



Arrival Information

We at the International Student Program at Las Positas College look forward to your arrival in the Tri-Valley Area (Dublin, Pleasanton, and Livermore). We will assist you as best we can in getting here and feeling comfortable in your new environment. We hope that this will provide you the information you need before you come to our program.

Getting to Livermore from the Airport

There are 3 major airports nearby:

- Oakland International Airport (OAK) www.oaklandairport.com
- Mineta San Jose International (SJC) www.sjc.org and
- San Francisco International Airport (SFO) www.flysfo.com

Oakland is the closest international airport to Livermore, but San Francisco International is a bigger airport so there are the most flights here. Unfortunately, we cannot meet you at the airport. However, there are several ways to get from the airport to the place you are staying in the Tri-Valley Area including by public transportation, airport shuttle, and by taxi.

- **Public Transportation**

You can travel by train by taking the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) to locations throughout the Bay Area. BART is available from the Oakland and San Francisco Airports, with a station inside the San Francisco International Airport terminal. Visit the BART website at www.bart.org for more information. Information is also available in various languages on this site at the bottom of the page.

From the San Francisco International Airport station, board BART on a Dublin/Pleasanton bound train. Get off at the end of the line at the Dublin/Pleasanton station. The cost is \$7.35 one way. From here, you can take a taxi to the place you are staying or take the Wheels bus #12 directly to Las Positas College. The website of Wheels, the public bus system in the Tri-Valley is www.wheelsbus.com.



- **Airport Shuttles**

These are small vans with fixed prices that often take more than one person. The following are the contact information of several shuttles and the prices to any home or hotel in the Tri-Valley area.

Name	Telephone	Price	Hours
Airporter Commuter	1-888-876-1777	\$145 from SFO \$135 from OAK	24 hours a day. By reservation only. Call from the airport.
Bayporter Express	1-415-467-1800 or 1-510-864-4000 or 1-800-287-6783	\$25-\$50 from SFO \$19 from OAK	4:30 am to midnight
Bridge Airport Express	1-800-300-1661	\$40 from SFO \$20 from OAK	5:00 am to 10:00 pm
M & M Luxury Shuttle	1-415-552-3200	\$25-\$45 from SFO	
South & East Bay Shuttle	1-800-548-4664 or 1-408-225-4444	\$34-\$149 from SFO	

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- **Taxis**

Taxis are readily available, but the fares are high. All taxis are required by Airport regulation to accept fares to all Bay Area destinations. The cost can be lowered by sharing the taxi with up to 4 other passengers. It costs approximately \$161 from SFO to Livermore.

Hotels and Motels near Las Positas College

Las Positas College, like most Community Colleges does not offer on-campus housing. We can however give your housing assistance and information on apartments, home stay families, and hotels after you arrive. Please see the International Student Program staff for assistance when you arrive to find long-term housing. Below are several local hotels and motels in the area for you to consider staying at when you first arrive.

Name and Address	Telephone	Rates per Night (also add 12% tax)	Amenities
Comfort Inn 2625 Constitution Drive Livermore, CA 94551	925-606-6200	\$89 ~ \$129	Swimming Pool, Fitness Center, Broadband Access
Courtyard by Marriott 2929 Constitution Drive Livermore, CA 94551	925-243-1000	\$79 ~ \$159	Telephone, In Room Internet, Daily Maid Service
Extended Stay America 2380 Nissen Drive Livermore, CA 94551	925-373-1700	\$75	
Hampton Inn 2850 Constitution Drive Livermore, CA 94551	925-606-6400	\$59 ~ \$149	Swimming Pool, Fitness Center, Restaurant in Hotel
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites 3000 Constitution Drive Livermore, CA 94551	925-961-9600	\$100 ~ \$166	Swimming Pool, Fitness Center, Daily Housekeeping, High Speed Internet Access
Residence Inn by Marriott 1000 Airway Blvd Livermore, CA 94551	925-373-1800	\$149 ~ \$174	Swimming Pool, Fitness Center, Kitchen, Tennis Broadband Access
Hilton Garden Inn 2801 Constitution Drive Livermore, CA 94551	925-292-2000	\$99 ~ \$169	Swimming Pool, Fitness Center, Restaurant in Hotel

This information is provided as a matter of service. Efforts have been made to include correct, current information, but no guarantee is given and none should be inferred as to the material's accuracy and availability of services noted. Please contact the hotel or motel directly for the most up to date rates, availability and services. Users of these lists do business with individuals, companies, or firms at their own risk. The staff and employees of this school shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever arising from any errors or omissions made in the compilation of these lists.

