

Information for I-House Residents Spring 2012

DATES AND TIMES FOR CHECK-IN TO THE I-HOUSE

The International House will open for the Spring semester at 10 a.m. Sunday, January 15. Please let us know when you plan to check-in. If you have not checked in by 10 p.m. the night before classes start, or notified us of your late arrival, your reservation may be canceled and you will forfeit your fees. For Spring, classes start on Wednesday, January 25.

EARLY ARRIVALS

If space is available, individuals accepted for residency may arrive before Sunday, January 15, 2012. The semester resident summer rate of \$15.00 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

Each person accepted for residency at I-House signs a contract that provides room and board for the Spring 2012 semester.

MEAL SERVICE

You have a choice between Five or Seven Day meal plans. For more details, please see the I-House website under the "cost" tab. Inform us of your choice before you move in; your meal plan may be changed upon arrival. Room and Board fees will vary according to the meal plan you have chosen. **Once the semester begins, meal plans may not be changed.**

Dinner will be served in the Dining Commons (DC) on Sunday, January 22 and the DC will be open from 9am to 9pm on January 23 and 24. Only residents with Seven-Day Meal Plans may use the meal plan on Saturdays and Sundays. Regular meal service at the International House will begin with dinner on Monday, January 23. Breakfast is served each day from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and dinner is served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the I-House Dining Room. I-House residents are encouraged to eat dinner at the I-House.

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 \$40 per semester and is mandatory. Activity Fee money is used to finance social activities and purchase equipment for sports, the kitchen, recreation, etc. The Student Council manages Activity Fee money and plans activities. Residents are encouraged to run for Student Council office and to participate actively 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.

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, and 3 person rooms will depend upon availability and your personal interest surveys, which help us to match roommates.

THE I-HOUSE PROVIDES

Closet	Chair	Wastepaper Basket
Dresser	Desk	Iron (1 per floor)
Bed frame & mattress	Mattress Pad	Ironing Board (1 per floor)

The I-House has a formal living room with a grand piano; a study room; a computer room; wireless internet access; and a student kitchen. We also have a variety of sports equipment, including ping-pong and pool tables, as well as board games, and three TVs with cable and DVD players. You may rent fans and study lamps from I-House for a refundable deposit.

BEDDING AND LINEN RENTAL

For a cost of \$50.00 per semester, plus a \$50.00 refundable deposit, residents may rent linen from the I-House. Linens include: a pillow and pillowcase, a blanket, 2 sheets, and large and small bath towels. The renter is responsible for their upkeep. The cost of damaged or missing items will be deducted from the deposit at the end of each semester. We recommend that students plan to buy these items once they have arrived in San Jose. This way, students can choose their own sheets, blanket and pillow. The cost to purchase these items is \$50.00 - \$150.00 depending on personal preferences.

YOU MAY WANT TO BRING

Twin bed sheets, pillow, blankets, towels, toiletries, clothes hangers, and/or a bookcase. These items are available for sale at local stores within a short bus ride of International House.

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 bring a photo of yourself when you were four years old or younger.

New residents are asked to bring descriptive items from their country to share with others. If you have slides, a map, pictures of your country, or any other items of interest, please bring them.

ITEMS YOU MAY NOT BRING

In the interest of safety, weight lifting equipment may not be used or stored in the students' room. For the same reason, sun lamps, halogen lamps, bicycles, hot plates, microwave ovens, and similar appliances are not permitted in the student rooms. **Cooking is not allowed in student rooms.** 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 lock (preferably two U-locks) to prevent thefts. As space allows, bicycles may be kept in the basement stairwells. Bicycles are not allowed in students' rooms. **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 one block 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 Santa Cruz, San Francisco, and other points of interest, is available at the Diridon Station about three kilometers away.

AUXILIARY FUNCTION

Besides being a residence for students, the International House is a meeting place for community and campus organizations. Occasionally, the common areas (Dining Room, upstairs TV Room, etc) are rented for receptions or luncheons. The income from these activities goes directly to the International House.

MANDATORY ORIENTATION

There will be an Orientation Meeting for International House at the beginning of the semester. **All residents must attend this meeting.** Orientation will begin at **10 a.m. on Monday, January 23, 2012.** Lunch will be provided.

Welcome to the International House!

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