

Professional and Global
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International Student and Scholar Services
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Dates for Academic Year 2025-2026	Fall semester 2025: Aug. 20-Dec. 17, 2025. Exams from Dec. 10-17, 2025 Spring semester 2026: Jan. 22-May 20, 2026. Exams from May 13-20, 2026 *Dates are subject to change Full Academic Calendar *Mandatory Orientation/Arrival Program occurs 3-5 days before the first day of instruction for the semester. The date of the Orientation/Arrival Program will be included in acceptance letters. Incoming exchange students should plan to arrive in time for this program, and also to remain on campus through the last day of final exams.
Nomination Deadlines	Fall semester/Academic Year: February 15th Spring semester: September 15th All nominations must be sent to International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) via google survey by the Outbound Exchange Coordinator at the partner university. *We will email the google survey to partner institutions 2 months prior to the nomination period.
Student Eligibility for Bilateral Exchange	Nominated students must meet all of the requirements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In good academic standing (Undergraduate Students: 2.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale) (Graduate Students: 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale); 2. Will continue degree program at partner university, after exchange at SJSU; 3. English Language Proficiency.

Application Deadlines	<p>Fall semester/Academic Year: March 15th Spring semester: September 30th SJSU Bilateral Exchange Application and supporting documents must be submitted by the deadline. ISSS will email partners the application link to send to students. *Applications received after these deadlines may not be accepted.</p>
Documents Needed to Apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SJSU Bilateral Exchange Application e-form • Copy of valid signed passport • Official transcripts from home university • Study Proposal • Statement of Purpose (1-2 paragraphs in English) • TOEFL, IELTS, PTE or Duolingo score (non-native English speakers) <p>Fine, Studio, Design and Creative Arts students are highly encouraged to submit a portfolio on a thumb drive to j1-visa@sjsu.edu as part of their application.</p> <p>Admitted exchange students will also be required to submit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DS-2019 Request; • Documentation of Financial Support. <p>*Students will be required to show funding for their exchange program, which is not covered by the tuition waiver.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall 2025 or Spring 2026 Academic Semester: \$14,364 USD • Fall 2025 & Spring 2026 Academic Year: \$28,729 USD <p>**Information will be sent to admitted students with links to the application.**</p>
Majors	<p>Nominated students will need to submit their intended major during their exchange program on the exchange application. Undergraduate majors. Impacted majors at SJSU are: Animation and Illustration, Computer Science, Graphic Design, and Engineering (Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Materials Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Software Engineering), Nursing. *We cannot take nominations for exchange for students in these majors.</p>
Health Insurance	<p>All J-1 exchange students are required to purchase the SJSU approved University health insurance plan through JCB Insurance Services. More information about health insurance will be sent to accepted students.</p>
Internships and Employment	<p>Under SJSU's J-1 Exchange Visitor student visa program, J-1 students may be authorized to work up to 20 hours a week on-campus during their studies at SJSU (on-campus employment). Full time after their studies end, for a period not to exceed the length of their exchange program (Academic Training).</p> <p>On-campus employment is an employment benefit for students in J-1 visa status. Students need authorization from ISSS before they start working. More information will be given to students at the Orientation/Arrival Program.</p> <p>Academic Training is an employment authorization directly related to a student's program of study at SJSU. To qualify, the student must be in good academic standing, maintain full time enrollment and have a job offer. Students interested in Academic Training should see a J-1 advisor for more information about employment authorizations after arrival at SJSU.</p>

<p>International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS)</p>	<p>International students are supported by the ISSS office which cultivates a supporting and inclusive community by centralizing immigration advising resources and co-curricular support programming for F-1 and J-1 international students and scholars. The office is committed to the success and well-being of SJSU’s international community and strive to enhance the student and scholar educational and social experiences through their time at SJSU and beyond.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISSS Home Meet the Team Exchange Student Information
<p>Studying at San José State University</p>	<p>San José State University is your connection to a dynamic community focused on helping you shape your future. During this challenging time, the university is expanding the ways we provide high-quality education, create unique research and hands-on experiences, and immerse students in our community. What we learn together now will benefit our community when we’re able to welcome everyone back to campus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why Choose SJSU • #DiscoverSJSU
<p>Living in San José, California</p>	<p>San José State University is located in one of the largest cities in the United States - San José, California. The heart of Silicon Valley, which is known for its global technology and innovation, provides a unique opportunity for students to learn and engage, in and outside of the classroom. Close proximity to San Francisco, Santa Cruz, and Monterey/Carmel, provides an opportunity for students to explore the beauty and diversity of Northern California.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #SanJoseLove • Things to Do • San Jose Neighborhoods
<p>Student Housing</p>	<p>Housing options at SJSU are as follows: University Housing Services (Campus Village B, International House and Spartan Village on the Paseo) Off-Campus Housing Resources</p> <p>**Students are responsible for securing their own housing. International Student & Scholar Services will send more details to admitted students. ISSS can advise on options, but cannot secure housing on behalf of students. Students are strongly encouraged to apply early for housing.</p> <p>**Some housing options require students to have a meal plan.</p>
<p>Airport Information</p>	<p>Norman Y. Mineta Memorial San José Airport (SJC) - 3 miles San Francisco International Airport (SFO) - 40 miles Oakland International Airport (OAK) - 40 miles</p> <p>*Students are responsible for transportation to and from the airport. SJSU recommends that students fly into SJC.</p>

<p>Transportation</p>	<p>Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (San José buses and Light Rail) Bay Area Trains</p> <p>Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART)</p>
<p>Academics</p>	<p>With a breadth of academic programs, research and applied learning, San Jose State is perfectly positioned to examine essential questions facing our community and our world. Growing San Jose State’s research and innovation environment allows the university to adapt to and set the pace of change. Visit SJSU Academics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impacted majors at SJSU are: Computer Science, Engineering (Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering), and Graphic Design. • Current Course Catalog Courses can be found by department via the department hyperlink, or students can browse through the whole catalog. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ *Please note that not all of the courses are offered year-round. If you or your students are unsure about a specific course, please feel free to email our office at j1-visa@sjsu.edu SJSU courses fill up extremely quickly and it is highly recommended that students register as soon as their registration date and time begins. • Colleges and Departments • Class Schedules • Registrar • Academic Calendar • Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library
<p>Student Life</p>	<p>San José State University has a vibrant student life since student enrollment tops 36,000 students. International student enrollment is 3,750 with students from over 100 countries. Opportunities are available for students to get involved in activities and events that are sponsored by the University.</p> <p>ISSS Events for international students</p> <p>Student Involvement</p>