

ACCESS GUIDE

ART CENTER

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VISITING ART CENTER



WELCOME!

Whether you are a new student, campus visitor or just learning more about us, our Access Guide will help you navigate your visit. We have information for those visiting our campuses, as well as plenty of helpful tips for new students moving to the Pasadena area. Be it long-term or just for a day, we hope you will enjoy your visit here.

SET UP YOUR VISIT

We encourage all students interested in applying to Art Center to make an appointment with an Admissions counselor. The appointment will include advice on portfolio development and assistance with admission and financial aid information. Appointments are available Monday through Friday, and can be reserved by calling the Admissions Office at 626.396.2373.

CAMPUS TOURS

We welcome visitors to our campuses. Tours of Hillside Campus are available by appointment and are conducted Monday through Friday at 2 pm. For more information and to make an appointment for a tour, call the Admissions Office at 626.396.2373.

Tours are not available during breaks between terms. Signing up for the campus tour does not include a counseling appointment, which must be scheduled separately.

We also welcome applicants to visit the South Campus. Tours can be arranged by calling 626.396.2251.

TRANSPORTATION

Pasadena is located about 30 miles, or 45 minutes, from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and about 16 miles, or 30 minutes, from Burbank's Bob Hope Airport (BUR).

Visit the Art Center website at artcenter.edu for driving directions to our campuses, or call 626.396.2246.

FROM LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (LAX)

Prime Time Shuttle
(Door-to-Door/Hotel)
800.733.8267 or 310.536.7922
primetimeshuttle.com

Super Shuttle
(Door-to-Door/Hotel)
800.258.3826 or 310.782.6600
supershuttle.com

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FROM LAX TO PASADENA

To Hillside Campus (location of all undergraduate programs, Industrial Design and Broadcast Cinema graduate programs and Admissions Office), 1700 Lida Street, Pasadena, CA 91103:

1. Catch the LAX FlyAway bus to Union Station in downtown Los Angeles (\$7 fare).
2. At Union Station, take the Metro Gold Line into Pasadena.
3. Exit the Gold Line at Memorial Park Station.
4. Walk to the corner of Holly Street and Marengo Avenue to catch the

51 Arts Bus to Hillside Campus. Be sure to check the bus schedule ahead of time as this bus does not run frequently.

To South Campus (location of Media Design and Art graduate programs, and Public Programs), 950 S. Raymond Avenue, Pasadena 91105:

1. Follow the directions from LAX to the Gold Line.
2. Exit the Gold Line at Fillmore Station, and walk west to Raymond Avenue.
3. Continue south on Raymond for 3/10 mile to South Campus, located on your left.

FlyAway Buses usually run every half hour during the day, and hourly after 1 am. Be sure to check the schedule ahead of time by calling 866.435.9529 or visiting lawa.org/flyaway.

Metro Gold Line: 323.466.3867 or metro.net

Pasadena Arts Bus: 626.398.8973 or ci.pasadena.ca.us/artsbus

FROM BOB HOPE/BURBANK AIRPORT

Shuttle service to Pasadena is available from Burbank. Taking public transportation from Burbank Airport is challenging. The best route is to take a Metrolink train to Union Station, then catch the Gold Line to Pasadena. (See LAX directions for getting to campus from the Gold Line.) Metrolink: 800.371.5465 or metrolinktrains.com

ARRIVAL IN LOS ANGELES BY BUSES AND TRAINS

Amtrak Passenger Trains
Ask about student discounts.
800.872.7245
amtrak.com

Greyhound Bus Line
1716 E 7th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90021
800.231.2222 or 213.629.8401
greyhound.com

LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The Metro Gold Line is the light rail system that runs through Pasadena and the San Gabriel Valley to downtown Los Angeles.
323.466.3867
metro.net

Pasadena Arts Bus
Line 51/52 provides service from Old Pasadena to Art Center's Hillside and South Campuses. Hours vary.
626.398.8973
ci.pasadena.ca.us/artsbus

Foothill Transit Authority
(local buses)
100 S. Vincent Ave. Suite 200
West Cordova, CA 91790
626.931.7210 (M-F, 8am-5pm)
foothilltransit.org

TAXI SERVICES

People's Taxi
626.577.2227
800.505.2227

City Cab
626.796.3111
888.248.9222

Ace Yellow Cab
626.442.1414
866.241.9885
aceyellowcab.com

Bell Cab
888.481.2345
bellcab.com

RENTAL CARS

Most car rental agencies require a major credit card, valid driver license and that the driver is at least 25 years of age. Enterprise Rent-A-Car may provide exceptions and rent to individuals younger than 25 years of age. Other companies will rent to drivers under 25, but require a surcharge. Rental cars can be picked up at all major airports.

