

Now that You Have Your F-1 Visa

A visa allows you to travel from your country to a port of entry in the U.S. In many cases, that port of entry will be the airport where you land. When you deplane, follow the directions for the non-citizen entry.

At the airport, a U.S. official will interview you and verify all of your paperwork (i.e. Passport, F-1 visa and I-20 form). Once admitted you will receive an immigration stamp and proceed to baggage claim and U.S. Customs.

Helpful Facts About the United States

U.S. Currency

The U.S. monetary system follows a base-ten decimal system with the dollar (\$) being the basic unit. Common bill denominations are \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, and \$100. A dollar can be subdivided into 100 cents (¢) using coins. The coins are; 1¢, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, 50¢, (or penny, nickel, dime, quarter, and half-dollar, respectively).

When traveling, it is best not to carry large sums of money as cash. Traveler's Checks are commonly used and available from foreign exchange banks or brokers and American Express offices. At the time you purchase traveler's check, you sign your name on each check (which can come in various denominations). You will then sign the Traveler's Check a second time at the time you want to cash them (i.e. exchange them for cash or make purchases).

Traveler's Checks are a safe and convenient way to carry money since most businesses and services accept them as payment. They also have a reimbursement guarantee if they are lost or stolen, with the proper documentation, of course.

After you arrive here at LLU the closest and most convenient bank to campus is Bank of America, where you may open your own bank account. Information about this particular bank can be accessed at www.bankofamerica.com.

U.S. Telephones

U.S. phone numbers have seven digits. However, an additional three digits "AREA CODE", needs to precede all numbers called outside of the local area access. For example, our office phone number is 558-4955 within the area code of (909). However, to call our office from another area code like LAX located in the city of Los Angeles, whose area code is (310), therefore you would need to dial 1-(909)558-4955. The 1 in the front of any number signals the phone company equipment that you are making a phone call to out side of the designated local area.

Directions from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) to Loma Linda University

75.8 miles – about 1 hour 30 minutes – up to 2 hours 30 minutes

From LAX head **south** on **W Century Blvd** toward **W Way** 17.1 miles



Take the ramp onto **CA-1/S Sepulveda Blvd** 17.1 miles



Take the ramp onto **I-105 E** 17.1 miles



Take the exit toward **I-605 N** 17.1 miles








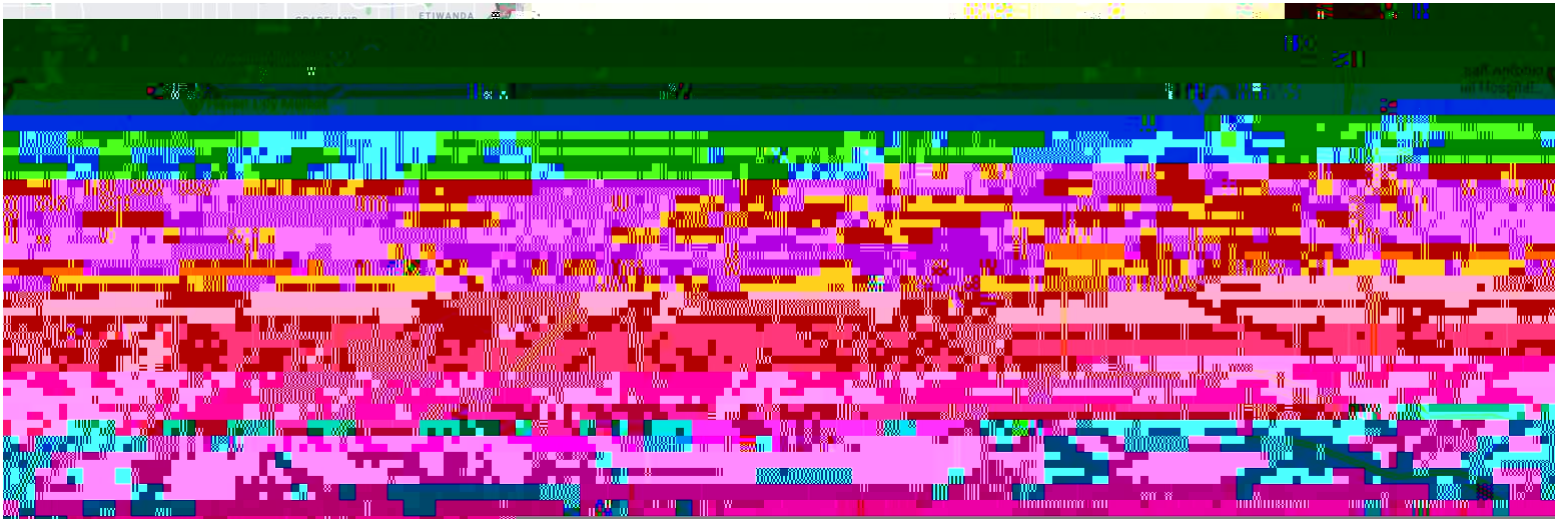
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Directions from Ontario International Airport (ONT) to Loma Linda University

21.2 miles – about 24 minutes – up to 50 minutes in traffic

- From ONT head **east** on **E Terminal Way** go 0.1 miles
-  Slight left at **S E Way** go 0.3 miles
-  Slight right at **E N Way** go 344 feet
- Continue on **N Archibald Ave** go 0.2 miles
-  Take ramp onto **I-10 E** go 18.8 miles
-  Take **Anderson St/Tippecanoe Ave** exit go 0.3 miles
-  Turn **right** at **Anderson St/Tippecanoe Ave**
Continue to follow Anderson St to get to campus go 0.9 miles



The very first thing that you need to do is report to the office of International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS). This office is staffed by Esther Guerpo (Director).

Our phone number is (909) 558-4955 or e-mail address is intlstdsrv@llu.edu. We are located in the Student Services Center and the address for our office address is 11139 Anderson Street, Loma Linda, CA 92350. After entering the student services building you will see a sign that says Student Experience/International Student & Scholar Services, follow the signs and you will get to our office.

When coming to our office make sure you bring the following:

- (1) Y -20 or DS-2019.
- (2) Y
- (3) Your address here in the United States (even if you know you will change this address in the near future).

What our office does:

- (1) We make copies off all of your documents.
- (2) We register you as an active student in SEVIS, after you have completed the registration process and/or checked in with the ISSS.

