Information for I-House Residents Fall 2015

DATES AND TIMES FOR CHECK-IN TO THE I-HOUSE
The International House (I-House) will open for the Fall 2015 semester at 10 a.m. Sunday, August 9. Please let us know when you plan to arrive. For Fall 2015, SJSU classes start on Thursday, August 20. If you have not checked in by 10 p.m., Monday, August 17 (the night before the International House Welcome Program) or notified us of your late arrival, your reservation may be canceled and you will forfeit your fees.

EARLY ARRIVALS
If space is available, individuals accepted for residency may arrive before Sunday, August 9, 2015. Our semester resident summer rate of $20.00 per night will apply. Baggage may be sent ahead by students accepted for residency. Without prior arrangements, C.O.D. (collect on delivery) shipments will be refused.

CONTRACTS (LICENSE)
Each person accepted for residency at I-House signs a contract that provides room and board for the semester. The Fall 2015 semester runs from 10:00 a.m. Sunday, August 9 to 6 p.m. Thursday, December 17.

MEAL SERVICE
You have a choice between Five or Seven Day meal plans. Five Day meal plans cover Monday to Friday only. Room and Board fees vary by meal plan. For more details, please see the I-House website under “About I-House” and “Costs.” You may change your meal plan by making a written request until the first day of classes. Meal plans may not be changed once the semester begins.

Breakfast and dinner are served in the I-House Dining Room during the semester, Monday thru Friday from 8 to 10 a.m. and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.. Weekday and weekend meals are offered on campus in the Dining Commons (DC). In general, the DC is open from 6:30 a.m. to 1 a.m. from Monday to Thursday, 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Residents are encouraged to eat meals at I-House.

Meal service begins in the DC on Saturday, August 15 (7-Day Meal Plans only). Lunch (for I-House Welcome Program) and dinner will be served at I-House on Tuesday, August 18, and dinner only on Wednesday, August 19. Regular meal service at the DC and I-House begins on Thursday, August 20.

PARKING
There are a limited number of parking spaces for residents of I-House at a fee of $200.00 per semester. Request for parking spaces, accompanied by payment, are honored in the order received. Parking on the streets near the I-House is extremely congested, and we suggest that you do not bring an automobile to campus unless it is an absolute necessity.

ACTIVITY FEE
The Activity Fee is $60 per semester and is mandatory. The Student Council manages Activity Fee money and plans activities. Residents are encouraged to be active Student Council leaders and to participate in I-House programs.

CROSS-CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES
As a resident of the International House, you will have the opportunity to learn about other cultures and share yours. All residents are required, according to your contract, to attend two out of three cross-cultural workshops per semester. The only exception is if you must attend a class. One workshop will be held in the evening of each month. We require all residents to participate in Pancake Breakfast (PCB) and Training held each semester. PCB is scheduled for Sunday, October 25, 2015. Training most likely will be held on Friday, October 23 at 4:00 p.m.

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS AND ROOMMATES
You will be given your room assignments and the name(s) of your roommate(s) upon your arrival. Assignments to 1, 2, & 3 person rooms will depend upon availability & your application to live at I-House, which is used to match roommates.

THE I-HOUSE PROVIDES
Twin-sized bed, mattress and mattress pad, dresser, desk, and desk chair, and wastepaper basket. There is a closet in each bedroom. An iron and ironing board is available on each floor.
YOU MAY WANT TO BRING
Twin Bed Sheets, blankets, pillow, towels, toiletries, hangers, study lamp, bookcase, and/or toiletries.

EQUIPMENT AND LINEN RENTALS
Residents may rent linen from the I-House for $50.00 per semester, plus a $50.00 refundable deposit. Linens include: a pillow and pillowcase, a blanket, 2 sheets, and large and small bath towels. The cost of damaged or missing items will be deducted from the deposit at the end of each semester. The cost to purchase these items is $50.00 - $150.00 depending on personal preferences. We recommend that students plan to buy these items once you have arrived in San Jose so you can choose your own sheets, blanket and pillow. You may rent fans and study lamps from I-House for a refundable deposit.

Please bring traditional dress from your country, which can be worn at our Pancake Breakfast, or kept in our traditional dress closet for others to wear. Also, please bring a photo of yourself when you were 4 years old or younger. Residents are asked to bring descriptive items from their country to share with others, such as pictures, a map, or any other items of interest.

ITEMS YOU MAY NOT BRING
In the interest of safety, weight lifting equipment may not be used or stored in resident’s rooms. For the same reason, sun lamps, halogen lamps, bicycles, hot plates, burners, microwave ovens, and similar appliances are not permitted in the bedrooms. Cooking is not allowed in bedrooms. Pets are not allowed in the International House.

BICYCLES
Bicycles racks are provided by the I-House. It is recommended that each resident provide a U-lock (preferably two U-locks) to prevent thefts. As space allows, bicycles may be kept in the basement stairwells. Bicycles are not allowed in bedrooms or public areas of the House. It is strongly recommended that you do not bring an expensive bicycle to the I-House. Bicycles must be labeled with your name. Unidentified bikes will be removed.

VALUABLES
Please write down and keep track of the serial numbers of your valuables, such as bicycles and electronics (laptop, IPod, etc.) to help track them in case of theft.

TRANSPORTATION
The I-House is a short walk from the SJSU campus and is easy walking distance to the downtown business district. Buses stop within a few blocks of the I-House; transfers are available to all parts of Santa Clara County. Bus and train service to San Francisco, Santa Cruz, and other points of interest is available at the Diridon Station about three kilometers away.

I-HOUSE FACILITY
The I-House has a study room, computer room, free wireless internet access throughout the House, student kitchen, recreation room with upright piano, and formal living room with grand piano. We have a variety of sports equipment, including ping-pong (table tennis) and pool tables, air hockey and foosball as well as board games, and TVs with cable & DVD players.

COMMUNITY MEETING SPACE
Besides being a residence for students, the International House is a meeting place for community and campus organizations. Occasionally, the common areas (Dining, Living and TV rooms and patio) are rented for special events or meetings. The income from these activities goes directly to the International House.

MANDATORY Welcome Program
There will be a Welcome Program for ALL residents of International House at the beginning of the semester. All residents must attend this session on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Welcome to the International House! We look forward to meeting you.

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