

UNIVERSITY OF THE  
**PACIFIC**  
McGeorge School of Law

**CENTERS OF DISTINCTION**  
**Graduate & International Programs**

*Arrival & Orientation*  
*Pocket Guide*  
*Fall 2009*

**International**  
**J.S.D., LL.M.**  
**& Exchange Students**

Please keep this quick reference guide with you as you travel to Sacramento.

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## *Sacramento*

Sacramento, “The City of Trees,” is the capital of the state of California, and is located 90 miles (140 km) northeast of San Francisco, 383 miles (616 km) north of Los Angeles, and 65 miles (105 km) east of the Napa Valley wine country. Not only is Sacramento the 7th largest city in California, but it is also California’s largest inland city. The population is 460,000 within the city limits, but there are two million in the six-county metropolitan area. Full of history from the days of the “Gold Rush” and cultural treasures, “Sac” has over 20 museums, professional sports, and institutes of higher education. *Time* magazine has called Sacramento the most diverse city in the country. Sacramento International Airport is approximately 15 minutes north of the downtown area.

## *Tuition Deposit & Tuition*

A tuition deposit of \$250, payable in two installments, is required to ensure your place in the LL.M. program. You are required to pay your tuition deposit within one month of receipt of your admittance letter. Exchange students do not pay a tuition deposit. Tuition for 2009 is \$26,800, or \$13,400 per semester. Tuition is payable prior to registration each semester. Arrangements may be made with the Business Office for an installment plan to pay tuition.

## *Living Expenses*

Living expenses are the other major component of the educational cost. The cost of living in Sacramento is less than in larger, coastal metropolitan areas. If living on campus, a student budget of approximately \$1,500 per month provides for a comfortable standard of living.

## *What to Bring With You to the United States*

### Things to bring with you:

- Prescription medicine
- Contact lenses (if worn) for your entire stay
- Immigration papers
- Personal effects
- Personal Items (soap, toiletries)
- Decorations (pictures, posters)
- Power plug adaptor for electronics (U.S. uses 110 volts)

### Things you can buy in Sacramento:

- Iron/Ironing Board, hangers
- Telephone, Computer & cable cords
- Cleaning & Laundry Supplies
- Alarm Clock, Stereo/Radio
- Wastebasket & trash bags
- Television/VCR/DVD
- Bicycle/Bike Lock
- Microwave oven, desk lamp
- Towels & Washcloths

\* Bedding (sheets, pillow, blanket, etc.) can be purchased here, but if you bring them, note that campus beds are double (full) size, 53x75"/135x191cm.

## *Clothing*

Be prepared for a variety of weather conditions ranging from very hot and dry to cool and rainy. The “layered look” is convenient, as nights can be cooler with warmer days. Weather averages are six days of rain, with average high temperatures ranging from 53.5°F (12°C) in January, to 88°F (31°C) in July. Occasional extremes range from below freezing to above 100°F. Although McGeorge has no dress code, you may want to bring at least one suit and/or formal dress for occasional “dress-up” events. Gym clothes and a swimming suit can be used as McGeorge has an on-campus exercise room and outdoor swimming pool.

### **You may ship items to the following address:**

*Your Name*  
In care of (c/o)  
Pacific McGeorge School of Law  
Graduate & International Programs  
3200 Fifth Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95817  
USA

**This address can also be provided to immigration officers at the port of entry into the United States and/or as the address label on your baggage.**

**Please plan to arrive in Sacramento between  
January 5 – 11, 2009.**

**PLEASE NOTE: CAMPUS OFFICES ARE  
CLOSED FOR THE WINTER BREAK FROM  
DECEMBER 24 – JANUARY 4.**

## *Arrival Process Checklist*

### **Pre-Arrival**

- Schedule a Visa interview appointment at the US Embassy or Consulate. A list of US Embassies and Consulates can be found at [www.embassyworld.com](http://www.embassyworld.com). Each embassy or consulate has different procedures; please contact them for more information.
- The following documents are needed for the VISA interview with the US Embassy or Consulate:
  - Valid Current Passport
  - Form I-20 or DS-2019
  - Form I-797 (receipt for paying SEVIS fee)
  - Financial Statement from you or your sponsor. Remember to check with the American Consulate in your country for any additional requirements.
- Upon receiving your Student Visa (F-1) or Exchange Visitor Visa (J-1), check to see if program and personal information is accurate. If the information is not correct, contact the Pacific McGeorge School of Law Graduate and International Programs Office immediately so that corrections can be made in a timely manner.
- If you have on-campus housing, you may contact Nancy Whalen, Housing Manager, to confirm the earliest date that your apartment will be available. Nancy can be reached at [nwhalen@pacific.edu](mailto:nwhalen@pacific.edu) or by phone at 916.739.7119.

Please inform Rachel Dubay in the Graduate and International Programs at [rdubay@pacific.edu](mailto:rdubay@pacific.edu) or call 916.739.7019, of arrival date and time and flight information to Sacramento. **We recommend that you fly directly to Sacramento. If you do so, we will be glad to meet your flight and provide transportation to the campus.**

### **Port of Entry Process**

- Upon arrival in the United States, you must provide the following documents to the immigration officers:
  - Valid Current Passport with American Visa
  - Original Form I-20
  - Letter of acceptance from Pacific McGeorge

**After clearing customs, be sure you have the above documents and a stamped FORM I-94.**

## *Transportation to Sacramento*

The Graduate and International Programs Office will provide airport pick-up for students arriving at the Sacramento Airport. In the event such arrangements are not possible, please see below for alternative airport transportation.