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Living in Livermore

Climate

Located 69 kilometers (43 miles) South East of San Francisco and further inland, Livermore has an average temperature of 15 degrees Centigrade. In the summer, there is often fog in the morning and evening so it is a good idea to dress in layers of clothing that you can put on and take off easily. A T-shirt is usually enough for the afternoon, but you may need a sweatshirt or sweater for the morning. It rains a lot in the winter so bring some good rain clothes and shoes.

Average Temperatures in Livermore

Month	Average Low	Average High	Average Precipitation
January	2.8° C (37° F)	13.9° C (57° F)	7.59 cm (2.99 in)
February	4.4° C (40° F)	16.7° C (62° F)	7.04 cm (2.77 in)
March	5.6° C (42° F)	18.3° C (65° F)	6.27 cm (2.47 in)
April	6.7° C (44° F)	25.0° C (71° F)	2.44 cm (0.96 in)
May	8.9° C (48° F)	28.9° C (77° F)	1.09 cm (0.43 in)
June	11.7° C (53° F)	28.9° C (84° F)	0.23 cm (0.09 in)
July	12.8° C (55° F)	31.7° C (89° F)	0.07 cm (0.03 in)
August	15.0° C (59° F)	31.7° C (89° F)	0.20 cm (0.08 in)
September	11.7° C (53° F)	30.0° C (86° F)	0.61 cm (0.24 in)
October	8.9° C (48° F)	25.6° C (78° F)	2.13 cm (0.84 in)
November	5.6° C (42° F)	18.3° C (65° F)	4.78 cm (1.88 in)
December	2.8° C (37° F)	13.9° C (57° F)	5.18 cm (2.04 in)

Health Insurance

Medical care in the United States is extremely costly (it can cost \$2,000 to \$3,000 per day in the hospital) so most people have health insurance to help cover the costs. This is why health insurance is required to enroll in our school. You should buy a policy that covers all medical and hospital costs and provides a deductible of \$100 or less and covers at least 75% of hospital and insurance costs. Your plan must also include repatriation and medical evacuation. You may be able to purchase health insurance in your country that covers medical expenses while in the U.S. You must present evidence of continuous medical insurance coverage to the International Student Program Office before the end of the second week of classes. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the college. Please see the International Program Office staff who can recommend some good and inexpensive plans designed especially for International Students.

Important Things to take with you to the U.S.A.

Bring with you to the United States any important documents that relate to your immigration, travel, legal, academic, and medical history: Passport, identification cards, driver's licenses, etc. If possible, obtain English translations of these documents and have the translations certified by a U.S. educational advising center at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate. Retain photocopies of all original documents for your records.

- Marriage certificate, birth certificate (for you and your dependents if applicable)
- Medical and dental records, including certificates of Immunizations and vaccinations (especially rubella, rubella and tuberculin for you and young children).

- Proof of health insurance coverage in the United States (if you have coverage)
- Information about medical conditions or treatments and prescriptions for medication (generic and name brands)
- Official transcripts from secondary (high schools), colleges and universities you have attended
- Driver's License and International Driver's License if you plan on driving in the U.S.
- Any other copies of immigration and travel documents from the past
- A good bilingual dictionary
- Souvenirs and photos from your home to share with your new friends.

Orientation

Please report to the International Student Program Office in room # 1502 on the campus of Las Positas College. The college address is 3033 Collier Canyon Road, Livermore, CA 94551. A new address of our school is 3000 Campus Hill Drive, but our location is the same. Directions to our school can be found on our website at www.laspositascollege.edu/international and then click on "Campus Map and Directions". Please bring your passport and Immigration documents such as your I-20 and I-94 and passport so that we may copy them for your file. New student orientations will be given before your semester (Spring, Fall).

Assessment Tests

Upon arrival at Las Positas College, you will be required to take our English assessment test. This test allows us to place you in appropriate courses. If you plan on taking a Math or Chemistry class, you will need to take these Assessment tests as well.

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