be sure to check that they have been received by your IP Coordinator, as your application will be considered incomplete without them. Transcript requests may take three to four weeks to process, so take this into consideration in order to meet the deadline. Your current CSU campus cannot provide copies of transcripts from other institutions. All transcripts should be submitted to your IP Coordinator as soon as possible and no later than January 15.

#### 4. Financial Aid

If you plan to apply for financial aid, do not wait to hear about your acceptance to IP before applying. The earlier you see a financial aid counselor and complete your application file, the better your chances of receiving aid. On most campuses, there is a designated counselor who works with IP students.

#### 5. Passports

ALL APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO APPLY FOR THEIR PASSPORTS IMMEDIATELY! You must submit a copy of your passport to your IP coordinator by January 15 (May 1 for Australia and South Africa). Because of the time involved in obtaining a passport, applicants are **strongly advised** to apply for one even before selection results are known. You can apply for or renew your U.S. passport, which is good for ten years, at designated county courts, authorized U.S. Post Offices, or the federal passport agencies in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Also see: http://travel.state.gov/passport\_services.html. Passports must be valid for at least six months longer than your intended stay abroad.

If you are not a U.S. citizen, investigate the visa procedure of your host country to see if there are special requirements that apply to you. This can usually be obtained by contacting the country's local consulate (see "Consulates" in the yellow pages). You should also renew your home country passport now, if necessary.

#### **After You Complete Your Application**

After your application file is complete, you will participate in a personal interview with faculty members at your CSU campus. The IP Coordinator at your campus will let you know when and where your interview will take place.

Following the campus interview, applications are reviewed by the central Office of International Programs staff and by a statewide faculty committee which makes the final selection. For most programs, results with be sent in early March to the current mailing address given on your application. For Australia and South Africa, results will be sent in mid-August.

#### What to Expect After Selection to IP

With your acceptance, you will receive details about IP policies, course offerings, and the steps to take to prepare yourself for departure. You should be aware of the following items in advance:

- 1. **Payment** The payment of prepaid costs is due by May 1; November 15 for Australia and South Africa. Prepaid costs are defined on the IP website for your country and program.
- 2. Visas Most students will be required to apply for a student visa before traveling abroad. A visa is an endorsement or stamp placed in your passport by a foreign government that permits you to enter that country for a specific purpose.
  - Visa instructions will be provided in participant materials
  - There are costs associated with obtaining a student visa, ranging from \$150 to \$1000. Plan accordingly.
  - Students going to countries that require a student visa prior to departure should not plan to travel during the summer due to the lengthy and cumbersome visa application process. Your presence in California (or your home state) may be mandatory for visa application purposes.

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1. Country applied for			Program	
			(see page	1 of instructions for "Programs.")
			Program	
3. Name (As appears on your pa	issport)	<b>D</b>		
1 Candam	Last	First	Middle Initial	Maiden or Former
	ale 5. CSU campus		6. Term/Year of F	irst CSU Enrollment
7 Declared Major	Double Major		Minor	
8. Current address				
	Number and Street (Apt or Unit)	City	State	Zip Code
9. Permanent address				
	Number and Street (Apt or Unit)	City	State	Zip Code
Current telephone number		Permanent te	lephone number	
E-mail address		Alternate e-m	ail address	
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all institutions attended to your IP campus coordinator as soon as possible and no later than January 20 (May 1 for Australia and South Africa). Transcripts must include fall 2012 grades (spring 2013 grades for Australia/South Africa applicants).

Name of Institution	Mo/Year of Attendance From - To	Major (do not abbreviate)	Date Graduated/Will Graduate (Mo/Year)	Date you Requested Transcripts for IP

21. Have you ever applied to IP before? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

22. To complete this item, you will need to refer to the "Eligibility" section of the IP website. The purpose is to show that you are qualified. In column "A" list the published courses required for admission into the program. In column "B" list the courses you have taken, are taking, or will take to meet the published requirements. If the title of a course doesn't obviously identify the content of the course, please provide your IP coordinator a copy of the course description and/or syllabus.

A. Required/Recommended Course	<b>B.</b> Course That Meets Requirement	C. Term Year	D. Grade
For Example: African Focus Course	AFRS 210: Science & Spirituality in Ancient Africa	Fall 10	В

23. Please list **all courses** in which you have enrolled or will enroll during the terms indicated below. Courses taken during summer term 2013 <u>will not</u> satisfy prerequisites (except for programs in Australia and South Africa).

