

# **Woodbury International Pre-Arrival Handbook**

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## WELCOME TO WOODBURY

As a new international student, you are at the beginning of a great adventure— studying and living in the United States! Although the adventure is great, it can be quite challenging as well. This handbook will make your transition into the United States and Woodbury University a little easier. In this Pre-Arrival Handbook, you will find all the information you need including important dates, deadlines, academic services, legal requirements, and resources for international students.

Please read this handbook very carefully. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

We look forward to meeting you!

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## INTERNATIONAL PEER ADVISORS (IPAs)

The International Peer Advisor (IPA) program is a resource for all incoming international students. Each incoming international student will be assigned with an IPA. The IPA will provide guidance to international students to assist them as they transition into life as a Woodbury University student.

IPAs are students that have already gone through this life-changing experience and are now able to use their experiences to help others. IPAs will communicate with new international students on a regular basis to support their personal and academic success and facilitate international events to encourage student engagement.



Follow us on [Instagram](#) for important information, guides and events!



## PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST

### Checklist

#### Before you leave home:

##### 1. General checklist

- ☐ Passport – A passport is the required identification document for international travel. You will need to show your passport every time you travel, when you report to Woodbury University, and on many other occasions when official identification and travel documentation are needed. Additionally, the F-1 Student Visa Stamp needs to be in your passport. If your passport expires and you obtain a new one while you are in the U.S., you will need to carry both your new passport and your expired passport as your visa stamp will not transfer to your new passport. Be sure to keep your passport valid at all times. Your passport must be valid for at least six months into the future every time you travel internationally. You must renew your passport at your country's embassy or consulate while you are here in the U.S. if the passport is about to expire or expired.
- ☐ F-1 Student Visa
- ☐ Reserve housing as soon as possible
- ☐ Arrange transportation to Woodbury University
- ☐ Registering for Student Orientation
- ☐ Mobile phone that works internationally – If you are interested in purchasing a temporary mobile plan and receiving the U.S. phone number before you arrive in the U.S., please visit [www.campussims.com](http://www.campussims.com).

##### 2. Document Checklist

- ☐ Valid passport with valid F-1 visa
- ☐ Woodbury I-20 – Woodbury University has sent you an initial I-20 form by e-mail. Please print it, sign it in the "Student Attestation" section on page 1 and check this form very carefully to be sure that all of your personal information is correct and matches your passport and visa. Be sure to enter the U.S. with your Woodbury I-20 and do not use the I-20 of another school to enter the U.S. if you plan to study at Woodbury University.
- ☐ I-901 SEVIS fee payment receipt- If you need to reprint the receipt, please visit <https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/index.html>
- ☐ Copies of your financial statements to use as proof of sufficient funds
- ☐ Notarized English translations of marriage & birth certificates (if applicable)

##### 3. Health Checklist

- ☐ Get a medical examination and immunizations
- ☐ Get other medical check-ups. Have your eyes and teeth checked and any necessary treatment
- ☐ Bring any medication in its original package with the prescription in English translation
- ☐ Prepare original medical, immunization, and dental records and translate them into English
- ☐ Health Insurance – If you do not have a health insurance plan, which will cover you while you are living in the United States, you can sign up for a plan to ensure you have coverage through Woodbury University. Click on this [link](#) below to find out more about Woodbury's health insurance. If you already have a health insurance plan that offers coverage in the U.S., please sign up for the health insurance waiver at <https://clients.garnett-powers.com/univ/woodbury/>

### Prohibited and Restricted items

The products U.S. Customs and Border Protection needs to prevent from entering the United States are those that would injure community health, public safety, American workers, children, or domestic plant and animal life. Before you leave for your trip to the United States, go to the U.S. Department of Agriculture website [www.dontpackapest.com](http://www.dontpackapest.com) for travel guidelines.



## ENTERING THE US

Immigration laws do not allow you to arrive in the U.S. more than 30 days before the program start date listed on Form I-20.

When entering the U.S., you will need to show:

- ☐ Passport – must be valid for at least 6 months after your arrival.
- ☐ Valid F-1 Visa stamp
- ☐ I-901 SEVIS fee payment receipt
- ☐ I-20 from Woodbury University
- ☐ Letter of acceptance from Woodbury University
- ☐ Evidence of sufficient funds to cover all expenses, also known as financial documentation.

