

CPILS Orientation



Center for Premier International Language Studies



About The Philippines

LANGUAGES

Two official languages - Filipino and English. Filipino which is based on Tagalog, is the national language. English is also widely used and is the medium of instruction in higher education. The Philippines is currently the third-largest English speaking country in the world.

CURRENCY

The currency in the Philippines is the Peso (PhP) and the Centavo. 100 centavos = P1. Coin denominations are: 1, 5, 10, and 25 centavos, P1, and P5. Bill denominations are : 10, 20, 50, 100, 500 and 1, 000 pesos.

UNIT OF MEASURE

The Metric System is used in most trade and legal transactions.

ELECTRICITY

220 volts a/c is the common standard. 110 volts a/c is also used, especially in major hotels.

CLOTHING

People in the Philippines dress for the weather. Casual attire during the day for women are light blouses and shorts. For men collared T- shirts worn over slacks. In the evening skirts are substituted for shorts and the T-shirts are tucked in.

For Men Only: If you expect to have to attend any occasion which would usually require a jacket and a tie, there is a wonderful substitute.

RELIGION

Catholics - 85%

Islam - 5%

Etc - 10%

TIME DIFFERENCE

Local time is GMT plus 8 hours.

Business English is the language used. Sexual equality is more widespread in the Philippines than in other Asian countries. Make sure you have business cards.

CLIMATE

The first half of the year, from January to May, is the best time to visit the country. November to February is cool, while March to May is hot and dry. June to October is rainy, with the months between July and September characterized by typhoons. Average temperature is 78 degrees F/25 degrees C; average humidity is 77%. Some parts of the country such as Cebu, are warm and comfortable in all seasons and can be visited throughout the year.



Preparation before the Departure

Passport	Expiration date should not be less than 6 months. Please keep a photocopy of your passport in case of loss
E-Ticket	You should confirm your seat and photocopy it in case of loss
Visa	You can stay 30 days without visa (It's different for each country).
Insurance	Recommendations.
Dictionary	Prepare to personal circumstances.
Writing tools	Prepare to personal circumstances.
Note	Prepare to personal circumstances.
Socks, Underwear	Prepare to personal circumstances.
T-shirts, Short pants	Prepare to personal circumstances.
Swimming wear	Prepare to personal circumstances.
Shoes	Slippers, Sandals.
Sewing kit	Prepare to personal circumstances.
Glasses, Contact lens	Please prepare extra.
Outlet	11-socket outlet.
Sunglasses	Prepare to personal circumstances.
Umbrella	Prepare to personal circumstances.
Medicine	Please take your usual medication.

The List of Miscellaneous Fee

1. Dormitory Deposit

- The dormitory deposit fee is PHP 3,000. (to be paid on the second business day)
- You can get your money back upon check-out, but if you break or damage any CPILS property during your stay, your room deposit shall be used to replace them.

2. SSP (Special Study Permit)

- Issued to foreigners studying in the Philippines.
- We need your passport, 2 inch X 2 inch size picture, application and PHP6,500.
 - Students who are staying for more than 8 weeks (59 days) have to pay an additional of PHP3,000 for the I-card.
 - Students staying 8 weeks (59 days) and below should provide a copy of their flight ticket only.

3. Visa Extension

- Check "VISA Extension Rate file"
- Note: includes the SERVICE FEE amounting to PHP 300.
- You can pay your visa extension at Window 1 on weekdays. Payment for visa extension should be done **2 week before** the visa expiration date. Upon extension, you should prepare one 2x2 picture with white background.

4. Pick-Up Fee

PHP800 (one way only, not optional) (to be paid on the second business day)

5. Maintenance Fee

PHP300 / week (e.g., a 8 week-student has to pay PHP2,400) (to be paid on the second business day)

6. Monthly Bill

- Water Bill : PHP300 / 28days
- Electricity : depends on the amount consumed (Measured by the meter for each room)
Around 1 kw/ PHP13

7. Terminal fee

PHP750 – international flights, PHP220 – local flights. (for the return ticket only) (to be paid at the airport before departure)

8. Book

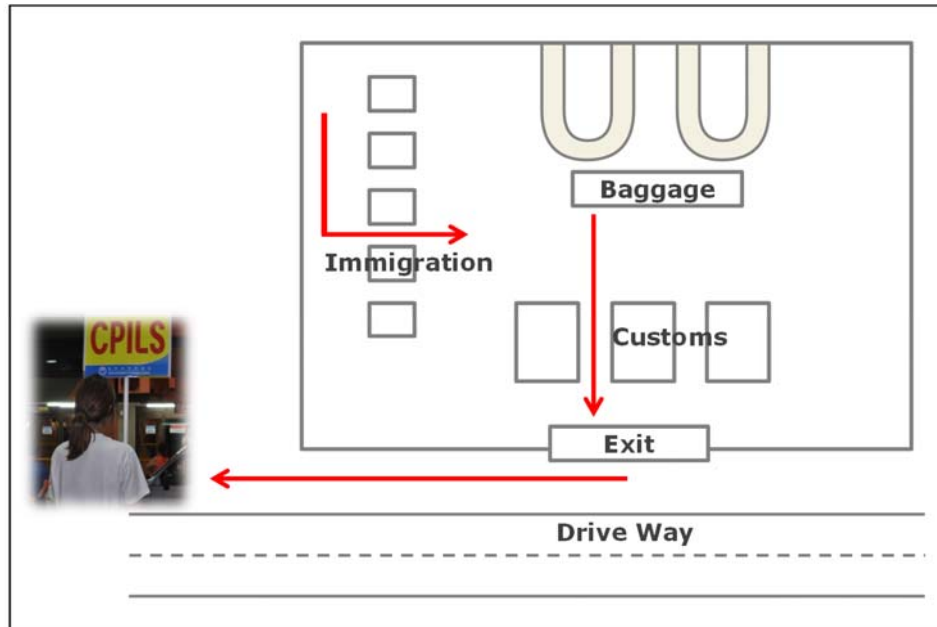
All book prices varies depends on the student course and level. (around PHP2,000 ~ PHP3,000)
If the student has improved his/her level, it might be required to purchase some new books.

9. Etc.

- Safety Deposit Box: Request Dormitory Manager. (Deposit: PHP1,000) (optional)
- Refrigerator Rent Service : PHP500 / 28 days (Optional)

Airport Pick-up

Get out of the airport and find the CPILS sign.



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