Fall 2012

Department	Course No.	Course Title	Units
		Total Units:	

#### Winter 2013 or Intersession

Department	Course No.	Course Title	Units
		Total Units:	

#### Spring 2013

Department	Course No.	Course Title	Units
		Total Units:	

Department	Course No.	Course Title	Units
		Total Units:	

Fall 2013

24. Referring to the IP Bulletin, list course titles or, where titles are unavailable, list subjects you plan to study overseas. The IP Bulletin is available on the web: www.calstate.edu/ip/admitted-students/.

25. How did you become aware of IP?

26. Have you resided, studied, or traveled outside the United States? If so, please indicate below:

 Location	Purpose of Stay	Length of Stay	
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27. Besides college-level coursework, describe any experience you have with languages other than English.

**27a. Italy & Japan Applicants:** How many college-level semesters of the host country language will you have completed by the end of spring term prior to departure? \_\_\_\_\_

28. Beginning with most recent employment, please list your work experience.

Employer	Position/Type of Work	Dates Employed	Hours per Week
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29. Are you currently receiving financial aid? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

31. Estimate your resources for financing this amount:

Personal Savings	\$
• Parental Support	\$
Financial Aid (grants, loans, scholarships)	\$
• Other:	\$

Total Resources \$\_\_\_\_\_

Subtract Total Expenses from Total Resources\* \$

\*If expenses exceed resources, you will need to explore additional sources to finance the difference.

32. <u>EMERGENCY CONTACT</u> (Required)			
	R	elationship	
Name and Street	City	State	Zip Code
Home telephone number	Cell/Other day telephone		

## **Statement of Purpose**

Please read before you complete: This should be a carefully written essay of 3 to 5 paragraphs. As the Statement of Purpose is one of the most important parts of your application, give it serious thought before putting the final version on this page. Use the space provided only; do not attach additional pages. Pay special attention to grammar, spelling and form.

- Please indicate the extent to which your coursework and educational experience have prepared you to study abroad.
- Discuss how overseas study will contribute to your academic and career goals.
- If you do not meet the minimum requirements you may wish to explain any extenuating circumstances.

I certify that the information given in this application is true and complete and that I have read and understood the *"Instructions for Applicants."* 



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Dear Colleague:

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For those programs that require a completion of two years of foreign language study (through the intermediate level), we ask that CSU foreign language faculty complete the Foreign Language Recommendation form provided. This recommendation should speak directly to the student's language skill and ability to handle and profit from the study abroad opportunity for which he/she is applying.

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Do not submit recommendations from employers, university staff, or administrators.

Applicant: Please complete this section only. Deadline: December 15 (Australia and South Africa: May 1)				
Applicant Name:	CSU Campus:			
Country applied for:	Program:			
Faculty Member: Please complete all items listed below.				

1. How well do you know applicant? (Check the most appropriate response.)

Extensive contact as advisor or in a small class

Limited contact in the classroom environment

Well acquainted in the classroom environment

2. In comparison with other students whom you have known at comparable stages of their careers, please rate the applicant in these areas. (Circle the most appropriate response.)

	Тор 2%	Тор 10%	Тор 25%	Top 50%	Not Recommended	
Academic Ability	4	3	2	1	0	
Maturity	4	3	2	1	0	
Cooperation and Adaptability	4	3	2	1	0	
Initiative and Motivation	4	3	2	1	0	

3. **Remarks:** Based on your knowledge of the applicant, please comment on his/her ability to participate in and profit from a year of study overseas in the International Programs.

Date:	_ Printed Name:	Signature:	
Position:	Department:	Institution:	

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# The California State University INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS Foreign Language Faculty Recommendation



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Applicant: Please complete this section only. Deadline: December 15 (Australia and South Africa: May 1)					
Applicant Name:		CSU Campus:			
Country applied for:		Program:			
To be completed by foreign languag	ge faculty only.				
1. Language evaluated:					
2. Evaluation based on (check one):	Classroom ol	bservation	Interaction ses	sion of 15 minutes	
3. Please rate the student's foreign land	nguage competency	in the following a	areas.		
	Unable to Judge	Elementary	Intermediate	Advanced	
Listening Comprehension					
Speaking Competency					
<b>Reading Comprehension</b>					
Writing Competency					
4. Will this student have achieved int	ermediate competer	ncy by the end of	the spring term?	YES NO	
5. For native speakers:					
Are you satisfied that he/she can re	ad and write the lan	guage at least at a	an intermediate lev	vel? YES NO	
6. Based on your knowledge of the a a year of study overseas in the Inte			nguistic ability to	participate in and profit from	
Date: Printed Name	:	Sigr	nature:		
Position: I					

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