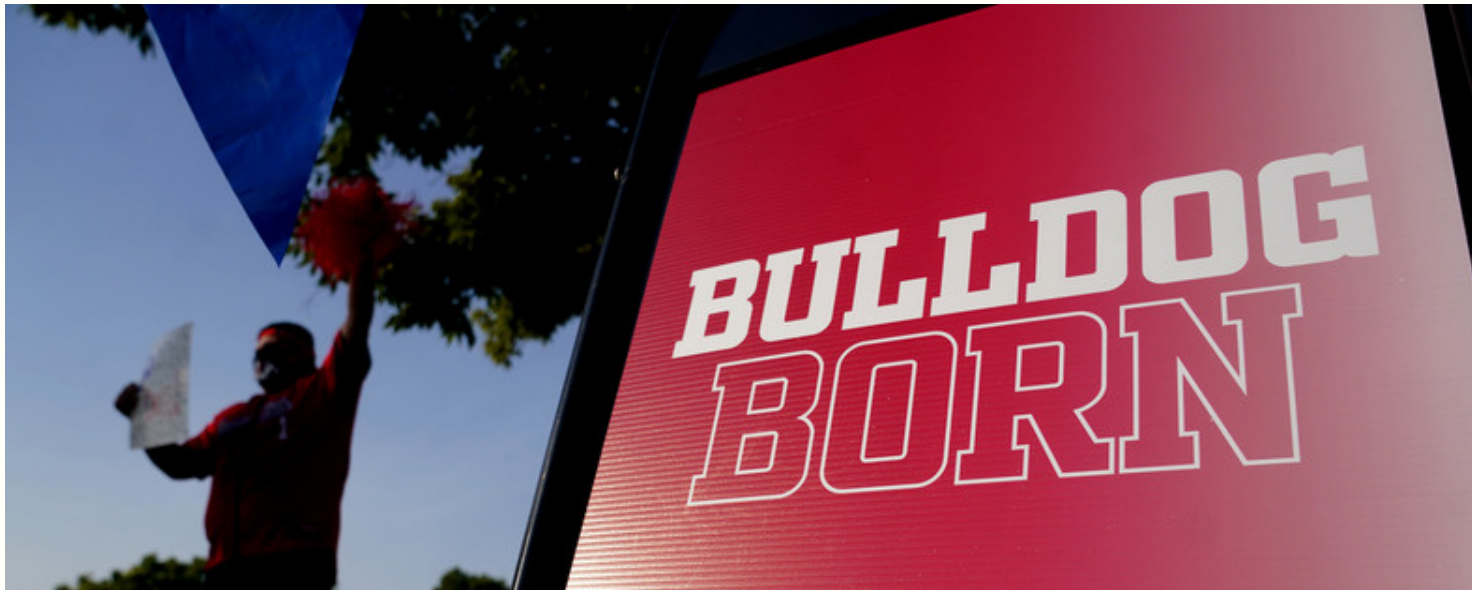


BULLDOG DREAMERS

Fresno State Dream Success Center Quarterly Newsletter



Good Luck on The New Academic Year!

By Diana Rea Flores, Graduate Assistant, Dream Success Center

Another school year has arrived! This is such an exciting time for all our students, many of them will be the first in their families to attend college. Know that you make us all very proud! The midst of a global pandemic has brought much uncertainty to our community. Adding to this, our Dreamers/DACA/TPS/Asylum/Undocumented students have dealt with the decision from a federal judge in Texas of immediately putting a partial end to the program DACA. The judge ruled that the government cannot approve new applications from people eligible for DACA, leaving many of our students' new applicants in limbo.

Our students and communities are resilient and this will not stop us from rising.

As we begin a new academic year, the staff at the Dream Success Center wants to remind all of our students that today, more than ever, it is so important to continue with your education. Everyone of you has the potential to reach great things in life. While our immigrant community is constantly being attacked, let this be a reminder of how strong and robust you are. We want to remind you that the Dream Success Center is here for you. Reach out to us for any matter you may have, we are here for you! In this quarterly newsletter you will find important information on the services the Dream Center provides as well as other resources on campus to help you succeed in this new academic year.

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On July 16, 2021, a Federal District Court in Texas issued a ruling in Texas v. United States limiting the DACA policy and declaring it unlawful.

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DACA: WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

WHAT DOES THE TEXAS DECISION MEAN FOR DACA RECIPIENTS?