You will be fingerprinted, photographed, and an entry stamp might be placed in your passport. You may be asked to go to another line where they will look at your documents and ask additional questions. Do not be scared. This is normal and it may take 2-4 hours or longer to do. Allow enough time between flights. U.S. Customs may search your bag for unauthorized items.

Your arrival will be registered electronically. After you enter the US you can log into the Customs and Border Protection website at <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov> to view and print a copy of your I-94, a document that verifies your legal entry. You will need information from your passport and your U.S. visa to access your record.

For more information about Port of Entry, immigration status & what you can bring to the US, visit <http://www.cbp.gov/travel> <http://www.ice.gov/sevis/students>

## ARRIVAL IN THE US

### **Burbank Campus**

#### **Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)**

Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) is approximately 30 miles (50 kms) from Woodbury University. Driving time from LAX to Woodbury may take 40 minutes to 2 hours depending on the time of day. The easiest way to get to Woodbury University from LAX would be to take an Uber, Lyft or Taxi. If cost is a concern, you can choose the express pool option when requesting an Uber. The request pool option is cost effective because it allows you to share rides with other riders that are travelling in your same direction.

You can also take public transportation to Woodbury University from LAX. However, you will have to change buses three times in order to get to Woodbury University so if you have a lot of luggage with you this might not be the best option. If you are interested in taking public transportation click on this [link](#) for directions. For more information on additional forms of ground transportation, you can visit the LAX [website](#): (Includes information on public transportation, long distance vans, rental cars, etc.)

#### **Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR)**

Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR) is the local airport, which is approximately 2 miles (3 kms) from Woodbury University. At just a short 5-minute drive to campus, the easiest way to get from the Burbank Airport to Woodbury University is to take an Uber, a Lyft, or a taxi.

## TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FROM AN AIRPORT TO WOODBURY UNIVERSITY

For the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) traffic and ground transportation, visit <https://www.flylax.com/lax-traffic-and-ground-transportation>

## **LAX Flyaway Bus**



You can take the Flyaway bus from LAX to Van Nuys which is around 20 minutes from Woodbury University. From Van Nuys, the easiest way to get to Woodbury University is to take an Uber, Lyft or taxi.

- Starting at \$11USD
- Shared ride
- No need to book ahead of time
- Takes about 1 ½-2 hours depending on traffic
- For more information visit: <https://www.flylax.com/flyaway>

## **Shuttle Services**

- Starting at \$75USD
  - Individual or shared ride
  - Book ahead of time
  - Takes about 1 ½-2 hours depending on traffic
  - For more information visit
    - Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)
- <https://www.supershuttle.com/locations/losangeles-lax/>  
<https://www.primetimeshuttle.com>

## **Lyft and Uber**

- Starting at \$75
- No need to book ahead of time
- Takes about an hour depending on traffic
- Need to take shuttle bus to the pick-up zone, “LAX-it lot” next to Terminal 1. To get to LAX-it to find Ride Apps (or Taxis) follow these easy steps:
  - When you exit the terminal on the ground level (baggage claim level) you can walk to the LAX-it lot by Terminal 1 or ride the free LAX-it shuttle, which can be picked up on Lower/Arrivals Level at the inner curb outside of baggage claim areas at the green LAX-it signs.
  - If you need assistance getting into or out of the shuttle ask the bus operator for help.
  - Once on your way to the LAX-it lot, use your app to schedule your ride.
  - For more information on the LAX-it lot, click [here](#).