### **From Sacramento International Airport (SMF)**

Approximately 15 minutes to downtown Sacramento and 20 minutes to campus.

- *Supershuttle* - \$20 to Sacramento (No reservation needed)  
[www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com) or Call 1.800.258.3826 (U.S. toll free)
- *Super Cab* - \$35 - \$40 to Downtown / \$45-\$50 to McGeorge Campus.  
Call 916.879.7700 or 710.3900

### **From San Francisco International Airport (SFO)**

Approximately a two-hour drive to McGeorge campus.

- *Davis Airporter shuttle van* – **Call to Reserve!** 1.800.565.5153;  
[www.davisairporter.com](http://www.davisairporter.com); email: [shuttle@davisairporter.com](mailto:shuttle@davisairporter.com)
- *From SFO, take BART to Amtrak, for arrival in downtown Sacramento* - Take BART from SFO airport to Richmond (1 hour). From Richmond (RIC) take Amtrak to Sacramento (SAC). The trip is approximately 1 hour 43 minutes and approximately \$19. From Amtrak Sacramento Station to Sacramento hotels by taxi: \$5-\$10.

**BART** (Bay Area Rapid Transit train system) [www.bart.gov](http://www.bart.gov) or 650.992.2278

**Amtrak** (train) [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com) or 1.800.872.7245 (U.S. toll free)

### **From downtown Sacramento to Campus by public transportation on the Light Rail (train) or Bus**

- Take light rail to 29<sup>th</sup> Street. Transfer to the 67/68 bus southbound to Franklin Boulevard and Fifth Avenue. Walk across freeway bridge to McGeorge Campus. Visit [www.sacrt.com](http://www.sacrt.com) or call 916.321.2877 for more information on routes and schedules.

**\*Bicycles are a good way to get around in Sacramento.  
You can put your bike on the bus!**

## *Temporary Lodging*

### **Sacramento Hostel (\$25-\$66 per night)**

925 H Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Tel: 916.443.1691

[www.norcalhostels.org](http://www.norcalhostels.org)

Dormitory-style accommodations in downtown Sacramento in a mansion built in 1885. Shared rooms and baths with some private rooms available. Reservations recommended. Helpful staff. New arrivals until 7:30 p.m. Notify Graduate and International Programs at [rdubay@pacific.edu](mailto:rdubay@pacific.edu) or 916.739.7019, if you will be staying at the hostel. Graduate and International Programs will assist with transportation from Hostel to campus.

### **Vagabond Inn (\$90 Pacific Student Rate\*)**

909 3rd Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 / Tel: 916.446.1481

1319 30th Street, Sacramento, CA 95816 / Tel: 916.454.4400

[www.vagabondinn.com](http://www.vagabondinn.com).

Great location in downtown – walk to shops, restaurants, shopping mall, theatre, Old Town and Amtrak train station across the street. Daily complimentary continental breakfast. \*To obtain the negotiated rate of \$90.00 for international students, contact the Graduate and International Programs Office at [rdubay@pacific.edu](mailto:rdubay@pacific.edu) or 916.739.7019 to arrange a reservation. McGeorge will assist with transportation from hotel to campus.

### **Extended Stay America (\$75-\$80 per night)**

2100 Harvard Street, Sacramento, CA 95815

Tel: 916.921.9942

[www.extendedstayamerica.com](http://www.extendedstayamerica.com)

Includes in-unit kitchenette, wireless internet, on-site laundry. Connect to campus by bus or taxi. Graduate and International Programs will assist with transportation from hotel to campus.

### **Marriott Residence Inn (\$159+ per night)**

1501 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

[www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com)

Includes in-unit kitchenette, living room and a daily complimentary continental breakfast. Located in downtown and one block from the State Capitol. Graduate and International Programs will assist with transportation from hotel to campus.

## Long Term Lodging

### McGeorge On-Campus Housing—Very Limited!

[www.mcgeorge.edu/x589.xml](http://www.mcgeorge.edu/x589.xml)

Housing Manager Nancy Whalen's email - [nwhalen@pacific.edu](mailto:nwhalen@pacific.edu)

Tel: 916.739.7119. Fax: 916.739.7260

Both furnished and unfurnished apartments are available. All units feature wall-to-wall carpet, window coverings, built-in appliances, cable internet modem and individually controlled air-conditioner/heater. Furnished apartments include a desk, desk chair, double (full) sized bed, dresser, night stand, sofa, cushioned chair, coffee table, end table, dinette set including 4 chairs, table or floor lamps. Furnished apartments do **not** include housekeeping items and supplies. You will need to either purchase these items once you arrive or bring them with you. Your rent covers cable internet access, water, garbage, sewer and hot water (gas). You must pay for the electrical, telephone and cable TV (optional) services separately.