- ⚡ **Current DACA cases remain valid.** People who currently have DACA keep their DACA protection and work permit. Nothing has changed with already-approved DACA cases.
- ⚡ **DACA renewals continue.** People who have DACA now or had DACA in the past are still eligible to renew their case. Pending renewals will be processed normally.

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DACA: WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR DACA-ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR THEIR INITIAL DACA?

- ⚡ **First-time DACA applications are on hold.**
- ⚡ **No new DACA application will be approved at this time.** The decision has **blocked** USCIS from approving new DACA cases. This means that those who have submitted an initial request (i.e., those that never had DACA) and have not received an approval from USCIS will have their application held. This applies to all initial requests that were not approved prior to July 16, 2021.

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DACA: WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

WHAT ABOUT PEOPLE WHO WERE PREPARING TO FILE THEIR FIRST REQUEST?

- ⚡ **The judge's decision prohibits USCIS from approving any first-time DACA applications at this time.** USCIS can accept initial DACA applications but will not issue any decision on them.
- ⚡ It is unclear at this point whether there is any benefit to requesting DACA for the first time now and having an application pending. More guidance will come soon!

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DACA: WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

WHAT ABOUT REQUESTS FOR ADVANCE PAROLE?

- ⚡ According to USCIS, "All individuals whose DACA requests were granted prior to this decision will continue to have and be eligible to renew DACA, **and to request and receive advance parole, consistent with the court's order.**"

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DACA: WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

WHAT DOES THE DECISION MEAN FOR DACA OVERALL?

- ⚡ **We will likely hear more about DACA soon** – both from USCIS and from the Biden administration directly.
- ⚡ People will continue to fight to protect DACA and the legal case will continue in the courts.
- ⚡ It is important to stay informed and to **speak with a trusted legal service provider** about your specific case!

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What Can I Do Now?



Talk with a legal service provider to better understand how this decision may impact your case.



If you are eligible to renew your DACA, **renew your case now!** Speak with a legal service provider to get screened and informed about your options.



To **schedule a consultation** with an attorney you can email Gaby at gencinas@csufresno.edu

Need Assistance to fill out the CA Dream Act?

You can schedule your own on-line appointment using the Bulldog Connect website. Click on [this link](#) for instructions. You can also email Gaby at gencinas@csufresno.edu

Free Immigration Legal Services for Students and Employees

Direct immigration legal services are available free of charge to CSU students and employees. Immigrant Legal Defense (ILD) non-profit agency assigned to serve the Fresno State students, staff, and faculty is ready to assist you.

Fall 2021 legal consultation dates:

Sept. 8 (Wed)

Sept. 21 (Tues)

Oct. 7 (Thurs)

Oct. 19 (Tues)

Nov. 4 (Thurs)

Nov. 16 (Tues)

Dec. 1 (Wed)

Dec. 9 (Thurs)

Appointments available from 10 am- 4pm

To schedule a consultation with an attorney contact
Gaby:

gencinas@csufresno.edu
559-278-1554

<https://studentaffairs.fresnostate.edu/dsc/immigration>



IMMIGRANT LEGAL DEFENSE (ILD)

ILD is a nonprofit agency dedicated to providing immigration legal services.

SERVICES:

- DACA
- Family Petitions
- U & T visas
- Detained and non-detained deportation (court) defense
- asylum
- applications for lawful permanent resident status
- citizenship

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Guide on Traveling

Thinking about traveling to another state but not sure what documentation to present? This guide will help you understand the do's and don'ts when traveling in the state. We understand this topic can be confusing and unclear, but this guide breaks down ground transportation (public and driving), domestic flights, and traveling in U.S. territories.

IMMIGRANTS RISING GUIDE FOR UNDOCUMENTED INDIVIDUALS TRAVELING IN THE U.S.

Introduction

Traveling in the U.S. can be a stressful process for anyone—even more so if you're undocumented! But it doesn't have to be complicated. If you're thinking of traveling as an undocumented person (with or without DACA) and are curious about how to travel safely, read on. Safe travels, undocu-travelers!

Note: This document is not intended to serve as legal advice and is not a substitute for obtaining legal advice from a qualified attorney.

Domestic Flights

All travelers flying on a domestic flight must present a valid (unexpired) photo ID issued by the state or federal government. Undocumented individuals may use the following forms of ID accepted by TSA:

- State photo identity card
- State driver's license
- Military ID
- Foreign passport (must be unexpired)
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service Employment Authorization Card
- Trusted traveler cards such as the NEXUS, SENTRI and FAST cards issued by the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS")
- Border-crossing cards
- Native American tribal ID cards
- Airline or airport photo ID cards issued in compliance with TSA regulations and transportation worker ID credential

For a full list of TSA-acceptable forms of ID click [here](#).