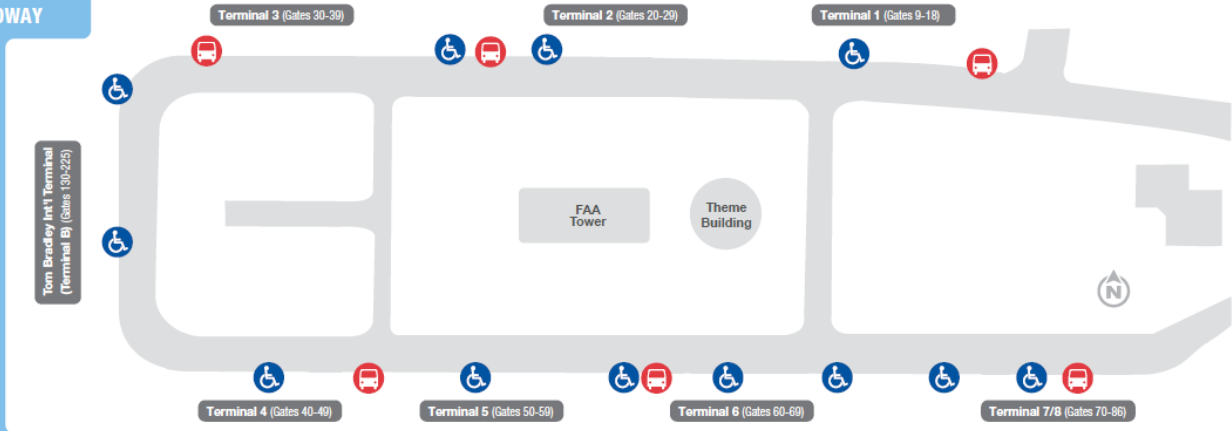
## **Taxi**

- Most stress-free form of transportation
- No need to book ahead, just walk outside of the terminal and you can get a taxi immediately
- Takes about an hour to get from LAX to Woodbury depending on traffic
- Most expensive option (starts at \$100)
- To look at the list of taxi companies
  - Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) <https://www.flylax.com/lax-traffic-and-ground-transportation#Taxis>

**LAX**

# Ground Transportation Waiting Areas

## DEPARTURES LEVEL 2 UPPER ROADWAY



## ARRIVALS LEVEL 1 LOWER ROADWAY



ORANGE

SHARED RIDE VANS  
CHARTER BUSES

RED

HOTEL &  
PRIVATE PARKING

GREEN

LAX-it  
Taxi, Lyft, Opoli, Uber

BLUE

LAX FLYAWAY®



PURPLE

RENTAL CARS



YELLOW

TAXI



PINK

TERMINAL CONNECTOR  
CITY BUS CENTER-LAX  
LAX ECONOMY PARKING  
METRO CONNECTOR  
LAX EMPLOYEE LOTS

DARK BLUE

ACCESS  
PARATRANSIT

DARK BLUE

ANIMAL RELIEF  
AREA

WALKING PATH TO LAX-IT



WALKING PATH TO TERMINALS



WALKING PATH TO USO

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## NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION & IMPORTANT DATES

Click on the links below to learn more about all the upcoming important events!

### **International Student Orientation**

All international students are required to attend the online international student orientation. At orientation, students will learn about required legal and institutional responsibilities to maintain their status. Attendance is mandatory in order to remain in good standing with United States Citizenship Immigration Services (USCIS).

You will receive an e-mail from Rossana Muraro Friedman, Senior International Student Advisor with the date, time and link to join the online international student orientation a few weeks before the start of classes.

### **SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration)**

Attending SOAR is required of all newly admitted students. SOAR helps prepare you for college life and shares with you the array of support services available from your new campus community. Please click on the link below:

<https://woodbury.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admission/undergraduate-orientation/>

### **Academic Calendar**

For more important dates including semester start and end dates and school holidays, please view the academic calendar:

[https://woodbury.edu/academic\\_calendar/](https://woodbury.edu/academic_calendar/)

## MANDATORY CHECK-IN

During the mandatory international student orientation, you will complete the mandatory check-in process which is an online form. You should plan to arrive before the report date listed on your I-20. Arriving later than the program start date listed on the I-20 may not allow enough time to complete all necessary check-ins and become enrolled before classes start.

The International Student Affairs office must report arrival and enrollment of international students to the U.S. Government. You must report to the International Student Affairs office no later than 14 days after the report date shown on your I-20.

We strongly suggest that you arrive before the report date listed on your I-20.

## HOUSING

### On-Campus Housing

If you are interested in living on campus, go to <https://woodbury.edu/student-life/living/housing/>. Keep in mind that the availability of single rooms is limited, and you may be placed on a waiting list.

### Off-Campus Housing

For more information on off-campus housing assistance and housing search websites, go to [Woodbury University Off-Campus Housing](#) website. To learn more about tips for finding an apartment, read STUDENT RESOURCE GUIDE at <https://www.apartmentguide.com/students/>