To qualify for on-campus housing, students must pay their \$250 tuition deposit, and THEN are eligible to apply for on-campus housing. Please fax or email the housing request form directly to Rachel Dubay at 916.739.7363 or [rdu-bay@pacific.edu](mailto:rdu-bay@pacific.edu). Space is extremely limited.

A housing deposit in the amount of \$200 is required once a student is notified about an available unit. The housing deposit can be paid with a credit card, check/money order or cash. The deposit may be refunded at the end of your lease, if there were no damages. **Using a credit card is the easiest way to receive the deposit refund, especially if you are leaving the country immediately after graduation and do not have time to wait for a refund check.**

Please note that **you will not be billed for your monthly housing rental.** Your rent is due on a monthly basis, and **you must go to the Business Office to pay the amount due.**

### Off-Campus Apartment Rentals

[www.mcgeorge.edu/x586.xml](http://www.mcgeorge.edu/x586.xml)

The Housing Office maintains an off-campus Housing Rent Board. A number of Sacramento area rentals are posted, and the Housing Office will offer assistance in helping you find adequate housing.

A list of Sacramento rentals is also available at [www.craigslist.org](http://www.craigslist.org). Single apartments range from \$600 - \$1000 a month, shared \$450 - \$700. This website, [www.Sublet.com](http://www.Sublet.com), will direct you to local apartment rentals, sublets, houses and rooms for rent. Select the state of California and the city of Sacramento to see current rental options and prices.

## ***LL.M. & Exchange Students Welcome & Orientation Program***

*Please arrive between January 5—11*, and plan to attend the orientation sessions that will prepare you for the semester. The following events have been planned to help acquaint you with the campus and also the neighborhood surrounding Pacific McGeorge.

### **January 5—9, 2009**

#### ***Course Selection meetings***

Students will be scheduled for individual advising sessions for course selection and approval. International Programs will notify you of meeting times upon your arrival. Professor McElwain (or other program advisor) must sign each class selection before a student may register for classes.

### **January 9, 2009**

#### ***Welcome and Introduction to Campus Services Classroom S-1 (Library), 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.***

Key members of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law staff and professors will explain campus services. Students will be given a tour of the campus and obtain a student photo ID card.

### **January 12, 2009**

Spring semester classes begin.

### **January 16, 2009**

#### ***English Language Assessment***

McGeorge is in partnership with California State University Sacramento in providing on-campus English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, for the first four weeks of each semester. This assessment will determine your placement in these ESL classes. These classes are provided as a courtesy to all international students at Pacific McGeorge, and there is no extra charge to take them.

#### ***International Student Welcome Lunch The Student Center, 1– 2:30 p.m.***

This will be a great time to meet your fellow international students, the Dean and professors.

#### ***Orientation Classes***

#### ***Classroom S-1 (Library), 10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.***

Orientation classes will introduce you to the American system of legal education and American legal analysis. The text, Legal Analysis: The Fundamental Skill by David S. Romantz and Kathleen Elliott Vinson is available in the Graduate and International Programs Office.

### **January 20, 2009**

ESL Classes begin each morning

### **January 21, 2009**

Group Photograph

### **January 24, 2009**

Neighborhood Walking Tour

### **TBA**

Mentorship Meeting

## *Graduate and International Programs Services*

### **Shopping Trips**

At the beginning of each semester, the Graduate and International Programs Office organizes trips to the local stores and agencies to help you get settled. This semester, we have the following trips planned:

- Monday, January 5—grocery store (closest) and bread store
- Tuesday, January 6—grocery store (biggest)
- Wednesday, January 7—Target store (everything)
- Thursday, January 8—grocery store, electronics and cell phone stores
- Saturday, January 10—Wal-mart store (everything) and Mexican restaurant
- Sunday, January 11—Tower Café for lunch and downtown mall (many stores)
- Tuesday, January 14—bank

### **Pacific McGeorge Student Mentor Program**

The Graduate & International Programs Office links new students with current volunteer students familiar with the Sacramento area. Hosts will be able to assist you with information about shopping, local restaurants, local transportation and social activity. Your mentor's name will be provided to you soon after arriving in Sacramento. Graduate and International Programs will plan a group meeting for mentors and students.

### **Free English Classes**

In cooperation with California State University Sacramento (CSUS), Pacific McGeorge Graduate and International Programs, offers a 4-week casual course for second language learners who would like to gain additional English speaking and listening language techniques and strategies for the classroom. All international students are welcomed. **This is not a course in law.**

### **Bicycle Rentals**

Graduate and International Programs rents bicycles to students looking for a cost effective way to get around Sacramento. Sacramento is a very bicycle friendly city. Public buses and trains have bike racks, making a bicycle a convenient, yet affordable way to get around town. Bicycles are available to international students on a "first-come, first-served" basis.

- If you are interested in reserving a bike, please email AnnMichelle Hart, at [a\\_hart1@pacific.edu](mailto:a_hart1@pacific.edu).
- Renting a bike costs \$15 dollars a month, prorated if your rental starts or ends in the middle of the month.
- A \$20 deposit is required and will be returned if the bike is in good condition after the rental period.
- Bikes will also be available for short-term rentals of \$1.00 a day, for the weekend or if you have a visitor in town. This is subject to availability.
- A bike rental includes the bike (commuter style), a helmet, a light for riding at night, and a lock to secure the bike while it is not being used.