Budget Car Rental
750 S. Arroyo Pkwy.
Pasadena, CA 91105
626.449.0226 or 800.527.0700
budget.com

Enterprise Rent-A-Car
1890 E. Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91107
626.405.0900 or 800.261.7331
enterprise.com
Ask about Art Center discounts.

Hertz
2070 E. Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91107
626.578.0443 or 800.654.3131
hertz.com

Thrifty Car Rental
3500 E. Colorado Blvd., Ste. 110
Pasadena, CA 91105
626.449.0012 or 800.847.4389
thrifty.com

BICYCLING

Students can bike to Art Center, but should be aware that the ride to the Hillside Campus is up a very steep hill.

NAVIGATING THE ROADS

IN ADDITION TO THE SEARCH SITES LISTED BELOW, AAA IS A GREAT RESOURCE FOR MAPS AND OTHER SERVICES.

AAA Automobile Club
of Southern California
801 E. Union St.
Pasadena, CA 91101
626.795.0601
aaa-calif.com

Pasadena Convention
& Visitors Bureau
300 E. Green St.
Pasadena, CA 91101
626.795.9311
800.307.7977
visitpasadena.com

Google Maps
maps.google.com

Mapquest
mapquest.com

Yahoo! Maps
maps.yahoo.com

HOTELS AND MOTELS

The following hotels and motels that are near Art Center and include a range from economy to luxury class.

When you make reservations, identify yourself as an Art Center visitor to see if they offer special rates. Special Art Center rates may change without notice.

EXTENDED STAYS

The Guest Center at Fuller Seminary
700 Locust St.
Pasadena, CA 91101
626.204.1100 or 800.549.2224 ext.5545
guestcenter@fuller.edu
guestcenter.com

Travelodge Pasadena Central
2131 E. Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91107
626.796.3121 or 888.637.4859
Includes breakfast, microwave, refrigerator, cable TV, pool and spa. Daily, weekly and monthly rates available.
travelodge.com

SHORT-TERM STAYS

Best Western Pasadena Inn
3570 E. Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91107
626.796.9100
Includes complimentary continental breakfast, weekday newspaper, outdoor pool and spa, and guest laundry services.
bestwestern.com/pasadenainn

Courtyard Los Angeles Pasadena/Old Town
180 N. Fair Oaks Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91103
626.403.7600 or 888.236.2427
Parking not included.
courtyard.com/laxot

Double Tree Hotel Monrovia
924 W. Huntington Drive
Monrovia, CA 91016
626.357.1900
Restaurant, pool, spa and fitness center.
doubletree.com

Econolodge
1437 E. Colorado St.
Glendale, CA 91205
818.246.8367
econolodgeglendale.com

Hilton Pasadena
168 S. Los Robles Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91101
626.577.1000
Walking distance from Old Pasadena.
Ask about special Art Center rates.
hiltonpasadena.com

Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites
3500 E. Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91107
626.792.1363 or 888.465.4329
hiexpress.com

Homestead Studio Suites
1377 W. Glenoaks Blvd.
Glendale, CA 91201
818.956.6665
Includes kitchen and laundry.
homesteadhotels.com

The Langham Huntington
1401 S. Oak Knoll Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91106
626.568.3900
Ask about special Art Center rates.
pasadena.langhamhotels.com

Saga Motor Hotel
1633 E. Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91106
626.795.0431 or 800.793.7242
Includes breakfast buffet,
heated pool and laundry.
thesagamotorhotel.com