#### Types of Housing

- Renting an apartment  
[Woodbury University Off-Campus Housing](#)
- Living with Roommates – Sharing an apartment with other people is a cost-efficient way to live in a large city. You agree to divide responsibilities and payment of rent and bills. Roommates can be found through word of mouth once you arrive in the U.S. or through search websites. Before finalizing your housing situation, it is a good idea to sit down with your roommate(s) to discuss apartment/house rules and delegate responsibilities. Some roommates will write a “roommate contract,” including items such as delegating responsibilities and laying out how shared space can be used.  
[Roommates.com](#)  
[Roomster.com](#)  
[SpareRoom](#)  
[Circle for Roommates](#)
- Sublet – Subletting is when you take over an apartment lease and bills from a tenant who leaves for a few months or longer.
- Homestays – Homestays offer the opportunity to improve language skills and sample American culture by living with a U.S. family. Make sure to use a reputable homestay provider who has thoroughly vetted the homestay hosts.  
[USH-Find Woodbury](#) for pricing  
[Homestay.com](#)  
[American Homestay Network](#)
- Renting a room – Renting a room is a cost-effective way to get housing. When renting a room, you will most likely be signing onto an already established lease. In these cases, it is smart to see when the current lease is ending before signing it.
- Temporary Housing  
[Airbnb](#)

#### Avoiding Scams

There are a lot of housing scams, especially on the Internet, so you must conduct your housing search carefully. It is highly recommended that you secure short-term housing upon arrival (e.g. in an Airbnb) and conduct your housing search once you are in the U.S. If you absolutely must secure long-term housing before arriving in the U.S., it is recommended that you look for an established residence facility rather than an individual apartment owner. You can also visit [www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2019/06/keys-avoiding-home-rental-scams](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2019/06/keys-avoiding-home-rental-scams) for keys to avoiding home rental scams. If you find you have been the victim of a housing scam, you can report it to the FTC (Federal Trade Commission) and/or the FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3). Please make sure to read the instructions first about what to include in the report.

## HEALTH INSURANCE

International students will be automatically enrolled and billed for the Woodbury University Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP). However, if you have alternative comparable health insurance that will work inside of the United States you can waive out of SHIP. For more information, visit <https://clients.garnett-powers.com/univ/woodbury>

## IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

### Immunization Policy

Woodbury University follows guidelines for colleges and universities provided by the state of California and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Vaccines protect students from diseases that can derail academic progress. Everyone on campus, including faculty, staff, and visitors—and especially the most vulnerable among us—are safer when students are vaccinated, thanks in part, to the impact increased immunity can have on the greater University community. So, while not required, COVID-19 immunization by members of our community is encouraged and appreciated.

### Policy Statement

Woodbury University, in alignment with national guidance and state law, expects all students, at the time of initial enrollment, to attest to receipt of the following vaccinations:

**All immunization records must be submitted to the following email address: [orientation@woodbury.edu](mailto:orientation@woodbury.edu)**

Please note that all medical records must be in English.

### Required Vaccinations and Medical Testing for Housing Students

| Vaccination Requirements              | Dosage Information                                                        |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Hepatitis B                           | series of 3 vaccines                                                      |
| Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)         | series of 2 vaccines                                                      |
| Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) | to include proof of a booster shot of Td or Tdap within the last 10 years |
| Varicella (Chickenpox)                | series of 2 vaccines                                                      |
| Meningococcal Conjugate (Menactra)    | at least one vaccine at age 16 or older                                   |

### Highly Recommended Vaccinations:

- Annual Influenza (Flu)
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV)
- TB skin test (Mantoux or Quantiferon) is encouraged

### Submit Mandatory Vaccination Attestation Form

Woodbury University requires all students to be vaccinated as a condition of enrollment as stated in the Vaccination Expectations. To accomplish this, new students must list their vaccination via the Vaccination Attestation Form located in the student's Online SOAR Canvas course under The New Student Checklist.

### Deadline

Deadline is provided by the Orientation Team ([orientation@woodbury.edu](mailto:orientation@woodbury.edu)). Do not wait until the last minute to work on your vaccination form. Give yourself ample time to schedule an appointment with your healthcare provider should any immunizations be missing or expired.

## Extensions

Extensions are granted on a case-by-case basis. Contact Health Services office for consultation.

## Contact Information

Health Services Office

Phone and Fax: 818-252-5117

Email: [orientation@woodbury.edu](mailto:orientation@woodbury.edu)

Office Hours: Monday- Friday, 8:00 am- 5:00pm

# TRANSPORTATION

## Uber/Lyft

## Rental Car

If you need to rent a vehicle, some rental car companies require you to be at least 25 years of age, but many rental car companies only require the renter to have a major credit card and be at least 21 years of age. If you want to drive a car, you will be required to purchase car insurance, have a valid driver license (in English) and in many cases, an international driving permit. To obtain an international driving permit you should inquire with your home country's motor licensing organization prior to departure. It is highly recommended that you apply for the California driver's license once in the U.S. Be aware of the rules of the road while you are in the U.S. and make sure you carry proof of car insurance at all times. For individual state driving regulations visit AAA's website: <http://drivinglaws.aaa.com> or <https://www.usa.gov/visitors-driving>

## Riding Bicycles

Woodbury University has an active bicycle community. Riding your bike is a great alternative to driving to campus. It is environmentally friendly, economical and healthy. However, biking in Los Angeles can be challenging. Be sure to plan ahead by mapping the safest route possible and following basic safety measures.

