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 (\$\phi\$) using coins. The coins are; 1ϕ , 5ϕ , 10ϕ , 25ϕ , 50ϕ , (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.

To use a pay phone, you will need U.S. coins or a credit card. Each phone will indicate an initial dialing fee. Once you have dialed the destination phone number, an additional fee will be requested by the phone company. Be prepared to pay as much as \$5.00 (or more) in coins for calls out of the pay phone's are code. Pay phones can also operate by using pre-paid phone cards which can be purchased in the U.S. or in your home country. A convenient place to purchase phone cards is in the airport.

Each pay phone has a phone number written on the front top, you may ask the person you are speaking with to call you back at that phone number if you run out of coins.

You may also consider obtaining a mobile/cell phone and while you are here. The most common cell phone companies in the U.S. are: AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile and Verizon Wireless.

Now that you are out of the airport

Most international flights coming to Los Angeles will come into Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), LAX is about 70 miles (115 Kilometers) away from the Loma Linda University.

If you arrive at the Ontario International Airport (ONT) you will be about 25 miles (40 Kilometers) away from Loma Linda University.

There are taxis, shuttles, and rideshare services available at all airports. You need to make your own arrangements to be picked up at the airport. For transportation information from both airports, please visit their transportation website:

- Los Angeles (LAX): https://www.flylax.com/lax-traffic-and-ground-transportation
- Ontario (ONT): https://www.flyontario.com/parking-transports

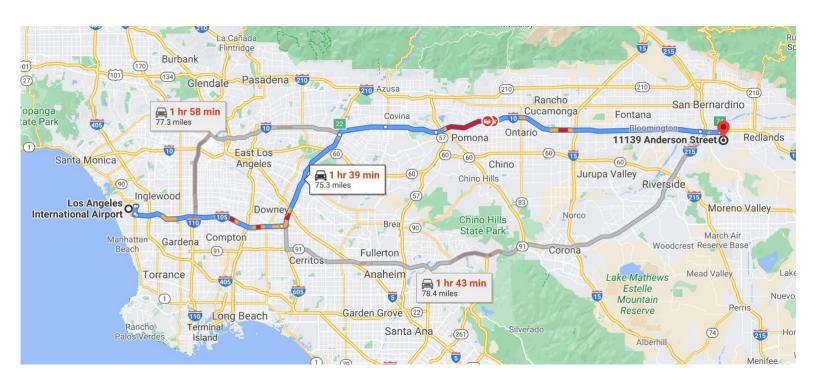
Other Airports in Southern California to consider:

- 1) Palm Springs International Airport (PSP) in Palm Springs, CA
- 2) John Wayne Airport (SNA) in Santa Ana, CA
- 3) Long Beach Airport (LBG) in Long Beach, CA
- 4) Bob Hope Airport (BUR) in Burbank, CA

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

75.8 miles – about 1 hour 17 minutes – up to 2 hours 30 minutes in traffic

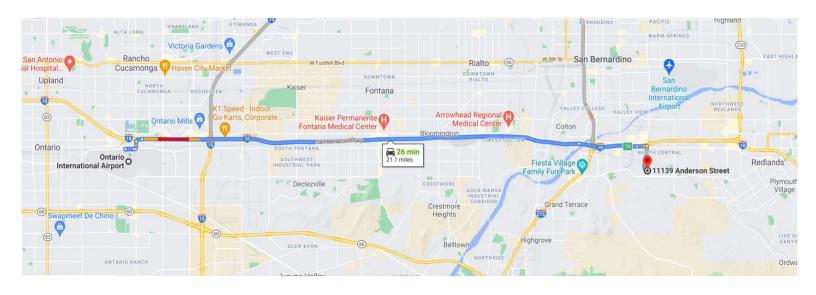
	From LAX head south on World Way toward W Way	go 0.7 miles
1	Take the ramp onto CA-1/S Sepulveda Blvd	go 0.7 miles
105	Take the ramp onto I-105 E	go 17.1 miles
7	Take the exit toward I-605 N	go 0.1 miles
605	Keep left at the fork, follow signs for I-605 and merge onto $I-605\ N$	go 12.5 miles
TO	Take the exit onto I-10 E toward SAN BERNARDINO	go 43.3 miles
7	Take Anderson St/Tippecanoe Ave exit	go 0.3 miles
þ	Turn right at Anderson St/Tippecanoe Ave Continue to follow Anderson St to get to campus	go 0.9 miles