## *Important Cards*

### **Pacific McGeorge School of Law Student Identification (ID) Card:**

The Admissions Office issues identification cards to students during the orientation period and whenever needed. The Student ID card is required for many things around campus. For example, the ID card is required to access the Library. If you live on campus, it will also serve as the key to your apartment. The Student ID card will also give you discounts to many of the campus related events.

As a student, you will also be issued an identification number (also printed on your ID card) often referred to as a **“988 number”**. This identification number is unique to you and is part of the registration process for Pacific McGeorge School of Law. This number will be asked of you at various times such as when you are paying rent for your on-campus housing or tuition for the semester, or on examinations.

### **Laundry Card:**

A laundry card is needed to use the laundry facilities on campus. Obtain your laundry card from the machine in the gym. The machine requires a credit card or bank card with a credit card logo. If you do not have either of these bank cards when arriving, please see Rachel Dubay in the Graduate and International Programs Office, and she will assist you until you obtain a bank card.

### **Social Security Card ([www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)), Tel: 916.381.9410:**

*\* For authorized students only.*

While you are a student at Pacific McGeorge, you will only need a U.S. Social Security Number if you obtain a job. \* International students with visas are limited to working on-campus jobs only, and these jobs are extremely limited. The Social Security Administration Office is located at 8351 Folsom Boulevard. The office is open from Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

When applying for a social security number, you must provide the following:

- Letter from Eric McElwain
- Letter from your employer (stating: Tax payer ID number, name of student, job description, start date, how many hours you'll be working, and the name and contact information for your direct supervisor)
- Passport, your visa, your I-20 or DS-2019, and your I-94 card

You will also have an interview with one of the employees of the Social Security Administration. **\*Please note that on-campus jobs are extremely limited.**

## *Important Cards...Continued*

### **California Identification Card and Driver License ([www.dmv.ca.gov](http://www.dmv.ca.gov)):**

The California State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is located at 4700 Broadway. It is open Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Friday: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; and 8:00 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday of the month. In order for a nonresident over the age of 18 to drive in California, he or she must have a valid driver license from the country of residence. Please confer with the DMV to make sure you can legally drive in California before driving. California **DOES NOT** recognize the International License. You may also obtain a California Identification Card from the DMV by filling out an application at the office in person. You'll need to provide your passport, visa and your I-20 or DS-2019 and I-94 card.

### **Health Insurance Identification Card:**

As mandated by your international student visa and Pacific McGeorge, health insurance is required. Pacific McGeorge will automatically enroll all students in the Aetna Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) and charge you \$525.00/per semester for the coverage **unless proof of other insurance (which is valid in the U.S.) is provided.** In addition to the semester premium, there is a deductible and co-pay for each doctor visit. Students must provide documentation of a personal health insurance plan and proof of that coverage in order to opt out of the SHIP plan. Students with questions concerning SHIP can visit the website at [www.chickering.com](http://www.chickering.com).

Urgent care locations closest to the Pacific McGeorge campus, that accept SHIP, are:

*Mercy Medical*  
3160 Folsom Blvd.  
Sacramento, CA 95816  
916.733.3435

*Sutter Express Care*  
980 Florin Road  
Sacramento, CA  
95831  
800.972.5547

**For an  
emergency,  
dial 911**

If your personal health insurance DOES NOT cover you in the U.S., and/or you do not want to enroll in SHIP, you have the option to find a health insurance of your choice. Two recommendations are:

- US NetCare – 1.800.453.8648 or [www.usnetcare.com](http://www.usnetcare.com)
- COMPASS – 1.800.244.1180 or [www.isoa.org](http://www.isoa.org)

**\*Please note: If you regularly take prescription medication or wear contact lenses, bring enough supply for the duration of your stay. Foreign medical prescriptions may not be valid in the U.S.**

## ***Important Information to Know!***

Some of this information may be relevant to you and your program. Please note the following very carefully.

### **LL.M. Transnational Business Practice in Collaboration with the University of Salzburg with INTERNSHIP**

If you participate in the fall semester in Salzburg, the courses taken there do not qualify you to take the New York bar exam. You must have the 20 required American semester hours of credits taken at an American law school in the U.S. Credits earned in an internship also are not counted towards the required 20 credits. You will only receive 6 credits that count towards the Bar requirements if you are enrolled in this program.

On-campus housing is very limited. Because you are only at McGeorge for six weeks before starting your internship, most apartment units have already been rented for the entire semester. If you are interested in being placed on a wait list for on-campus housing, check with our Housing Manager, Nancy Whalen, for availability. Please look at the list of temporary housing on page 7 of this handbook for additional temporary lodging options.

### **LL.M. Transnational Business Practice with INTERNSHIP**

Please note that the credit you will receive for your internship does not qualify you for the New York bar exam. If you wish to take the New York bar exam, please contact Eric McElwain to discuss your options. You will need a minimum of 20 credits taken as classes to qualify for the New York Bar exam.