FAQ Regarding Domestic Flights

1. What is considered a "domestic flight" in the U.S.?

In the U.S., a domestic flight is a flight made within the country's boundaries. In other words, a domestic flight is within the U.S. without any layover or destination in another country. For example, a flight departing from Miami, Florida and arriving in Seattle, Washington is considered a domestic flight.

2. Can I fly to Hawaii or Alaska as an undocumented traveler?

Traveling to Hawaii or Alaska is considered a domestic flight. Both Hawaii and Alaska are states of the U.S. Therefore, flying to either destination follows the same may be carried out only by law enforcement personnel, such as the FBI and state/local law enforcement officers, which may be called in by TSA at their discretion. For example, if TSA finds a prohibited item on a passenger's possession during screening, law enforcement officers may be called in.

6. Can a pilot order me off the plane?

Yes. The pilot of an airplane has the right to refuse to fly a passenger if he or she believes the passenger is a threat to the safety of the flight. However, the pilot's decision must be reasonable and based on observations of your actions, not stereotypes. If you are unfairly ordered off a plane, you can file a complaint with the airline or contact community organizations for support (e.g. ACLU).

7. (CA ONLY) Can I fly with an AB 60 License?

It is not recommended for an individual to fly with an AB 60 license (a driver's license available for undocumented individuals in California). TSA has been inconsistent regarding the acceptance of AB 60 licenses. TSA could use the license as a basis to stop someone, question them, and ultimately refer them to ICE for possible deportation/removal hearings or immigration detention. Referral to ICE by TSA can happen even if the passenger is not traveling internationally.

8. Can I fly with a foreign passport or Employment Authorization Document Card?

Yes, as noted above, the list of approved identification to fly domestically includes foreign government-issued passports (must be valid) and/or a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Employment Authorization Card (E-766). There have been reports of individuals who were not able to fly with these documents due to erroneous TSA agent denials. In such instances, inform the TSA agent that according to postal/bureau/trains and questioning passengers without warrants or a company's consent, it's a good idea for any passenger to be aware of the following rights:

We recommend that you review TSA's most up-to-date guidelines before your domestic flight.

Ground Transportation: Public Buses & Trains

There have been reports, especially during the Trump Administration, of Border Patrol agents conducting immigration checks without warrants on buses and trains, such as Greyhound and Amtrak. Although Customs Border Patrol (CBP) has publicly said that its agents are prohibited from boarding buses/trains and questioning passengers without warrants or a company's consent, it's a good idea for any passenger to be aware of the following rights:

Preparing for Your Domestic Flight

1. Have identification ready.

Make sure that when you book your flight, the name on your ticket is an exact match with the ID you will be using.

2. Secure your devices.

The government is allowed to ask you for your phone, but you do not have to provide your password. Keep your information secure; protect your devices with a number or word security password (as opposed to a pattern or a fingerprint).

3. Develop a safety plan.

In case you get stopped, designate at least 2 people to have access to your important documents, and contact info for your attorney/community organizations and family/friends. Share your flight info with them before traveling and discuss what to do in case anything goes wrong.

TSA guidelines as traveling to any other state in the country. **IMPORTANT:** When traveling, ensure that you do not have a layover in another country.

3. Do I need to have a REAL ID License to board?

No. If you plan to use a state license to board an airplane, a REAL ID compliant license will not be required until May 3, 2023. Please note that even if you do not have a REAL ID, you can use another form of identification, such as a valid (unexpired) foreign passport. See Page 1 for a list of alternative identifications that can be used.

Note: For individuals in California, those who only qualify for the AB 60 driver's license are ineligible to receive a REAL ID driver's license.

4. Do I have to respond to the TSA/ICE/CBP agent's questions?

No, you have the right to remain silent under the Fifth Amendment. However, the refusal to answer questions may lead to prolonged questioning/detainment. When in doubt, do not answer questions about your citizenship or immigration status or sign any paperwork without the advice of a lawyer.

5. Can a TSA agent search my luggage and personal items?

TSA is only permitted to do "administrative searches" of passengers and their belongings, looking for prohibited items to ensure passenger safety. "Criminal searches"

- You have the right to remain silent.
- When in doubt, do not answer questions about your citizenship or immigration status or sign any paperwork without the advice of a lawyer. Do not lie—silence is often better.
- If you have valid immigration papers, you can provide them. **Never provide false documents.**
- You can refuse a search of your belongings by saying "I do not consent to a search."
- You have the right to record video of immigration agents.
- If you are stopped or searched, you have the right to ask for the officer's name / ID number.