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
5	Slight left at S E Way	go 0.3 miles
7	Slight right at E N Way	go 344 feet
	Continue on N Archibald Ave	go 0.2 miles
TO	Take ramp onto I-10 E	go 18.8 miles
7	Take Anderson St/Tippecanoe Ave exit	go 0.3 miles
Ļ	Turn right at Anderson St/Tippecanoe Ave Continue to follow Anderson St to get to campus	go 0.9 miles



After you arrive on campus



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) You and your family's I-20 or DS-2019.
- (2) You and your family's passports
- (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 our office, and verify with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) that we know your new address.

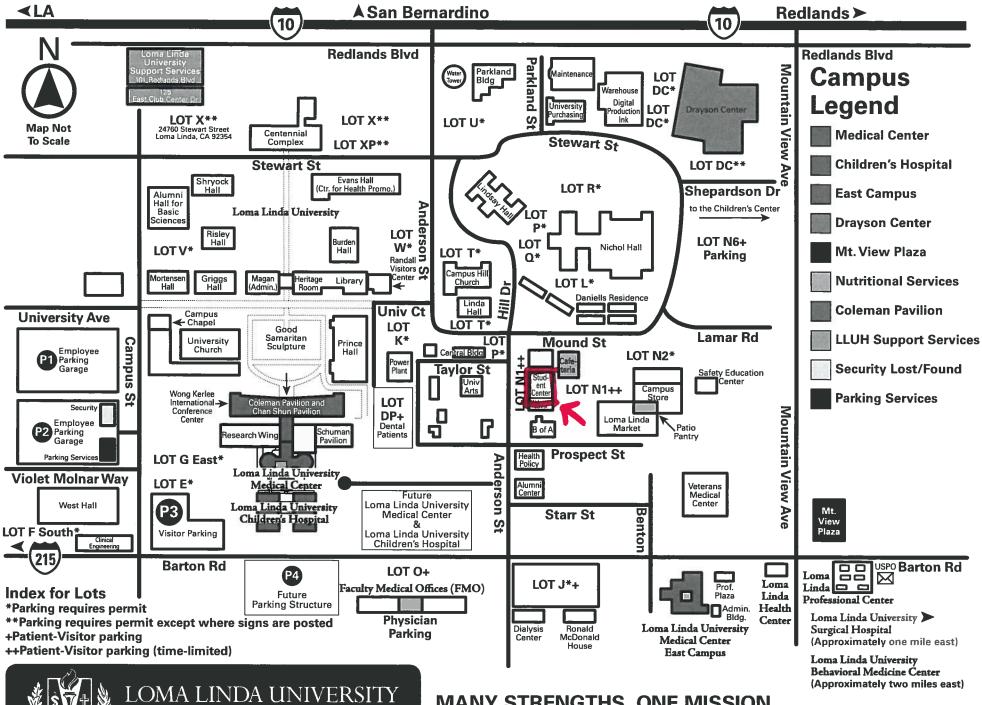


Legal Note: you are to report your arrival to United States to our office **no later than 30 days** after the last day for registration, otherwise you will be considered "No Show", and will be out of status.