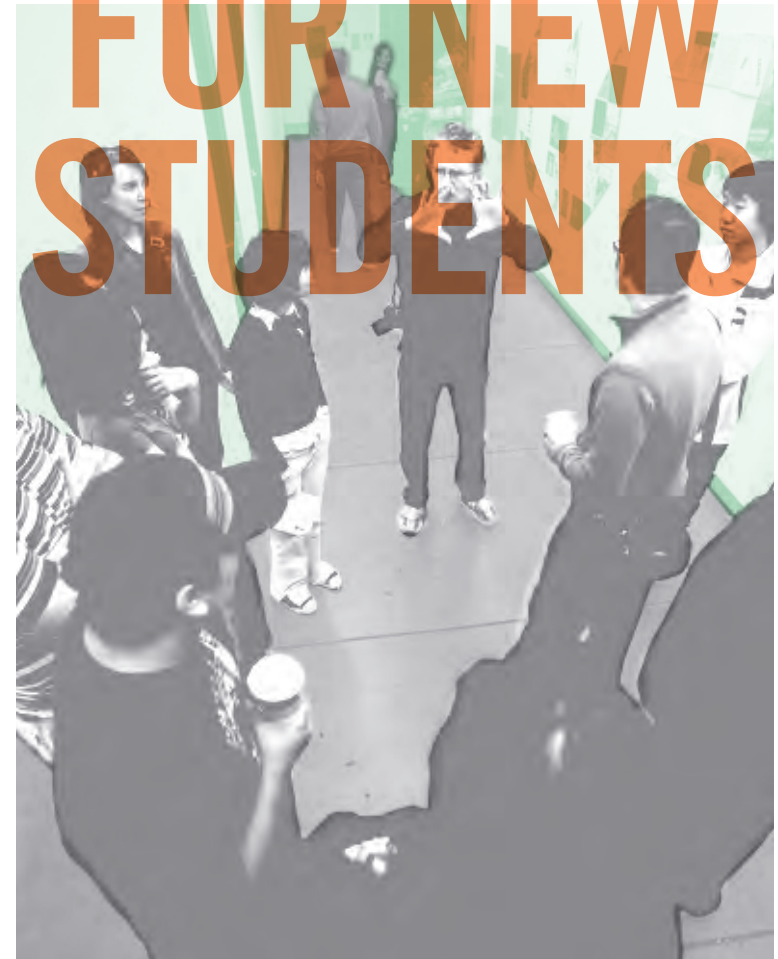
Sheraton Pasadena Hotel
303 E. Cordova St.
Pasadena, CA 91101
626.449.4000
Includes full-service, 24-hour
business center, Soleil Restaurant
and Charlie's Bar.
sheraton.com/pasadena

Super 8 Motel
2863 E. Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91107
626.449.3020
super8pasadena.com

Quality Inn
3321 E. Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91107
626.796.9291
Includes complimentary breakfast
bar, pool, spa and sauna. Quality
executive rooms available.
qualityinn.com

The Westin Pasadena
191 N. Los Robles Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91101
626.792.2727
starwood.com/westin

ARRIVAL FOR NEW STUDENTS



GETTING SETTLED

To find housing, students can access Art Center's off-campus housing website. This secure site lists apartments, houses, rooms for rent and studios available in the Pasadena area. Students can also find roommates using this site. Accepted students receive a password to the site in their acceptance packet. More complete housing information will be sent upon admission.

Other online resources include craigslist.org, places4students.com and westsiderentals.com.

For assistance with your housing research, contact the Center for the Student Experience at 626.396.2323 or housing@artcenter.edu.

DRIVING IN CALIFORNIA

California Driver License
If you are a visitor to California 18 years of age or older, and have a valid driver license from your home state or country, you can drive in this state without getting a California driver license as long as your home state license remains valid.

If you become a California resident, you must get a California driver license within 10 days. Residency is established by voting in a California election, paying resident tuition, filing for a homeowner's property tax exemption, or any other privilege or benefit not ordinarily extended to nonresidents.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A CALIFORNIA DRIVER LICENSE

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) requires acceptable birth date and legal presence documents, a Social Security number and proof that you are in the United States legally. International students are not required to have a social security number.

FINDING A LOCAL DMV OFFICE

Visit the DMV website at dmv.ca.gov to locate the DMV office nearest you. Study the *California Driver Handbook* to prepare for the written and driving tests. The handbook is available online at dmv.ca.gov or at any DMV office. We recommend you call 800.777.0133 to schedule an appointment with a local DMV office to avoid having to wait in line.