## Metro Bus and Rail

The Metro System offers close to 200 bus and rail lines to take you where you want to go in LA County. You can bring exact change to ride the metro or you can purchase a tap card by clicking on the following [link](#). Timetables and fares can be obtained [here](#).

## Train

Traveling by train is another option to consider. Below are two commuter rail systems that you may take to get around Southern California.

Amtrak offers rail passes, regional rail tours, and multi-ride tickets. Please call their toll-free number for prices and more information: 1-800-872-7245 or by visiting their [website](#).

Metrolink train serves over 55 stations across Southern California. To get more information about ticket prices and to plan your trip visit their [website](#).

# CALIFORNIA DRIVER'S LICENSE or CALIFORNIA ID

It is highly encouraged that international students obtain a California Identification (ID) card or a Driver License (DL) if they plan on driving. Applying for a California ID or DL allow students to keep their passport and immigration documents safe at home. To apply for a California ID or a Driver License we recommend you submit an online application at

<https://www.dmv.ca.gov>. The applications are also available at any local Department of Motor Vehicles Office (DMV) locations. Once you complete the application online, you must schedule an appointment at the DMV to complete the process. Although a valid international DL is acceptable to use in CA for a few months, it is highly recommended that you apply for a CA DL to avoid getting a traffic ticket.

Take the following documents with you to the DMV. Without these documents, you will not be helped and asked to reschedule your appointment. All of the documents listed are required to present for the California ID or Driver License.

- Passport
- I-20 form
- Most recent I-94 (<https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/#/home>)
- Two residency documents

\*Residency Documents are proof of where you are living. They can include: lease, utility bill, bank statement, mobile phone bill, school document, etc. the documents must show your name and your California address.

DMV offers the Knowledge test for the CA DL in many languages, and you can get the study guide before you take the test. For the Behind the Wheel Driving Test, you must have a licensed and insured vehicle with which to take the driving test. DMV field offices accept payment by check, money order or cash. Some offices also accept ATM/Debit cards for payment of fees. Credit cards are not accepted at all locations. The fee is around \$45. (renewal).

## MONEY MATTERS

When you arrive in Los Angeles, you will need enough money for immediate expenses including food, transportation, and living arrangements. However, do not bring large amounts of cash with you to the U.S! There are many safer options available. It is a good idea to carry a combination of U.S. currency, debit cards, and credit cards. Do not bring a lot of money in foreign currency because it is difficult and expensive to exchange for U.S. money. However, you should bring some of your money in U.S. dollars. If possible, bring \$100 in smaller bills such as \$20, \$10, \$5, and \$1 bills to pay for your transportation from the airport and several meals. \$1 bills are easy to use for tips, taxis, hotels, restaurants, and to take public transportation. If you do not have a chance to get money in U.S. dollars before you arrive, there will be ATM's in the airport that you can use to take out cash using a debit card.

\*If you are receiving assistance from your government or a private agency, it may take some time before you have access to these funds. Make sure you are prepared for this!

**Please note that you cannot bring more than \$10,000 cash with you into the United States!**

### Banking

Most students use Chase Bank since there are many branch offices located all over California and throughout the U.S. However, there are many other banks in the area including Bank of America, Citi Bank, and Wells Fargo. To open a bank account you will need a passport, documents that prove you are currently enrolled (I-20 form, Student ID, registration fee payment receipt, or admission letter), and a minimum deposit (for many banks the minimum deposit is \$100). Always call ahead before going to set up an account to ensure that you have all the necessary paperwork.

**Credit Cards** – You can pay for your tuition and fees at Woodbury University with most major credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and/or American Express). You can also use these cards at the dining hall, in the Woodbury University bookstore, and for most other purchases in the U.S. It can be challenging for foreign citizens to open credit card accounts in the U.S. so you may have to use a credit card from your home country. If you want to use a credit card home, you will need to talk to your bank about using your card in the U.S., to check your credit card's daily spending limit, and to see what fees may apply while you are using your card abroad.

