



# GETTING STARTED IN FULLERTON

*An introductory guide to living in Fullerton and Orange County.*

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## Cell Phones

In the US, there are a variety of cell phone carriers and plans for you to choose from. Most cell phone providers will ask for a cash deposit for new clients who do not have credit history in the U.S., and require you to sign a contract for up to two years. Some cell phone providers have no contract, month-by-month plans where you pay up front each month. The best way to find a company that fits your needs is to compare cell phone companies' options and plans.

### Cell Phone Providers Near CSUF

#### AT&T

(prepaid phones/annual contract)  
1643 E. Imperial Hwy  
Brea, CA 92821  
[www.wireless.att.com](http://www.wireless.att.com)  
(714) 672-0436

#### T-Mobile

(prepaid phones)  
1065 Brea Mall Suite 1110 B  
Brea, CA 92821  
[www.t-mobile.com](http://www.t-mobile.com)  
(714) 672-0780

#### Metro PCS

(prepaid phones)  
205 E. Orangethorpe Ave.  
Fullerton, CA 92832  
[www.sprint.com](http://www.sprint.com)  
(714) 730-2866

#### Target

(prepaid phones, monthly plan)  
2920 Yorba Linda Blvd.  
Fullerton, CA 92831  
[www.target.com](http://www.target.com)  
(714) 579-3090

## Money & Banking

Once you have arrived and settled in, you should open a local bank account as soon as possible so that you can deposit money, write checks for bills, get access to a debit card and use automated teller machines (ATMs) to get cash on the go. Be sure to ask your bank about the services it offers, and to explain any terms, fees or procedures you don't understand.

### Banks Near CSUF

#### US Bank

Titan Bookstore (On-Campus)  
(714) 446-1900

#### Bank of America

2516 E. Chapman Ave.  
Fullerton, CA 92831  
[www.bankofamerica.com](http://www.bankofamerica.com)  
(714) 778-7355

#### Wells Fargo

3330 Yorba Linda Blvd  
Fullerton, CA 92831  
[www.wellsfargo.com](http://www.wellsfargo.com)  
(714) 996-5505

#### Chase Bank

2569 E Chapman Ave #6a  
Fullerton, CA 92831  
[www.chase.com](http://www.chase.com)  
(714) 459-4630

#### Union Bank of California

3200 E. Yorba Linda Blvd.  
Fullerton, CA 92831  
[www.unionbank.com](http://www.unionbank.com)  
(714) 572-1125

## Documents Needed to Open a Bank Account

If you have a Social Security Number (SSN) or International Tax Identification Number (ITIN):

- Student F-1 or J-1 visa
- U.S. Driver's License or U.S. ID Card

If you don't have a Social Security Number (SSN) or International Tax Identification Number (ITIN):

- Student F-1 or J-1 Visa
- Passport

## Campus ATMs

If you need cash while on campus, there is a US Bank located inside the Titan Bookstore. There are also four ATMs located outside the food court in the TSU patio at the east entrance of the Titan Student Union.

The following ATMs are currently available:

- Bank of America
- Schools First Federal Credit Union
- Chase
- Wells Fargo

## Driving in the U.S.

If you plan on driving in California, you must obtain a California Driver's License from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Before you apply for a driver's license, you must complete the new student check-in process and consult with the ISS office to make sure your immigration record is updated. The closest DMV office is listed below.

### Fullerton Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

909 W Valencia Dr.  
Fullerton, CA 92832  
(800) 777-0133

Because of long wait times, we highly encourage you to schedule an appointment in advance by visiting [www.dmv.ca.gov/portal.dmv](http://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal.dmv). Once at the DMV, you will need to present your passport, I-20 or DS-2019, and I-94 document. You will be required to take a driving and written test.

For more information, visit the Department of Motor Vehicles website: [www.dmv.ca.gov](http://www.dmv.ca.gov)

## Shopping: Furniture & Appliances

### Target

2920 Yorba Linda Blvd.  
Fullerton CA 92831  
(714) 579-3090

### Walmart

2595 E. Imperial Hwy.  
Brea CA 92821  
(714) 529-0596

### Goodwill (Secondhand store)

2430 E. Chapman Ave.  
Fullerton CA 92831  
(714) 446-0599

### CORT Furniture Rental

2540 Main St.  
Irvine CA 92614  
(949) 852-0711

### Steal-A-Sofa

1151 S Main St, Unit C  
Los Angeles, CA 90015  
(213) 223-6126

## Shopping: Grocery Stores

### **Albertsons**

1930 N. Placentia Ave.  
Fullerton. CA 92831  
(714) 792-2880

### **Dollar Tree**

2465 E. Chapman Ave.  
Fullerton CA 92831  
(714) 626-0918

### **Smart & Final**

2475 E Chapman  
Fullerton, CA 92831  
(714) 441-1069

### **Ralphs**

3330 Yorba Linda Blvd.  
Fullerton CA 92831  
(714) 524-2041

### **Target**

2920 Yorba Linda Blvd.  
Fullerton CA 92831  
(714) 579-3090

## Shopping: Ethnic Grocery Stores

### **ABC Indomart**

Indonesian/Asian market  
345 N State College Blvd  
Fullerton, CA 92831

### **Northgate Gonzalez Markets**

Mexican/Latino Market  
710 W Chapman Ave  
Placentia, CA 92870

### **Little India**

Indian Market  
3167 Yorba Linda Blvd  
Fullerton, CA 92831

### **International India Bazaar**

Indian Market  
717 S Harbor Blvd  
Fullerton, CA 92832

### **Fullerton AR Market**

Korean/Asian Market  
1701 W Orangethorpe Ave  
Fullerton, CA 92833

### **99 Ranch**

Chinese/Asian Market  
651 N Euclid St  
Anaheim, CA 92801

### **H-Mart**

Korean/Asian Market  
5111 Beach Blvd.  
Buena Park, CA 90621

### **Altayebat Market**

Middle Eastern/Halal Market  
1217 S Brookhurst St  
Anaheim, CA 92804

### **Wholesome Choice**

Persian/Mediterranean market  
5755 E La Palma Ave  
Anaheim, CA 92807