FAQ Regarding Ground Transportation

1. Can I travel without a photo identification when using the local subway?

Photo identification isn't required when using the local subway systems within a metropolitan area. To travel beyond city limits (e.g. riding Amtrak) you need a valid photo identification.

2. Can I travel without a photo identification when using a bus?

To travel on a bus within a metropolitan area, all you need is a schedule and fare. To ride to locations that are further, (e.g. riding with Greyhound) you need a valid photo identification.

Ground Transportation: Driving

Like citizens, certain non-citizens may be eligible to drive legally. In some states, certain non-citizens are eligible to apply for a driver's license. Check your state's Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to determine if you are eligible to apply for a driver's license regardless of your immigration status. If you are stopped by either law enforcement or immigration enforcement while in your car, consider the following recommendations:

1. Stop the car in a safe place as quickly as possible. Turn off the car, turn on the internal light, open the window part way, and place your hands on the wheel.
2. Upon request, show the police your driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance.
3. If an officer or immigration agent asks to search your car, you can refuse. However, if the police believe your car contains evidence of a crime, they can search it without your consent.
4. Both drivers and passengers have the right to remain silent. If you're a passenger, you can also ask if you're free to leave. If yes, silently leave.

FAQ Regarding Driving

1. Can the police ask me about my immigration status?

Yes. However, under the Fifth Amendment, you have the right to remain silent and do not have to answer questions about where you were born, whether you're a U.S. citizen, or how you entered the country. **Note:** Separate rules apply at international borders and airports, and for individuals on certain nonimmigrant visas, including tourists and business travelers. If you're not a U.S. citizen and have valid immigration papers, show them if an immigration agent requests it. Do not lie about your citizenship status or provide false documents.

2. What is a Border Patrol checkpoint?

The United States Border Patrol operates traffic checkpoints, including 33 permanent traffic checkpoints near the Mexico-United States border. Border Patrol can conduct checkpoints within 100 miles of the border. DHS sometimes enters buses or trains and asks for passengers' documents. Along these checkpoints, Border Patrol agents may stop a vehicle for brief questioning of its occupants even if there is no reason to believe that the particular vehicle contains undocumented individuals. Furthermore, Border Patrol agents have wide discretion to refer motorists selectively to a secondary inspection area for additional brief questioning.

3. (CA ONLY) Where are some checkpoints in California?

Below are some noted checkpoints within California. Be prepared. Plan your route of travel and check before traveling.

- **San Clemente:** located 7 miles south of San Clemente on Interstate 5.
- **Temecula:** located 24 miles north of Escondido on Interstate 15.
- **Highway 79:** located 1 mile west of Sunshine Summit.
- **I-8 West:** located 3 miles east of Pine Valley on Interstate 8.
- **Highway 94:** located 24 miles east of San Diego on California State Route 94.
- **Highway 78/86:** located just south of the intersection of California State Routes 78 and 86, just west of the Salton Sea, controlling northbound traffic only.
- **Highway 111:** located between Niland and Bombay Beach.
- **Highway 52:** located 7 miles north of Ocotillo and I-8

1 If you're traveling with an expired license or passport you may still be able to fly. Acceptable forms of ID cannot be more than 12 months past the identified expiration date. See [here](#) for more information.

Immigrants Rising helps you make decisions based on your potential, not your perceived limits. Visit our website so you can see what's possible: [immigrantsrising.org](#). For inquiries regarding this resource, please contact Jessa Flores, Legal Services Coordinator, at jflores@immigrantsrising.org.

in eastern San Diego County on S2 (Imperial Hwy/ Sweeney Pass Road) between I-8 and State Route 78.

Traveling to U.S. Territories

Undocumented individuals who hold a temporary protection (e.g. TPS/DACA-recipients) may travel to the U.S. Territories without Advance Parole. However, it's important to know where and how to safely travel overseas to the U.S. Territories.

IMPORTANT: Traveling to the U.S. Territories without DACA, even though a person has never technically left the U.S., could result in a referral to ICE for removal.

Preparing for Your Travel to U.S. Territories

1. Make sure your DACA is valid during your ENTIRE time abroad.

Do NOT allow your DACA to expire during any of the time you are contemplating being outside the U.S. mainland, even if you have a renewal pending. Plan to be in the U.S. mainland before it expires with no chance of any gap.

2. Bring your USCIS documents showing your granted deferred status in order to facilitate your return.

Depending on where you travel, you may be subject to certain processes, including customs inspections. Having proof of your granted deferred status can help make this process go smoother.

