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ALI PRE-ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Important information about registration,
immigration, housing, and transportation.

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NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

On the first day of your program, please come to the ALI Office. Refer to your Welcome Letter for the specific date and time of your New Student Orientation. During orientation week, you will:

- Take an English placement test to determine your skill level. This will help us to place you in the appropriate classes.
- Take a tour of San Diego and the SDSU campus.
- Receive information about student ID cards, parking permits, health services, transportation, and banking in the area.

Please note that SDSU is now a Smoke-Free campus. Smoking is prohibited on-campus and in the parking structures.

REGISTRATION

All students must register before they can begin their classes. Even if you prepay tuition and fees, you must register for your program. Registration will take place during the first few days of the program.

WHAT TO BRING TO REGISTRATION

- Passport
- Tuition payment or receipt
- Proof of health insurance coverage
- Student ID card

F-1 VISA REQUIREMENT

- You must report to the ALI no later than the start date of your program as listed in Section #5 of your I-20 Form.
- You must provide a local address in San Diego upon arrival. Do this online via the ALI Student Portal at ali.sdsu.edu/StudentPortal
NOTE: Any time your information changes, you must update it online within 10 days.
- You must be enrolled full-time each session and attend classes on a regular basis.

More information about maintaining your F-1 status can be found here:

<http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/maintaining-your-status>.

If you have any visa or immigration questions, please contact the ALI Immigration/Admissions Advisor at applyali@mail.sdsu.edu.

TUITION INFORMATION

All students must pay tuition before they can begin their classes. We accept credit card (Visa, Mastercard, American Express, or Discover), cashier's check, money order, traveler's checks, or cash. Please contact ALI if you would like to pay by personal checks. All checks should be made payable to "SDSU Research Foundation." NOTE: The I-20 form is NOT an invoice.

You can also send your tuition payment in advance from your home country. Please send payments at least two weeks before the program start date. We can receive advance tuition payments by:

- 1) Bank Wire Transfer Union Bank of California
College Center Office
6010 El Cajon Blvd, California, USA 92115
Account Name: SDSU Research Foundation/American Language Institute
Account Number: 0111251906
Routing Number: ABA No. 122000496
SWIFT Code: BOFCUS33

FOR SEMESTER AT SDSU STUDENTS, PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING:

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
San Francisco, CA
Account Name: San Diego State University Wire Transfers
Account Number: 4944837970
Routing Number: ABA 121000248 (Domestic wire transfer)
SWIFT Code: WFBIUS6S (International wire transfer)

Please include the student's NAME(s) on wire transfer confirmation

Note: Please bring your bank receipt showing proof of wire transfer to Registration.

- 2) Cashier's Check or Money Order
Make checks payable to "SDSU Research Foundation" and mail to:

American Language Institute
Attention: Accounting Office
5250 Campanile Drive
San Diego, CA 92182-1914
USA

- 3) Credit Card
For ALI to charge your credit card, you must submit the Credit Card Authorization form. It is available at ali.sdsu.edu/forms.
- 4) Online at ali.sdsu.edu/StudentPortal

HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIREMENT

All F-1 and J-1 students must have adequate health insurance coverage during their stay in the United States. Those who come with non-F-1/J-1 student status are strongly advised to have adequate health insurance coverage as well. You will be asked to provide proof of coverage during the first day of registration. For health insurance requirements, please visit ali.sdsu.edu/healthinsurance.

Please bring proof of coverage and a copy of your policy with an English translation if you have health insurance from your home country. The policy must cover the entire time of your studies at ALI.

You may also turn in health insurance documents via our online form to fulfill the Health Insurance Requirement. To submit your health insurance visit goo.gl/J2uotX.

If you do not have health insurance coverage from your home country, International Student Health Insurance is available at Registration or online at [CSU Healthlink SDSU](#). Fees vary depending on the length of program. Students must purchase insurance to cover the entire time of study at ALI.

Payments can be made by cashier's check, money order, or credit card (Visa or Mastercard only). Please make checks payable to "Wells Fargo Insurance Services".

MEDICAL REQUIREMENT

If you are planning on transferring to an SDSU Degree Program upon completion of the ALI, you must provide proof that you are free from active tuberculosis. If you have not had a tuberculosis skin test or chest x-ray in the United States within the past year, then you must have a tuberculosis skin test before you transfer. The SDSU Calpulli Center provides this test for free for ALI students.

ARRIVING AFTER YOUR PROGRAM START DATE

In some cases, students may not be able to arrive by the program start date listed in Section #5 of the I-20. Please contact the ALI if you will be late for your program so we can assist you and update your records.

ARRIVING IN SAN DIEGO – AIRPORT GREETING SERVICE

ALI provides airport greeting service for \$70. This service includes being met at the airport as you arrive and assistance with a shuttle to take you to your destination. Shuttle costs are included.

This service is only available for flights scheduled to arrive in San Diego between 9:00am and 9:00pm, daily. To request this service, students must arrive in San Diego International Airport (SAN). The ALI does not provide airport greeting service for Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).

To request this service, please complete the application found on our website at ali.sdsu.edu/forms, and FAX to (619) 287-2735 at least two weeks prior to your arrival date. ALI Housing will send an email confirmation once the request is processed. If your flight information changes before your arrival, please email ALI Housing at alihousing@mail.sdsu.edu. If there are any changes or delays in your flight on the day of your arrival, you can still email ALI Housing or call the emergency phone at (619) 787-1967.

NOTE: If you are staying in a homestay arranged by ALI, your host family will pick you up from the airport. Please send your flight information directly to your new host family at least one week before your arrival in San Diego.

TRANSPORTATION

San Diego State University is approximately 13 miles (21km) east of the San Diego International Airport. You can come to SDSU/ALI by taxi or shuttle service:

- 1) Taxi – (619) 444-4444
Cost: \$40-\$50 (plus \$4-\$5 for gratuity)

- 2) Super Shuttle – www.supershuttle.com
Cost: \$20-\$25 (plus \$2-\$3 for gratuity)

Both options are located outside the airport. If coming to ALI/SDSU, remember to provide the driver with the school's address:

5250 Campanile Drive
San Diego, CA 92182

There is 15-minute parking, as well as passenger loading/unloading parking, right outside the ALI Office. For longer parking times, Visitor Parking is available on Hardy Avenue in Q Lot or on 55th Street in Parking Structure 5. Both have meters in which you could purchase a permit by the hour.

ALI HOUSING INFORMATION

Before arriving in San Diego, you should make housing arrangements. ALI Housing fills quickly so please apply as early as possible, either online or by emailing alihousing@mail.sdsu.edu a completed paper application. For homestay, you can also apply online or by emailing alihomestay@mail.sdsu.edu a completed paper application. More information regarding ALI Housing and Homestay can be found on our website at ali.sdsu.edu/housing.

Some students want to live in off-campus apartments. The ALI does not provide these services, but we do offer suggestions. You will be responsible for arranging your own housing if you choose to live in off-campus apartments. For more information, please visit our website at ali.sdsu.edu/offcampus.

WEATHER IN SAN DIEGO

San Diego enjoys mild climate and moderate temperatures throughout the year. The average temperature ranges from a low of 57°F (14°C) in January to a high of 75°F (24°C) in June. The humidity is very low and the average rainfall is less than 9.8 inches (25cm) each year.

For more information about the weather in San Diego, please visit the San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau at www.sandiego.org.