

When leaving the U.S. you need:

- A valid passport

If your passport has expired while in the U.S., the country you are visiting may turn you away. To extend your passport while in the U.S., contact your embassy or consulate.

- Visas for countries to be visited

Countries you are going to visit (in some cases when you stop over to change planes) may have visa requirements. To avoid any hardship, check to see if you need visas well in advance of your travel date. For information, we recommend calling the embassies or consulates of the countries you are visiting. A list of embassies and contact information can be found at

<http://www.embassy.org/embassies/>

When entering the U.S. you need:

F-1 STUDENTS	J-1 STUDENTS	J-1 SCHOLARS
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Current passport valid for at least 6 months after the reentry date 2) Valid F-1 visa 3) Valid I-20 with valid travel signature on page 3 (travel signatures valid for 1 year, travel signatures while on OPT valid for 6 months) 4) Proof of financial support 5) Evidence of attendance at UCSB, such as an acceptance letter, transcript, or recent tuition payment receipt 6) Proof of paying the I-901 SEVIS fee (which you can print from https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/index.jsp) <p>Students on post-completion OPT must also carry:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Valid EAD card 2) Job offer/verification Letter from your employer 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Current passport valid for at least 6 months after the reentry date 2) Valid J-1 visa 3) Valid DS-2019 with signature on page 1 (travel signatures valid for 1 year) 4) Proof of financial support 5) Evidence of attendance at UCSB, such as an acceptance letter, transcript, or recent tuition payment receipt 6) Proof of paying the I-901 SEVIS fee (which you can print from https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/index.jsp) <p>Students on post-completion Academic Training must also carry:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Employment Authorization letter from OISS 2) Job offer/verification Letter from your employer 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Current passport valid for at least 6 months after the reentry date 2) Valid J-1 visa 3) Valid DS-2019 with signature on page 1 (travel signatures valid for 6 months) 4) Proof of financial support 5) Evidence of program participation at UCSB, such as a verification letter from your department or recent pay stub 6) Proof of paying the I-901 SEVIS fee (which you can print from https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/index.jsp)

H-1B SCHOLARS	TN SCHOLARS	E-3 SCHOLARS
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Current passport valid for at least 6 months after the reentry date 2) Valid H-1B visa 3) Valid I-797 Approval Notice 4) Proof of financial support 5) Employment verification letter from UCSB Department 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Current passport valid for at least 6 months after the reentry date 2) Valid TN visa (for Mexican citizens only) 3) Valid I-797 Approval Notice 4) Proof of financial support 5) Employment verification letter from UCSB Department 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Current passport valid for at least 6 months after the reentry date 2) Valid E-3 visa 3) Valid I-797 Approval Notice 4) Proof of financial support 5) Employment verification letter from UCSB Department

Dependent Family Members

Dependents (spouse or children) should travel with their own passport, U.S. visa, and immigration documents (see above), as well as copies of the primary visa holder's documents, as proof of their legal nonimmigrant status in the U.S.

Canadian Citizens:

Canadian citizens do not need a visa to enter the U.S. However, Canadian citizens MUST have their passport and I-20 Form (or DS-2019) with them at the point of entry in order to receive the I-94 form with the proper visa category marked on it. Without a proper I-94 form you cannot be compensated by UCSB for your work or enroll as a student.

TRAVEL AFTER PROGRAM COMPLETION

If you plan to travel outside the United States after your program completion date, you **cannot** re-enter on your student visa (F-1 or J-1). If you would like to re-enter the United States after your program completion date, you will need to apply for a [visitor visa](#).

Be sure to plan ahead when making international travel and re-entry arrangements after you finish your program of study. **If you plan on re-entering the U.S. after short-term travel abroad following the completion of your program, DO NOT book tickets until you have:**

- Checked the last day of your program of study or employment
- Spoken to an international student/scholar advisor about your plans
- Verified that you have the correct visa to re-enter the United States

TRAVEL TO MEXICO

You may need a visa to enter Mexico. If you do need a visa to visit Mexico, check well in advance with the Mexican Consulate and ask them as to what documents you will need to present to them in order to obtain a visa and the processing time involved. **Requirements for a Mexican visa depend on your nationality.**

Consulate General of Mexico

3151 West Fifth Street E-100

Oxnard, CA 93030

Phone: (805) 984-8738

Fax: (805) 984-8747

Web: <http://consulmex.sre.gob.mx/oxnard/>

TRAVEL TO CANADA

You may need a visa to enter Canada. If you do need a visa to visit Canada, check well in advance with the Canadian Consulate and ask them as to what documents you will need to present to them in order to obtain a visa and the processing time involved. **Requirements for a Canadian visa depend on your nationality.**

Consulate General of Canada

550 South Hope Street, 9th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90071-2617
Phone: (213) 346-2700
Fax: (213) 346-2767

Email: lngls@international.gc.ca

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Web: <http://can-am.gc.ca/los-angeles/menu.aspx>

AUTOMATIC REVALIDATION: RE-ENTERING THE U.S. FROM MEXICO OR CANADA

You will need to have a valid I-94 card, valid passport and an I-20 or DS-2019 with an up-to-date signature for travel in order to re-enter the U.S. from Mexico or Canada. You do not need a valid visa to re-enter the U.S. from Mexico or Canada if your trip is for 30 days or less **EXCEPT as noted below.**

1. **If you apply for a new visa while in Mexico or Canada, you may not re-enter the U.S. on an expired visa.** You will need to remain in Mexico or Canada until your new visa is issued. If a new visa is not issued to you in Mexico or Canada, then you will have to travel to your home country and apply for a new visa there.
2. If you are a citizen of Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Syria or Sudan, you may not re-enter the U.S. from Mexico or Canada on an expired U.S. visa. Generally the U.S. consulates in Mexico and Canada will not permit you to apply for a visa. Rather you may need to apply for a new visa in your home country.

I-94 ADMISSION RECORD

Following your return to the U.S., you should print your new I-94 admission record from <http://cbp.gov/i94>. Please review your I-94 to make sure you were admitted in the correct nonimmigrant status and granted the full period of stay (see "Admit Until Date").

SECONDARY INSPECTION AND FORM I-515A

You may be directed to a secondary inspection site at the U.S. port of entry if the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) office cannot verify your information or if you are missing required document at the primary inspection site. It will be at the sole discretion of the CBP officer whether your current nonimmigrant documents are sufficient for U.S. admission.

The CBP officer will attempt to verify your nonimmigrant status using SEVIS and other databases. We encourage you to keep the contact information of your OISS student or scholar advisor, as well as a contact person in your UCSB department, on hand.

If you are allowed entry, you may be issued a [Form I-515A](#). This process admits you ONLY for a period of 30 days (see I-94 admission record), within which time you must complete the instructions for the form I-515A by reporting to OISS. We will issue a replacement document for I-515A purposes. The I-515A must be sent to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for review and approval in order for you to be granted the full permission of stay, as reflected on your nonimmigrant documents (i.e., I-20 or DS-2019). For more information on the Form I-515A, please visit <http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/515a>.