3. Make sure there are NO layovers outside the U.S. states and territories.

It is critical to ensure that there will not be a planned or emergency landing in a foreign country. For example, if you are traveling to the U.S. Virgin Islands, make sure you do not enter the Dominican Republic, due to bad weather, natural disasters, etc. Similarly, while overseas, be aware of any boat trip that might accidentally result in you being outside of U.S. waters, which can jeopardize your return to the U.S. (An inspection doesn't always happen when someone exits the U.S. A savvy traveler will know their route and any possibility of diversion before they travel.)

You may also find the following information on the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) website helpful.

Check out **Immigrants Rising** for more resources!

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If you have any question on traveling or applying for Advance Parole, please contact Gaby Encinas at the Dream Center to connect you with an immigration attorney.

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Academic Advising Corner

Thinking about changing your major?



Whether you are unsure about your major or thinking about a change in major and need guidance, there are resources on campus to help you navigate through these decisions.

↓ Check out these resources on campus!



The **Career Development Center** extends the university mission in boldly educating and empowering Fresno State students for success. A variety of comprehensive services are offered to students, alums, employers, and our campus and community partners including career planning and development, employer engagement, experiential education, on-campus employment and money management literacy.



Check out Focus 2, a self-guided career and education planning system designed to help you make decisions about your future career goals and educational plans. [Take the assessment.](#)



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The **University Advising Center** is the major department for undeclared students. If you have not formally declared your major or are considering changing your major, we invite you to contact us and make an appointment with one of our counselors.



Walk-in services ***Current Fresno State Students Only***

Every Wednesday - Virtual Walk In's via Zoom (first come first serve)
9:00am - 11:00am & 1:30pm - 4:00pm

Enter the waiting room and someone will assist you shortly. If you are removed from the waiting room unintentionally, please click the link again to re-enter.

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Office hrs; M-T-TH-F
9:00am - 11:00am & 1:30pm - 3:30pm



The **Dream Success Center** at Fresno State is a center completely dedicated to serving AB540, undocumented, DACA students as well as students with mixed immigration statuses. Check out our resources for all our students and allies.



The Dream Success Center is a safe space where students can come in with all question related to the CA Dream Act, immigration services and holistic services.

[Schedule an appointment today!](#)

Email gencinas@csufresno.edu

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Resources on Campus Corner

Learning Center



Fresno State's Learning Center is a space which encourages students to grow intellectually as critical thinkers. We advance student success by actively using effective strategies to improve content understanding and course grades. The Learning Center aims to boldly integrate the culture and values of each student to inspire a community of life-long learners.

Tutoring

Studying made simple with students setting their own agenda and working at their own pace. Students are tutored by other students who have already taken the class they are tutoring and have gone well in the class.

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Supplemental Instruction (SI)

Peer led, weekly group study sessions offered to students enrolled in historically difficult courses. Supplemental Instruction (SI) Leaders and Tutors do not teach, rather facilitate students' learning of difficult topics within historically challenging courses or subjects

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SupportNet

Academic and personal coaching on time management, study skills, university resources and much more. Students work one-on-one with a SupportNet Academic Coach who provides individualized support addressing unique student needs.

[Meet with a SupportNet Advisor >](#)



The Dream Success Center has a new website!

Visit our website!

Head to our website to check out our new and improved website! Our new design is made to ease navigate easier and give you the tools necessary to succeed.

- Through our website you will find immigration updates, immigration resources, financial aid resources, and how to contact us.



Workshops & Events

Get details on events and workshop to sign up and attend. Don't miss out on all the great information available to you.

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Academic Success Tools

Get connected to resources, tools and programs for academic success.

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Campus Resources

Learn about all the resources and programs Fresno State offers. Get involved and stay connected.

[Get Connected](#)



Programs and Services

The Dream Success Center is completely dedicated to serving our students with holistic services for their academic success

[List of Programs and Services](#)



Financial Aid for Dreamers

Learn about your options to pay for college. We are here to provide guidance and support.

[Financial Aid Resources](#)



Immigration Legal Services

In collaboration with Immigrant Legal Defense (ILD) we provide legal services to our Fresno State community.

[Make a Consultation](#)

Check out our podcast and our latest episode!



This podcast is a collaboration between Immigrant Legal Defense, a nonprofit agency dedicated to providing immigration legal services to underserved immigrant communities in California and Fresno State's Dream Success Center, a student support program providing services to undocumented students in the Central Valley of California.



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