Our Office Hours



Sunday	Closed
Monday - Tuesday - Thursday	_ 8:30AM to 4:00PM
Wednesday	_ 12:10PM to 4:00PM
Friday	_ 8:30AM to 12:30PM
Saturday	_ Closed



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Housing Options

Please view the following website for the most up to date information about On-Campus and Off-Campus Housing: http://home.llu.edu/campus-and-spiritual-life/housing-dining

A.G. Daniells Hall, Residence Complex

Daniells Hall for Men and Women (Women must be 21 or older) is located in the center of the campus with easy access to all campus areas.

Contact - Telephone: (909) 558-4562; Fax: (909) 558-0220; Email: drcinfo@llu.edu

Rent per 12-week quarter varies according to accommodations:

- Single Room
 - Men = \$1,850/quarter
 - Women = \$2,150/quarter
- Double Room
 - Men = \$1,200/quarter
 - Women = \$1,500/quarter
- Studio 30 apartment (Women) \$2,360/quarter
- Studio 90 apartment (Men) \$2,760/quarter
- Married apartments (Limited to 6) \$3,385/quarter
- Deposit: \$450 (refundable: \$400; non-refundable processing fee: \$50)

https://home.llu.edu/campus-and-spiritual-life/housing-dining/residence-halls/daniells-hall

Lindsay Residence Hall

Kate Lindsay Hall for Undergraduate and Graduate Women is located at the northern edge of the campus with easy access to all campus areas.

Contact – Telephone: (909) 558-4561; Fax (909) 558-0461; Email: klhinfo@llu.edu

Rent per 12-week quarter:

- Single \$1,700/quarter
- Double \$1,130/quarter
- Modified Double \$995/quarter
- Deposit: \$200 (refundable: \$150; non-refundable processing fee: \$50)

https://home.llu.edu/campus-and-spiritual-life/housing-dining/residence-halls/lindsay-hall

LLU Foundation Rental Office

The Rental Office is the right choice for your off-campus housing needs.

Contact - Telephone: (909) 558-4374; Fax: (909) 558-0354; Email: rentals@llu.edu

https://home.llu.edu/campus-and-spiritual-life/housing-dining/off-campus-housing

Loma Linda Trading Post

Listings for houses, apartments, and rooms for rent in the local community. This list is updated weekly on the Trading Post website, where you can download both current and previous issues as a PDF:

https://news.llu.edu/publications/trading-post

Apartment Communities near Loma Linda University

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APARTMENT Briarwood Manor	DISTANCE 1.6 miles	BDRM/BATH + RENT 2/1 = \$1200	SEC. DEPOSIT \$1200	PETS No	AMENITIES, ETC. Gated community
25300-25360 Park Ave	1.0 111100	=, 1 = \psi 1200			Coin-operated laundry machines
Loma Linda, CA 92354					One assigned parking space
(909) 799-9220					
Cinnamon Creek Apartments	6.1 miles	2/1 (Upstairs) = \$1400	\$700 (on approved credit)	Service Pets Only	Close to Downtown
901 Oxford Drive	0.1 miles	2/1 (Opstairs) = \$1400 2/1 (Downstairs) = \$1480	\$700 (on approved credit)		Water, trash, sewage included
Redlands, CA 92374		2/ 1½ = \$1530	\$700 (on approved credit)		One assigned parking space and
(909) 798-1865		$3/2\frac{1}{2} = $1800 - 1875	\$800 (on approved credit)		Laundry facility per building, can use mobile app or quarters to pay for
www.cinnamoncreekapts.com					laundry.
Citrus Grove Apartments	7.3 miles	1/1** = \$1355	\$500 (on approved credit)*	Must be < 65 lbs.	Swimming pool, volleyball courter,
1230 E. Lugonia Ave	7.5 IIIIes	2/2** = \$1610-\$1759	\$500 (on approved credit)*	Dogs: \$40/month	basketball court, tennis court, fitness
Redlands, CA 92374		(*Utilities- inquire within)	*\$500 (Holding Fee)	Cats: \$40/month	center, and more!
(909) 798-0011			\$40 (Application Fee) \$500 (Pets)		3 laundry facilities + 2 BBQ/Picnic areas. New apartments have
www.citrusgroveapthomes.com			\$250 (Pets) \$250 (2 nd pet)		microwave and fridge.
Cypress Gardens Apartments	5.9 miles	0/1 = \$1135	\$600 (For all apartments)	Must be < 35 lbs.	Fitness center, clubhouse, swimming
520 Hibiscus Drive	3.7 Hilles	1/1 = \$1310-\$1360	\$200 (Pets)	\$35/month	pool and Jacuzzi, & more! Laundry
Redlands, CA 92373		2/2 = \$1495-\$1550			facility on site. One assigned parking
(909) 792-1910					space. Utilities, washer, sewage, & gas not included. All utilities
(505) 752 1510					included only in 0/1 Studios. Stove,
					Microwaves, & dishwasher included
Monterey Pines	1.8 miles	1/1 = \$1404	\$300 \$400	Must be < 25 lbs. Max. 2 pets	Basketball, volleyball, and tennis courts, fitness center, swimming
25701 Van Leuven Street Loma Linda, CA 92354		2/2 = \$1614	\$400	\$40/month	pool, and more!
(909) 799-1700			\$400 (1 Pet)		One assigned parking space, plus
www.montereypines.net			\$600 (2 pets)		more parking spaces!
Goodmanor	0.6 miles	2/2 = \$1300	\$1300	No pets allowed	Laundry facilities available Non-smoking community
24570 Stewart Street	0.0 miles	3/3 = \$2000	\$2000	F F	Swimming pool, and more!
Loma Linda, CA 92354		7_000			One assigned parking space
(909) 796-3858					Two laundry units available
Mt. View Mansion Apartments	2.0 miles	1/1 = \$1535	\$350	\$25/month	Washer and dryer included
10664 Mountain View Ave	2.0 miles	2/2 = \$1635	\$550	4-27	Refrigerator, microwave, stove and
Redlands, CA 92373		·			dishwasher included
(909) 283-4649					
Oasis Townhouses	1.5 miles	$2/2\frac{1}{2} = $1715 (1000 \text{ sq ft})$	\$400 (For all apartments)	\$50/month	Washer, dryer, and appliances incl.
25590 Prospect Ave		$2/2\frac{1}{2} = $1764 (1,025 \text{ sq ft})$	(on approved credit)		1-car garage
Loma Linda, CA 92354		3/2½ = \$2008	\$500 (Pets)		Swimming pools, sauna, spa, basketball, volleyball, racquetball,
(909) 799-5151					tennis courts, fitness center, and
www.oasisrentals.info					more!
Orangewood Apartments	2.2 miles	1/1 = \$1400	\$1400	Service Pets and	Washer and dryer included
25957 Redlands Blvd		2/2 = \$1650	\$1650	Emotional Support Pets Only	Spa, 2 swimming pools, tennis court,
Redlands, CA 92373				Tets <u>Omy</u>	and more! -Pay for electricity only
(909) 796-7596					Tuy for electricity only
www.orangewoodaptsredlands.com					
Rosewood Apartment	2.6 miles	0/1 = \$1491	\$400	\$40/month	Washer and dryer included
26232 Redlands Blvd		1/1 = \$1559	\$400 \$600		Central heat and air. Tennis court, basketball court, club house,
Redlands, CA 92373		2/2 = \$1691-\$1771			swimming pool, and more! Income
(909) 796-2638			\$400 (Cats) \$500 (Dogs)		based programs (depends on floor plan) AC/ Heater *inquire within
Sierra Vista Apartments	2.0 miles	1/1 = \$1495	\$199 (on approved credit)	\$40/month	Tennis court, BBQ, fitness center,
10558 Mountain View Ave		2/2 (Upstairs) = \$1574	\$400 (Dogs)	*Up to two pets	Dog Park, basketball court and
Redlands, CA 92373		2/2 (Downstairs) = \$1624	\$400 (Cats)		more! 24-hour laundry facilities. Most apartments have washer and
(909) 796-8507					dryer.
www.sierravistaapts.com					Water, sewer, & trash included
Somerset Apartments	2.8 miles	1/1 = Inquire within	\$400 (on approved credit)	Breed restriction	Washer and dryer included
26454 Redlands Blvd.		2/2 = Inquire within	\$600 (on approved credit)	applies (Please inquire within)	Swimming pool, 2 spas, tennis
Redlands, CA 92373			\$400 (Cats) \$500 (Dogs)	Max. 2 pets	courter, basketball court, playground, BBQ picnic area, and
(909) 796-4918			ψ200 (Dogs)	\$40/month	more!