Pasadena DMV Office
49 S. Rosemead Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91107
800.777.0133
dmv.ca.gov

REGISTERING A VEHICLE IN CALIFORNIA

If you purchase a vehicle from a dealership, they will normally handle registration for you. If you purchase a vehicle from a private party, be aware that you are responsible for transferring the vehicle registration with the DMV within 10 days of purchase.

OUT-OF-STATE VEHICLES

If you own a vehicle registered in another state or country, you must register the vehicle at the DMV in California within 20 days of establishing residency here.

AUTO INSURANCE

Vehicles driven on California roads are required by law (California Vehicle Code CVC 6088) to carry a minimum of liability auto insurance that proves financial responsibility for any damage or injury caused by a traffic accident, regardless of fault. You must carry

proof of liability insurance at all times when driving. If you do not have acceptable proof of liability and have an accident, you may lose your driver license for up to four years. Bring documents (translated into English, if necessary) confirming your previous good driving record from your home state or country. Insurance companies will review your previous records to determine insurance rates.

AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANIES

Art Center does not recommend or endorse any specific insurance company, but the following companies are often used by students.

AAA Automobile Club
of Southern California
801 E. Union St.
Pasadena, CA 91101
626.795.0601
aaa-calif.com

Allstate
261 E. Colorado Blvd., Suite 218
Pasadena, CA 91101
626.793.2101
allstate.com

Farmers Insurance
4 E. Holly St., Suite 209
Pasadena, CA 91103
626.793.4988
farmers.com

State Farm Insurance
739 E. Walnut St., Suite 103
Pasadena, CA 91101
626.449.8096
statefarm.com

ROAD SERVICE

AAA Automobile Club of
Southern California
800.400.4222
aaa-calif.com

Pasadena AAA offers a special group rate to Art Center. Identify yourself as an Art Center student.

FREEWAY SERVICE PATROL (FSP)

This program is a free service of privately owned tow trucks that patrol designated routes on congested urban California freeways. FSP operates during peak hours, and all day in predetermined freeway construction zones. FSP can be reached by using the call boxes on the highway.

For more information, visit chp.ca.gov/programs/fsp.html.

Many insurance companies offer roadside assistance services. Check with your insurance agent.

BANKING SERVICES

Documents needed to open a banking account are a current driver license and/or major credit card. International students must present a valid passport.

Ask your home bank if they have a sister branch or related bank in Los Angeles. Art Center does not endorse specific banks, but below are a few local banking options.

BANKS IN PASADENA

Bank of America
399 E. Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91101
818.507.6700
bankofamerica.com

Chase Bank
860 E. Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91101
626.795.5177
chase.com

Citibank
161 W. California Blvd
Pasadena, CA 91105
800.627.3999
citibank.com

Wells Fargo Bank
350 W. Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91105
626.449.3661
wellsfargo.com

CURRENCY EXCHANGE

Exchange rates and currency exchange for U.S. dollars
x-rates.com

International Currency Express, Inc.
427 N. Camden Drive, Suite G
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
310.278.6628

International Currency Exchange booths are located in the departure halls of every terminal at Los Angeles International Airport. For exchange rates, call 310.646.7934 or visit iceplc.com.

CHECK CASHING AND CHECKING ACCOUNTS

Plan to use traveler's checks until you have opened an account with a local bank. Many banks require that you show a valid California driver license before opening an account. A cashier's check from another state will take 10 to 15 days to clear. Art Center will accept personal checks for tuition and art supplies.

Monthly Service Fees

Many banks will waive their monthly service fee if you keep a minimum balance in your checking or savings account. Be aware of that amount, and keep at least that total in your account at all times.

Overdraft Protection

This option protects you from bouncing checks. Your bank will automatically transfer money from your savings account to cover a large check amount. Many banks offer this service at no additional charge.

Check Limits

Some banks limit how many checks you can write each month. Make sure you know how many checks you can write to avoid being charged an extra fee.

