

Information for I-House Residents Fall 2007

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

The International House will open for the Fall 2007 semester at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, August 12, 2007. Students may move in on the 12th until 11:00 p.m., or on any day after that between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. If you have not checked in by Thursday, August 23rd, or notified us of your late arrival, your reservation may be canceled and you will forfeit your fees. Prior arrangements should be made if you cannot move between these times.

EARLY ARRIVALS

If space is available, individuals accepted for residency may arrive before Sunday, August 12, 2007. Our regular summer rates of \$15.00 per night will apply.

Baggage may be sent ahead by students accepted for residency; however, C.O.D. baggage may not be sent without prior arrangements for payment. Without prior arrangements, C.O.D. shipments will be refused.

CONTRACTS

Each person accepted for residency at the I-House signs a contract that provides room and board for the Fall 2007 semester.

MEAL SERVICE

You have a choice between meal plans (Block A, Block B, or Block C). You will inform us of your choice before you move in, although 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.** Brunch and dinner will be served in the Dining Commons on August 21 and 22. Regular meal service will begin with breakfast on Thursday, August 23rd in the International House. Continental 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 the International House at a fee of \$150.00 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 \$40.00 per semester and is mandatory. The Activity Fee check and your installment for room and board must be separate payments. If you plan to pay by check, make the Activity Fee check out to "SJSU Foundation". The Activity Fee money is used to finance various social activities and to purchase needed equipment for sports, the kitchen, recreation, etc. The International House Student Council manages Activity Fee money and determines and plans activities. Residents are encouraged to run for the Student Council and to participate actively in I-House programs.

CROSS-CULTURAL WORKSHOPS

As a resident of the International House, you will have the opportunity to learn about other cultures and share your own. All residents are required, according to your contract, to attend two out of three cross-cultural workshops per semester. The only exception to attend the workshops 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 at the I-House. 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	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, typewriters, and three color TVs with cable and VCRs.

BEDDING AND LINEN RENTAL

For a cost of \$50.00 per semester plus a \$50.00 refundable deposit, a student may rent linen from the I-House. This package includes: a bedspread, a pillow, a blanket, 2 sheets, a pillowcase, a bath towel, and a washcloth. A student renting these items 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

Bed Sheets (twin size)	Pillow	Toiletries	Hangers
Blankets	Towels	Study Lamp	
Pillow Case	Washcloth	Bookshelves	

**** Please bring traditional dress from your country, which can be worn at our semi-annual Pancake Breakfast or kept in our traditional dress closet for others to wear. Also bring a picture 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 bedrooms. Sun lamps, halogen lamps, bicycles, hot plates, microwave ovens, and similar appliances are not permitted in the student rooms. **Cooking is not allowed in the 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 lock (preferably a U-lock) to prevent thefts. As space allows, bicycles may be kept in the basement stairwells; however, 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 at all times. Unidentified bikes will be removed.

TRANSPORTATION

The I-House is located less than five minutes from the San Jose State University campus, and is in easy walking distance of the downtown business district of San Jose. County transit buses stop within a few blocks of the I-House, and transfers are available to all part of Santa Clara County. Bus service to the beaches of Santa Cruz, to San Francisco, and to other points of interest, is available at the bus terminal approximately one mile from the I-House.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

There will be an Orientation Meeting at the beginning of the semester. **All residents must attend this meeting.** Orientation will be held from **5 – 8pm on Wednesday, August 22nd, 2007.**

WELCOME TO THE INTERNATIONAL HOUSE! IF YOU HAVE ANY UNANSWERED QUESTIONS, PLEASE WRITE, CALL, OR VISIT OUR HOME PAGE:

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