If you start in the fall semester and have on-campus housing, make sure to confirm that your housing lease extends through **February**, or until you start your internship. You should not count on being able to renew or extend your lease if it was originally leased through December only.

### **Mandatory Health Insurance**

As of the 2008 fall semester, the University of the Pacific requires all students, which includes Pacific McGeorge students, to have personal health insurance. You may buy the school insurance or you may “opt out,” and provide proof that you have other coverage that is valid in the U.S. For more information, see page 12 of this booklet, or go to: [www.chickering.com](http://www.chickering.com).

## *Passwords*

Students will receive a Pacific McGeorge student e-mail account upon arrival. **After the semester begins, this e-mail account is the only one used by McGeorge to communicate information to students.** Make sure to log in and change your password.

Students will be given two additional passwords to use in the Library for legal research. One will allow you to access the Lexis Nexis database, the other to access the Westlaw database. Monica Sharum, the Electronic Services Librarian, will provide you with the passwords to log onto these databases during the orientation session.

## *Recommended Laptop Computer Configuration*

Pacific McGeorge students are not required to own computers; but most do. If you decide to purchase a laptop, we recommend that you visit our website at <http://www.mcgeorge.edu/x593.xml> to ensure you make a compatible purchase. **Please note that if you wish to take your final exams on your laptop, you will need the English version of Microsoft Word.** This software can be purchased at any of the electronic stores.

## *Campus Student Organizations*

Practicing your legal skills doesn't always happen in class or during an internship. Develop some of your legal skills by participating in student-sponsored activities and organizations. So get involved—with your peers, with the community at large, and with the Sacramento legal community! You'll meet people with similar interests, organize meaningful activities, and have plenty of opportunities to network your way into a stellar internship or career! Please visit our website at <http://www.mcgeorge.edu/x628.xml> for a complete list of student organizations and contact information.

## *Campus Disabled Student Services*

Pacific McGeorge School of Law provides reasonable accommodations for students with physical, medical, or learning disabilities. Appropriate accommodations are worked out on a case-by-case basis. Early notice of the need for such accommodations to insure space availability is important. Students who require various types of classroom and examination accommodations should contact the Assistant Dean of Students' Office to obtain information regarding documentation and forms for requesting accommodations and services at 916.739.7089. Please schedule an appointment, prior to or early in the semester, to finalize approved accommodations.

## *Campus Parking Information*

Students must obtain parking permits (from the Business Office) to park autos in on-campus parking lots. **There is no charge for a parking permit** (except in the case of one underground parking lot for residents of one apartment building). Handicapped parking spaces are designated in each of the Pacific McGeorge parking lots. A fenced-in motorcycle/bicycle area and individual bike lockers are also available on campus next to the school gym. Keys to these fenced areas may be obtained from the Business Office. These are subject to availability.

**Visitors** to the campus should feel free to park in the streets without a parking permit. However, parking in any of the unreserved spaces in any of the parking lots will require a visitor's parking permit, which can be obtained from the Business Office or the Admissions Office.

## *Campus Public Safety*

Pacific McGeorge School of Law's 13-acre campus with more than 1000 students and 200 employees is located 3 miles from the Capitol building in Sacramento. The school's well-staffed Public Safety Department provides 24-hour, on-campus services. They also offer an escort service at any time upon request to any on-campus locations, call **916.739.7200**.

Eleven call boxes are placed throughout the Pacific McGeorge campus to allow students immediate contact with Public Safety officers in the event of a police, fire, or medical emergency. If you are in need of emergency assistance when away from campus dial **911**. This number can be used to call for help anywhere in the United States.



*Pacific McGeorge Graduate and International Programs is housed on the first floor of Northwest Hall in the north-west corner of the campus.*

## *Computers*

Some places where computers can be purchased are:

- “Best Buy” located at 1901 Arden Way
- “Fry’s Electronic” located at 4100 Northgate Boulevard
- “Circuit City” located at 2121 Arden Way

For additional locations on where to purchase a computer in Sacramento, please see the list of “helpful places” at the end of this pocket guide.

## *Cell Phones*

Many students are interested in getting a cell phone when they arrive in the United States. There are several providers who will allow you to obtain a cell phone without a social security number (SSN), however most plans will require a security deposit. If you are interested in getting a cell phone, we suggest that you talk to other international students; they often have the most up-to-date information on cell phones. Assess your personal use requirements, because sometimes, it is easier and less expensive to use an international calling card or SKYPE (from your computer) for your calling needs.

Some prepaid cell phone calling plans (no social security number or deposit required):

- Verizon – INpulse/Easypay – 2121 Arden Way (Circuit City)
- Net 10. – 4420 Florin Road (Walmart)
- T-mobile - Prepaid “Pay as you Go” – Downtown Mall
- AT&T – Go Phones – 547 L Street, Downtown Mall
- MetroPCS – 2100 Arden Way
- Boost Mobile – 2919 K Street, Suite B

## *Purchasing a Car*

If you are interested in purchasing a car, you will be able to find several local garages as well as internet websites that sell used cars. Here are some places to look:

- Japanese Car Service Center - 2230 16th Street – Call 916.441.0909
- There are also many websites that sell used cars:  
[www.carmax.com](http://www.carmax.com)  
[www.autotrader.com](http://www.autotrader.com)

**NOTE: car insurance is required on all cars in California!**

You may apply for a California Driver License at the  
California Department of Motor Vehicles, 4700 Broadway, Sacramento.