**Debit/ATM Cards** – These are useful because you can use them to take out cash from an ATM (Exchange rates, daily limits, and or additional fees may apply). In addition, you can use a debit card for most other purchases in the U.S., including online

purchases. If using a debit card from your home country, make sure to double check with your bank to see what kind of fees there are for using your debit card abroad.

*\* What is the difference between a debit and a credit card?*

*Knowing the difference between a debit and a credit card can be confusing because both cards look the same and can be used in many of the same places. However, the main difference between a debit and a credit card is where the card takes the money from when you use it. A credit card charges money to your line of credit while a debit card takes money straight from your banking account. This means that with a credit card you have to pay the money you spend back later while with a debit card, the money is taken directly from your account. If you don't fully pay your monthly credit card bill, you will be charged high interest rates.*

**Wire Transfer** – A wire transfer is a service that transfers funds by wire to your bank account. For international wire transfers, money is sent by the Swift system. In order to receive funds from an international wire the sender will need your full name as it appears on your US bank account, your account number from your US bank account, and your Swift Code. You can usually find your bank's Swift code by logging into your online banking account or you can call your bank and ask. If you do not want to use a bank to complete a wire transfer you can also use websites such as [TransferWise](#) and [XOOM](#). These websites can be a cheaper and faster alternative to making a wire transfer internationally.

## TUITION, FEES, AND CHARGES

Go to [Woodbury University Tuition and Fees](#) website for the most current tuition and fees.

### **Frequently Asked Questions (for the traditional day/evening undergraduate student)**

**Q. When is my tuition due?**

**A.** Payment in full and/or payment arrangements are due upon assessment and no later than **the first day of school**.

**Q. How can I pay for my tuition?**

**A.** The Business Office offers several ways for students to pay their tuition. Payments can be made online via your Self-Service account, in person at the Business Office, over the phone, or by mail. We accept cash, check, wire-transfer or ACH, credit/debit card (MasterCard®, Visa®, and American Express®).

**Q. What if I can't pay my tuition in full by the first day of classes?**

**A.** The Business Office offers a semester deferred payment plan to students who are unable to pay their tuition in full. You must sign a contract to be eligible for this plan. There is a \$100.00 deferred payment fee charged if you choose this pay plan.

**Q. Do I have to accept Woodbury's Health Insurance Plan?**

**A.** Yes. However, if you are covered through another plan and complete the online waiver, we will remove the health insurance charge from your account. You may complete the online waiver at <https://clients.garnett-powers.com/univ/woodbury/waiver/>

**Q. What if I register for a class or classes and never attend any sessions, will I be automatically dropped?**

**A.** It is the student's responsibility to formally drop or withdraw from any classes through the Registrar's Office. In addition, there will be a no-show fee assessed to the student's account if an instructor notifies the Registrar's Office of non-attendance during the first week of the semester.

**Q. Will I be charged any fees if I drop all of my classes during the add/drop period?**

**A.** You may add or drop courses during the first two weeks for a 100% refund less an administration fee.

**Q. If I withdraw from all of my classes during the third and fourth week of the semester how much will I be charged?**



A. During week three you will be charged 50% of your tuition and fees and 75% during week four. There will also be an administration fee assessed. If you withdraw from all classes after week four you will be charged 100% of the tuition and fees.

## SHOPS AND OTHER RESOURCES

### **Burbank**

#### **Grocery Stores**

[Sprouts](#) [Ralph's](#) [Trader Joes](#)

#### **Stores to Buy Furniture**

[Target](#) [Wal-Mart](#) [IKEA](#)

#### **Shopping Centers**

[Burbank Empire Center](#) [Burbank Town Center](#) [Glendale Galleria](#)

#### **Banks**

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#### **Hotels**

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#### **Mailing/Shipping Services**

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#### **Health Services**

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### **Los Angeles**

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[Grauman's Chinese Theatre](#)

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**Ethnic Neighborhoods in Los Angeles**

Los Angeles is one of the most diverse cities in the world, making it a great place for international students to spend their time abroad. Many international students can find areas in Los Angeles that will remind them of home. Eight of these ethnic neighborhoods include:

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[Olvera Street](#)  
[Koreatown](#)  
[Little Tokyo](#)

[Little Armenia](#)  
[Thai Town](#)  
[Little Ethiopia](#)  
[Historic Filipinotown](#)

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