CASH/ATM MACHINES

Banks charge extra fees if you use cash machines at banks other than your own. You may want to open an account with a bank that has offices in many locations and cities in the Los Angeles area. An ATM is available outside Art Center's Student Store, across from the Cafeteria.

WIRING FUNDS TO ART CENTER FOR TUITION AND FEES

If you want to wire funds to pay Art Center tuition, use the following information:

Wells Fargo Bank
1000 Lakes Drive
West Covina, CA 91790
Account Number 400-0022293
ABA Number 121-000-248
Make sure your name (not your parents' names) is on the transfer information.

STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE

All Art Center students are automatically covered by student health insurance at the time of registration. This is not an optional plan; it is offered at no cost to each student as a benefit of being a student here. A copy of your health insurance policy will be provided at orientation.

EXPLORING LOS ANGELES

Your educational experience at Art Center will extend beyond the classroom and into Pasadena and Los Angeles. Pasadena is a vibrant city of about 150,000. Known as a "City of Learning," Pasadena contains the second-highest concentration of art, cultural and educational institutions in the United States. Pasadena has a rich architectural and design history that includes works by Frank Lloyd Wright, the Greene brothers, Wallace Neff and artisans of the Arroyo Craftsman style. It also hosts an impressive collection of cultural institutions including the Norton Simon Museum; The Huntington Library, Art Collection and Botanical Gardens; the Armory Center for the Arts and the Pacific Asia Museum.

Located just minutes from campus, Los Angeles is home to a thriving art scene with some 350 art galleries and several world-class museums including the Getty Center, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and the Museum of Contemporary Art. Each neighborhood and district—from downtown to Beverly Hills to Hollywood to Santa Monica—has something unique to offer.

Following are some websites that can help you begin exploring and taking advantage of the cultural and recreational resources available to you.

GENERAL RESOURCES

City of Pasadena Official Site
cityofpasadena.net

City of Los Angeles Official Site
lacity.org

LA Weekly
Free weekly publication for Los Angeles news, cultural events and classifieds. Pick up on campus or at local shops and restaurants.
laweekly.com

Craigslist Los Angeles
Online classifieds including housing rentals, vehicle sales and more.
la.craigslist.org

CULTURAL GUIDES

ExperienceLA
experiencela.com

Flavorpill
flavorpill.com/losangeles

Juxtapoz Magazine
juxtapoz.com

Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs
culturela.org

Los Angeles Magazine
lamag.com

Los Angeles Times Entertainment Guide
latimes.com/theguide

ARTIST AND GALLERY INFORMATION

Artslant
Contemporary art network
artslant.com/la

Art Scene
Guide to galleries and
museums in Southern California
artscenecal.com

Culture Monster
Los Angeles Times arts blog
latimes.com/culturemonster

For Your Art
Guide to art events
losangeles.foryourart.com

Pasadena CultureNet
pasadena-culture.net

FILM AND CINEMA INFORMATION

American Cinematheque
Independent screenings in
Hollywood and Santa Monica
americancinematheque.com

Cinespia
Summer classic film screenings
at Hollywood Forever Cemetery
cinespia.org

Film Independent
Film events and news
film-independent.org

Laemmle Theaters
Independent movie theaters
laemmle.com

Los Angeles Film Festival
lafilmfest.com

Silver Lake Film Festival
silverlakefilmfestival.org

Outfest
outfest.org

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Center for the Student Experience (CSE) focuses on building a positive Art Center student experience while meeting important service and program needs of students.

The CSE also coordinates assistance for international students who are enrolled in Art Center degree programs. Students will receive detailed information at the time of admission.