## *Metric Conversion Chart*

<b>Distance</b>
1 in = 2.54 cm
1 cm = .39 in
1 m = 3.3 ft. = 1.1 yd
1 ft = 0.3 m
1 km = 0.62 miles
1 mile = 1.6 km
<b>Weight</b>
1 kg = 2.2 lb (pound)
1 lb = 0.45 kg
1 g = 0.04 oz (ounce)
1 oz = 28 g
<b>Volume</b>
1 L = 0.26 US gallons
1 US gallon = 3.8 L
1 L = 0.22 imperial gallons
1 imperial gallon = 4.55 L
<b>Temperature</b>
$^{\circ}\text{C} = (^{\circ}\text{F} - 32) \div 1.8$
$^{\circ}\text{F} = (^{\circ}\text{C} \times 1.8) + 32$
Boiling Water (212 $^{\circ}\text{F}$ = 100 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
Normal Body Temperature (98.6 $^{\circ}\text{F}$ = 37 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
Freezing Point for Water (32 $^{\circ}\text{F}$ or 0 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

## *Time Changes*

In the United States, there are two different time changes, “Daylight Savings Time” and “Standard Time.” “Daylight Savings Time” is used between the second Sunday in March and the first Sunday in November. In March, the clocks are set one hour ahead. “Standard Time” is used during the other months, so in November the clocks are set back one hour.

## *Weather*

Sacramento with its Mediterranean climate, has mild winters, consisting of light rainfall from December to February, and dry summers with low humidity.

## *American Holidays*

### **January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**New Year's Day.** The celebration of this holiday begins the night before, when Americans gather to wish each other a happy and prosperous coming year. Many Americans make New Year's resolutions.

### **The third Monday in January**

**Martin Luther King Day.** This day is in memory of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who was an African-American Christian clergyman who is recognized for his tireless efforts to win civil rights for all people through nonviolent means.

### **February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Valentine's Day.** The day was named after an early Christian martyr, and on Valentine's Day, Americans give presents like candy or flowers to the ones they love.

### **The third Monday of February**

**Presidents' Day.** This is a day celebrating the birth of two United States Presidents: George Washington, the first president of the United States, and Abraham Lincoln, who is associated with the abolition of slavery.

### **March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Patrick's Day.** This is a day dedicated to the patron saint of Ireland. Many people make a point of wearing something green; if you do not, you risk getting pinched by others.

### **Late March or April**

**Easter.** Easter is a Christian holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. For Christians, Easter is a day of religious services and the gathering of family. Many Americans follow old traditions of coloring hard-boiled eggs and giving children baskets of candy.

### **The fourth Monday of May**

**Memorial Day.** This day originally honored the people killed in the American Civil War, but has become a day to remember those who died in all wars fought. This weekend is the "unofficial" start of summer.

### **July 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Independence Day.** This holiday honors the nation's birthday – the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. It is a day of picnics, patriotic parades, and a night of concerts and fireworks.

### **The first Monday of September**

**Labor Day.** This holiday honors the nation's working people, typically with parades. For most Americans, it marks the end of the summer season and the start of the school year.

## *American Holidays...Continued*

### **The second Monday in October**

**Columbus Day.** The day commemorates October 12, 1492, when Italian navigator, Christopher Columbus, landed in the New World.

### **October 31**

**Halloween.** On Halloween, American children dress up in funny or scary costumes and go "trick or treating" by knocking on doors in their neighborhood. The neighbors are expected to respond by giving them small gifts of candy or money.

### **November 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Veterans Day.** Originally called Armistice Day, this holiday was established to honor Americans who had served in World War I, but it now honors veterans of all wars in which the U.S. has fought. Veterans' organizations hold parades, and the U.S. President places a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

### **The fourth Thursday in November**

**Thanksgiving Day.** This is America's form of a harvest festival. History says that the first Thanksgiving was celebrated after the Native Americans taught the Colonists how to farm food and prepare for long winters. One such event was recorded in 1621 by the Pilgrims in Plymouth Colony. They had a feast and gave thanks for good food and friends. In 1863, President Abe Lincoln declared this day a national holiday. Today, it is still customary for families to gather together and have a large meal and give thanks for food, family, and friends. The meal traditionally includes turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce and pumpkin or apple pie. More people travel to be with friends and family on this day than any other time of the year.

### **Late November or December**

**Hanukkah.** This eight-day Jewish holiday is also known as the Festival of Lights and marks the rededication of the temple in Jerusalem, in the second century. Hanukkah is observed for eight nights, and by the kindling of the lights of a special candelabrum, the Menorah, one light on each night of the holiday, progressing to eight on the final night.

### **December 25**

**Christmas Day.** Christmas is a Christian holiday marking the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a widely celebrated day which includes decorating houses and yards with lights, putting up Christmas trees and giving gifts. Santa Claus and his reindeer supposedly fly and deliver gifts to all the good children on this holiday.

*Pay attention to holiday announcements and calendars, as school, store, and government office closures may be different for each holiday.*

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

What do I do once I arrive on campus?

