

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

When should I arrive?

New international students are required to attend the international student **orientation** ([link to NEW page 6.11.4.7.2](#)) which is held two weeks before the start of classes. F-1 visa holders may enter the US up to thirty days before the program start date noted on the I-20. There will be sufficient time to prepare for the semester after you arrive. It understandably takes time to find **housing** ([link to attached file called housing.htm](#)) register for classes **registration** ([link to attached file called registration.htm](#)) purchase your health insurance ([link to https://www.somerton-ins.com/](https://www.somerton-ins.com/)) textbooks, open a checking account, and complete other necessary tasks to ensure a smooth start to your first semester at CCSN.

Do you offer scholarships or financial aid?

International students are not permitted to apply for financial aid. This program is reserved for citizens and permanent residents. Scholarships are available from public and private donors. Scholarship applications and information booklets are available in **Student Financial Services** ([link to 2.5](#)) during the spring semester.

Can I work?

International students are permitted to work on campus after they have completed the appropriate **paperwork** ([link to 6.11.4.7.5](#)). Off-campus **work** ([link to attached HTML called employment.html](#)) is available under limited circumstances.

How do I get a Social Security number?

Students who have legitimate employment are required to obtain a Social Security Card for tax purposes. They must take a **CCSN letter** with them ([link to Work Experience Info Sheet.pdf](#)) to the Social Security Administration office to receive a number. Students without employment are not eligible to receive a Social Security number. Visit them **online** ([link to http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/10096.html](http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/10096.html)) for more information.

How do I find a place to live?

Students who need assistance finding housing should attend the optional housing workshop during international student **orientation**. ([link to 6.11.4.7.2](#)) During the workshop students will have an opportunity to:

- Find a roommate
- Learn what apartments are available near the school at the time of the orientation
- Learn how to get utilities such as power and telephone turned on
- Learn important vocabulary used when renting a house or apartment
- Develop strategies for improved roommate relationships

If you would like to live with an American family, please email FLS International at flsccsn@fls.net FLS International is a private organization with a good reputation for placing international students in American homes.

Students interested in finding a roommate prior to arrival should email (scott_naus@ccsn.edu) at the International Center and give written permission for their name and email address to be released to other CCSN students looking for roommates.

How do I get a drivers license?

After registering for classes you can apply for a driver's license in the state of Nevada. You will need:

1. Your passport, I-20, and I-94 card,
2. A letter from the International Center not more than 30 days old,
3. To study for the computerized written test and pass the driver's test.

What kind of public transportation is there in Las Vegas?

CCSN's three main campuses are located near CAT bus lines. You can use public transportation to commute to school and between campuses. View routes and other information at <http://www.rtcsonthernnevada.com/cat/>.

How do I register for classes?

NEW STUDENTS

New students must meet with an international student advisor. Advising appointments will be scheduled during **orientation** ([link to 6.11.4.7.2](#)). An advisor will assist you with class selection and answer questions not answered during orientation.

RETURNING STUDENTS

Returning students can **register on-line** ([link to 2.0](#)) after purchasing health insurance from **Somerton** ([link to https://www.somerton-ins.com/default.aspx](https://www.somerton-ins.com/default.aspx)). Schedule an appointment with an international student advisor if you require assistance planning your schedule.