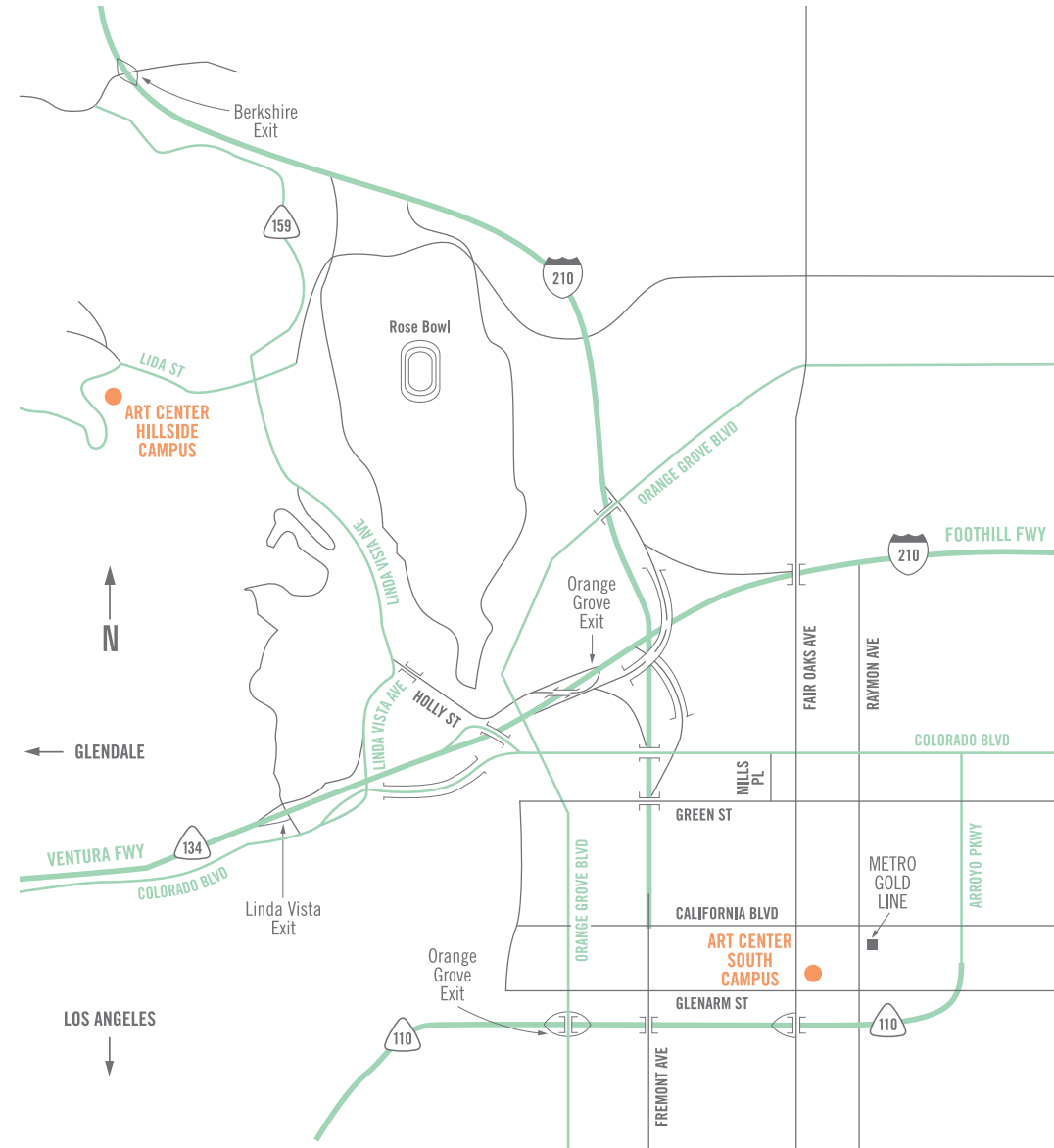
The International Advisor in the Center for the Student Experience is available for general assistance regarding adjusting to life in the United States and for advising on enrollment, employment and other matters as they relate to international students.

Prospective international students should contact the Office of Admissions at 626.396.2373 or admissions@artcenter.edu.

Admitted incoming and current students should contact the International Advisor in the CSE for more information regarding programs and services at 626.396.2370 or international@artcenter.edu.

Incoming and current students can also find more information by logging on to inside.artcenter.edu, selecting "Dot Life," and then "International Student Programs."

LOCAL MAP



ART CENTER CONTACTS

Hillside Campus
1700 Lida Street
Pasadena, CA 91103

South Campus
950 S. Raymond Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91105

Office of Admissions
626.396.2373

Housing Information
626.396.2323
housing@artcenter.edu

Center for the
Student Experience (CSE)
626.396.2323
cse@artcenter.com

International Students
626.396.2370
international@artcenter.edu