-After you arrive on campus, please go to Northwest Hall during business hours to check-in with Rachel Dubay in Graduate and International Programs.

How do I get into my on-campus apartment after I arrive?

-Make certain that you have communicated with Nancy Whalen, Housing Manager, about your arrival date and time. If you arrive AFTER business hours, call Campus Public Safety at 916.739.7200.

Where can I buy groceries, electronics, and other household or personal items?

-To get you acquainted with the area, there will be scheduled shopping trips to local shops during check-in and orientation week.

What is included in a furnished on-campus apartment?

-Furnished apartments include a desk, desk chair, double (full) sized bed, dresser, night stand, sofa, cushioned chair, coffee table, end table, dinette set including 4 chairs, table or floor lamps. Furnished apartments do **not** include housekeeping items and supplies.

What must I do to prepare for the first class?

-Please go to this school webpage to see what assignments are due for the first class. This page will also list the books needed for each class.

**<http://www.mcgeorge.edu/x3134.xml>**

What kind of career development resources are available?

Of course Professor McElwain, along with other program administrators are always willing to talk with you. Along with faculty, we have a Career Development Office (CDO) that is open to students and provides a myriad of resources, including special programs for LL.M. students.

Tell me about public transportation in Sacramento.

-Although Sacramento has public transportation, it is not as accessible as some large cities and not as prolific as students from Europe and Asia are accustomed. Sacramento is a “bike-friendly” city, and owning or renting a bike can be very helpful. Grocery stores, along with banks and post office are within easy walking distance.

Where do I buy my books for class?

-You may purchase your books in the on-campus book store. However, you are not limited to purchasing them there. Some students have obtained books on-line or at other local bookstore. If your money has not yet arrived by the time class starts, you may pick up a “Book Voucher” from Rachel Dubay in order to buy books on credit at the campus bookstore.

Am I required to have a computer?

No, you are not required to have a personal computer, although most students have a laptop to use in class and for studying. In addition to campus wide wireless access, most classrooms provide computer outlets at each student’s seat. Be sure to check page 14 for the recommended computer configurations. You also have the choice of taking exams using your laptop computer.

## *Academic Calendar*

### *SPRING SEMESTER 2009*

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Classes begin	Monday, January 12, 2009
Martin Luther King Day (holiday)	Monday, January 19, 2009
Last day to add or drop classes	Tuesday, January 20, 2009
Presidents Day (no classes)	Monday, February 16, 2009
	<i>(Tuesday, 2/17 will be treated as a Monday for class purposes.)</i>
Spring Break	March 23—27, 2009
Last day of classes	Tuesday, April 28, 2009
Reading Period	April 29—May 3, 2009
Final Examination Period	May 4—15, 2009
Commencement (Graduation)	Saturday, May 16, 2009

### *SUMMER SESSIONS 2009*

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Registration (8:30am – 5:30pm)	March 23—April 24, 2009
Session 1	May 18—June 10, 2009
Memorial Day (holiday)	Monday, May 25, 2009
Last day for partial tuition refund	Friday, June 5, 2009
Session 2	June 16—June 30, 2009
Fourth of July (holiday)	Friday, July 3, 2009
Session 3	July 27—August 11, 2009

### *FALL SEMESTER 2009*

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Classes begin	Monday, August 17, 2009
Labor Day (holiday)	Monday, September 7, 2009
Veteran's Day observed (holiday), no classes	Friday, November 13, 2009
Last day of classes	Tuesday, November 24, 2009
Thanksgiving Recess	November 25—27, 2009
Reading Period	November 28—December 3, 2009
Final Examination Period	December 4—17, 2009

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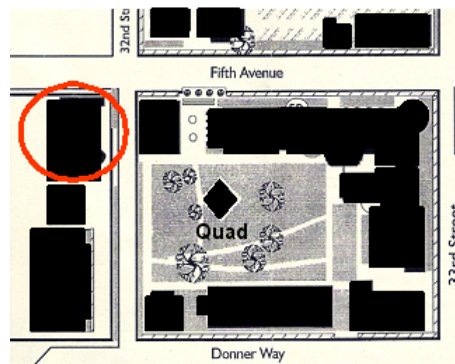
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## *List of Helpful Places*

To help you get settled in!

### Bank

Bank of America  
1515 Broadway  
(Corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Broadway)

### Bookstores

America's Legal Bookstore  
725 J St.  
On-campus Bookstore  
916. 739.7144

### CA Driver's License/CA ID Card

DMV  
4700 Broadway

### Coffee Shops

The Coffee Garden  
2904 Franklin Blvd. at 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
N Street Café  
2022 N St.  
Starbucks  
3434 Broadway  
1401 Alhambra Blvd.  
(Open 24 hours)

### Drugstores

Rite-Aid  
2101 S St.  
1125 Alhambra Blvd.  
(Open 24 hours)  
Walgreens  
1401 Broadway

### Everything Stores

Target  
2505 Riverside Blvd.  
IKEA  
700 IKEA Ct., West Sacramento  
Walmart  
4420 Florin Rd.