^{***} Note: This list is subject to change without notice by either the Rental Properties or the LLU Office of Student Affairs. Other fees may apply. Loma Linda University does not, in any way, endorse the listed properties. This list is only a courtesy service to students. (Revised 1/21/2020)



When contacting the hotels listed below, indicate that you are a student at Loma Linda University to receive discounted rate!

Hotel	Address	Phone Number	Pricing*	Distance (from LLU)
Ayres Hotel	1015 W. Colton Ave. Redlands, CA 92374	(909) 335-9024	15% off Daily rate**	4.9 miles
Days Inn	1909 Business Center San Bernardino, CA 92407	(909) 889-0090	10% off Daily rate**	2.2 miles
Dynasty Suites	1235 W Colton Ave. Redlands, CA 92374	(909) 793-6648	\$89.00+ per night** (QUEEN) \$99.00+ per night** (KING)	4.7 miles
Fairfield Inn & Suites	1041 E. Harriman Place San Bernardino, CA 92408	(909) 382-4560	\$115.00 per night (Dbl. Queen, King) \$125.00 per night (King suite)	1.4 miles
Hampton Inn & Suites	895 E. Hospitality Lane San Bernardino, CA 92408	(909) 890-0600	\$118.00 per night (standard) \$128.00 per night (suite) Corporate Code: 0000325417	1.9 miles
Hilton Garden Inn	1755 S. Waterman Ave San Bernardino, CA 92408	(909) 806-4040	\$127.00 per night (Breakfast, Wifi, and parking included)	2.5 miles
Holiday Inn Express & Suites***	25222 Redlands Blvd Loma Linda, CA 92354	(909) 796-1000	\$109.00 per night (standard)	1.3 miles
Homewood Suites by Hilton	885 E. Hospitality Lane San Bernardino, CA 92408	(909) 799-6500	\$149.00 per night (Suite) Corporate Code: 0002674676	1.8 miles
Super 8	205 E Hospitality Lane San Bernardino, CA 92408	(909) 888-7571	15% off Daily rate**	2.8 miles
Loma Linda Inn	24532 University Ave Loma Linda, CA 92354	(909) 583-2500	\$75.50 per night (Breakfast included) *Can leave luggage in special area for interviews	0.7 miles
Residence Inn by Marriott	1040 E. Harriman Place San Bernardino, CA 92408	(909) 382-4564	\$152.00 per night (Studio, King) \$187.00 per night (1 br. Suite)	1.3 miles
Sure Stay Plus	294 E. Hospitality Lane San Bernardino, CA 92408	(909) 381-1681	10% off Daily rate**	2.1 miles
WoodSpring Suites Colton	2050 W. Valley Blvd Colton, CA 92324	(909) 639-1123	10% off Daily rate**	8.7 miles

^{*}Tax not included in discount prices.

Note: Discount price will vary based on availability. Discounted prices are subject to change without notice. Pricing is estimated for one (1) standard room. Call the given number for rates on larger rooms and multiple nights, if available.

^{**}Discount price will depend on time of reservation. Call for discount rates.

^{***} Valid Student ID Badge is required upon check-in.