

SPRING 2024

THE IESC GAZETTE

The Official Spring Semester Newsletter

SPRING 2024 SEMESTER IS UNDERWAY

Welcome Matadors! The International and Exchange Student Center (IESC) welcomes you to a new semester. We are excited to see you achieve your academic goals at CSUN. We hope this Spring 2024 semester you will take the time to stay connected with our office, students, faculty, and other staff members on campus. We are happy to provide support and encouragement to international students and our CSUN community. Do not forget to follow us on [Instagram](#) for important updates and upcoming events!

Sincerely,

The IESC Team



NEWSLETTER BREAKDOWN

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GET INVOLVED

IESC WEEKLY COFFEE HOUR

The IESC believes that cross-cultural understanding is an important part of being a citizen of the world. Coffee Hour is a time to learn about different cultures from around the world. It is one of the opportunities where international and local students gather to highlight their cultures. Come join us for Coffee Hour every Friday from 2pm to 4pm at the International and Exchange Student Center!



GET INVOLVED

GRADUATING STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS: MUEZ BATAH & AVIK PANDE



Muez came to CSUN in Fall 2021 majoring in Cinema and Television Arts. He is an international student from Jordan and has worked with the International and Exchange Student Center and as a SPICE panelist since Fall 2022.

His advice for his fellow Matadors: SPEAK UP! Don't let anyone walk over you.



Avik came to CSUN in Spring 2021 majoring in Cinema and Television Arts. He is an international student from India and has worked with the IESC and SPICE since Spring 2023.

His advice for his fellow Matadors: Ask Questions! The wealth of knowledge and perspective around you is truly abundant.



GRADUATION RECEPTION

The IESC is excited to celebrate the accomplishments of all our graduating international students. As you take the next steps in your academic, professional, and personal journey, we want to do something special to commend you for all of your hard work. If you are graduating this Spring or Summer, look out for your invitation via email to our office reception!





IESC SPRING & SUMMER 2024 WEBINARS

The IESC offers various Events and Webinars for International Students every semester.

[You can register now for IESC Spring 2024 Events and Webinars](#)

The Webinars will be conducted via Zoom. Please do not miss the opportunity to attend one of our Live Webinars or Events to help you maintain your immigration status in good standing! Webinar topics range from Curricular Practical Training, Q&A Post-OPT, and much more. To register for our events/webinars, please visit our [Events and Webinar page](#).



SUMMER 2024 ENROLLMENT

Summer 2024 semester is around the corner. If you are interested or planning to enroll in the summer 2024 term at CSUN, make sure to check out these resources:

- [New Summer 2024 State Tuition and Fees](#)
- [Summer Term 2024 Registration Calendar](#)
- New for Summer 2024! - [Wait List for Closed Classes!](#)



If you enroll in the summer courses, you will be required to purchase health insurance for summer term. For more information and to purchase insurance, please go [to our health insurance requirement page](#)



TAX SEASON IS HERE! UNDERSTANDING YOUR TAX RESPONSIBILITY

- Make sure to prepare this tax season and file taxes with the IRS. Please visit our [Tax Information and Reporting Requirements for International Students](#) to better understand what is your tax responsibility.
- *Important note: This information does not replace consulting a tax specialist for your tax information needs. Please consult a professional tax preparer that specializes in international/nonresident tax matters, or for specific questions related to filing your individual taxes.
- Need additional assistance with taxes? Join one of Sprintax FREE webinars. To sign up for a tax webinar, please click one of the links below.



FREE SPRINTAX WEBINARS

[Register here for THURSDAY APRIL 4TH @ 12PM PT](#)

[Register here for WEDNESDAY APRIL 10TH @ 9AM PT](#)

[Register here for MONDAY APRIL 15TH @ 10AM PT](#)

Sprintax has provided CSUN students with a limited number of one-time use discount codes. The unique code is 5CSUN250F23. These codes can be used on a first-come, first-serve basis. IESC is providing this information for your consideration only. Sprintax is an independent tax consultant.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR TAX PURPOSES

- [INTERNATIONAL REVENUE SERVICES \(IRS\)](#)
- [IRS: FOREIGN STUDENTS AND EXCHANGE VISITORS](#)
- [IRS TELEPHONE TAX ADVICE](#)
- [CSUN VITA CLINIC](#)



UPDATES FROM OUR SEVIS COORDINATORS' DESK



Here are some general reminders provided by our SEVIS Coordinators regarding your SEVIS immigration record/ Form I-20. This information will assist us in helping you maintain your immigration status.