### Grocery Stores

Mercado Loco  
3710 Franklin Blvd.  
Safeway Food & Drug  
1025 Alhambra Blvd.  
Asian Market  
1301 Broadway

### Haircuts

Belleza Hair Salon  
3631 Franklin Blvd.  
Allure Salon  
2115 J St. Suite 102  
Norm's Barbershop  
2890 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.

### Malls

Downtown Plaza & K Street Mall  
K Street from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Streets  
Arden Fair Mall  
1689 Arden Way

### Medical (Urgent Care)

Mercy Medical Center  
3000 Q Street  
Sutter Express Care  
980 Florin Rd.

### Office Supply/Electronics/Computers

Best Buy  
1901 Arden Wy  
Office Max  
1707 J St.  
Staples  
1900 Howe Ave.  
Fry's  
4100 Northgate Blvd.  
Circuit City  
2121 Arden Wy

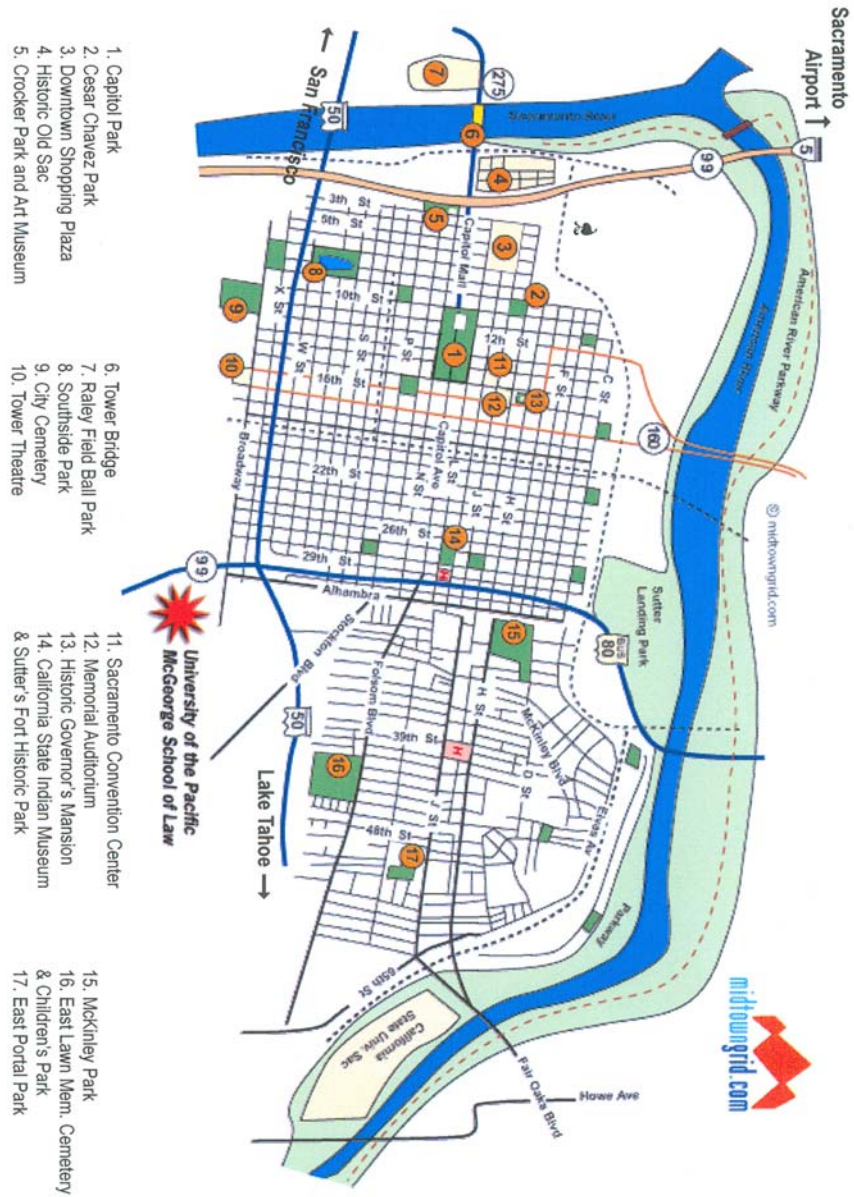
### Parks

Curtis Park  
9<sup>th</sup> Ave. & W. Curtis Dr.  
McKinley Park  
601 Alhambra Blvd.  
Land Park  
1702 Sutterville Rd.  
McClatchy Park  
3500 Fifth Ave.

### Post Offices/Shipping Services

United States Post Office  
2929 35<sup>th</sup> St.

Please visit our website at <http://www.mcgeorge.edu/x439.xml>  
for more information about Sacramento.



1. Capitol Park
2. Cesar Chavez Park
3. Downtown Shopping Plaza
4. Historic Old Sac
5. Crocker Park and Art Museum
6. Tower Bridge
7. Raley Field Ball Park
8. Southside Park
9. City Cemetery
10. Tower Theatre
11. Sacramento Convention Center
12. Memorial Auditorium
13. Historic Governor's Mansion
14. California State Indian Museum & Sutter's Fort Historic Park
15. McKinley Park
16. East Lawn Mem. Cemetery & Children's Park
17. East Portal Park

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