- Foreign (F) Hold will be placed on your CSUN Student Portal at the beginning of each registration period per semester. The foreign hold will prevent you from registering in courses. Once we receive proof of health insurance, we can remove your foreign (F) hold for the semester. To purchase health insurance please visit the [health insurance requirement page](#).
- Must remain enrolled in full-time course load for Spring 2024 (undergraduates with a minimum of 12 units and graduates with a minimum of 8 units). Make sure to contact your ACADEMIC ADVISOR to plan for future semesters including the upcoming fall 2024 semester. Please remember that all F1 students are permitted to enroll in no more than the equivalent of one online class or three online credits per semester to count towards your full-time enrollment. Please register for classes accordingly. If your schedule has changed, please contact your [International Student Advisor](#) immediately.
- Is your CSUN I-20 expiring soon? If you will NOT COMPLETE your degree at the end of Spring 2024 semester (05/24/2024), you must apply for an [Extension of Stay](#) in order to continue your studies and to remain in correct status with immigration for future semesters. IESC will need to receive the documents listed below via email: iescrequest@csun.edu
 - Completed [Extension of Stay Request Form](#) Your Academic Advisor will need to assist you by completing page 2 and submitting it to iescrequest@csun.edu (see instructions on the form for more information).
 - Copy of [Affidavit of Financial Support](#) (Include dependents if applicable).
 - Copy of Bank Statement for the amount on the Affidavit of Financial Support.
- Maintain a valid U.S. address at all times and update your CSUN Student Portal account. The U.S. address is required to keep your SEVIS immigration record in good standing. Any changes must be reported within 10 days of the change. [Learn how to keep your information updated](#).
- Are you planning to travel during spring or summer break? Be sure to check on your CSUN I-20 on page 2 to make sure that you have a valid travel signature. The travel signature is valid for 12 months from the date we signed as long as you are maintaining your F-1 status, and your passport and visa are valid.
- If you are graduating from CSUN this Spring 2024 semester and are interested in applying for [Optional Practical Training \(OPT\)](#), please visit the [IESC Events and Webinars](#) to join a Q&A POST-Completion Optional Practical Training webinar and to prepare for POST OPT application process.
- Are you currently on OPT status? Do not forget to report your required [POST-OPT](#) or your [STEM OPT](#) information in a timely manner.

STUDY ABROAD CORNER

The International and Exchange Student Center offers regular information sessions during the year to encourage students to learn more about the study abroad and exchange options at CSUN. Cal State Northridge is a leader in study abroad and exchange opportunities available to our Matador students!

Please see the schedule below for the list of dates. Please note that all information sessions taking place will be held online via ZOOM unless specified otherwise.



[Register for Info Session: Tuesday, April 2nd 10:00 am to 11:00 am](#)

[Register for Info Session: Monday, April 8th 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm](#)

[Register for Info Session: Thursday, April 25th 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm](#)

[Register for Info Session: Friday, May 3rd 10:00 am to 11:00 am](#)

[Register for Info Session: Tuesday, May 7th 11:00 am to 12:00 pm](#)



STUDY ABROAD CORNER



GRADUATING STUDENT HIGHLIGHT: ALEX ESPINO

Alex began his CSUN journey in Fall 2017 majoring in Civil Engineering. He participated in the National Student Exchange in Fall 2018, where he studied at Southern Utah University. He then studied abroad at VIA University College in Denmark in Spring 2022. Alex began working with the IESC in Fall 2022 and graduated Fall 2023.

NOW OPEN: National Student Exchange DIRECT PLACEMENTS

There are 150+ NSE campuses accepting students for the 2024-25 school year! [See list of available campuses \(and deadlines\).](#)

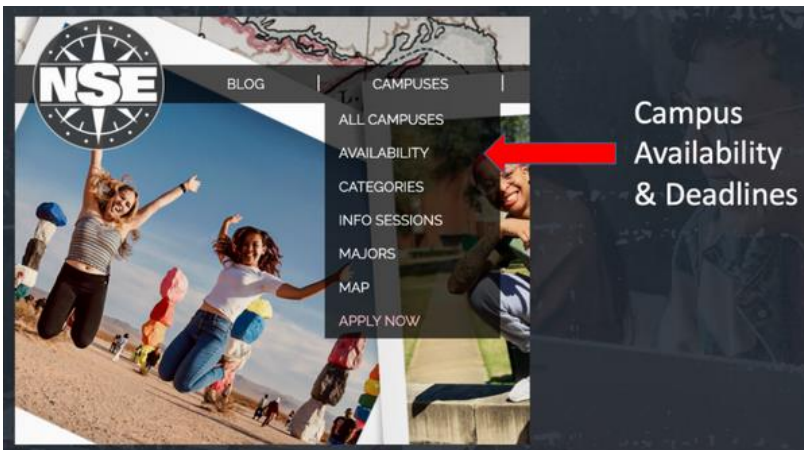
Here are some descriptions you need as you go through the list of campuses:

OPEN = host campus will accept all eligible applicants before their stated deadline

LIMITED = space is limited...home coordinator should contact host coordinator before submitting placement

WAITLIST = home coordinator should contact host coordinator and ask to put student on the waitlist before submitting placement

CLOSED = host campus is not currently accepting students



Campus
Availability
& Deadlines

