

SEPTEMBER 2021

# OISS Newsletter



## Dear International Gauchos,

The 2021 - 2022 academic year begins this month! With any new beginning comes excitement, anticipation, some nerves, and a little uncertainty. We wish you a successful Fall quarter, whatever that means for you.

The OISS team is ready to welcome you to our beautiful campus and looks forward to seeing the new school year take off. In celebration of UCSB, this newsletter features images captured from all over campus. Have a great quarter!

In community,

The Office of International Students & Scholars

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# Alerts & Updates

## Visa Survey Reminder

Whether your visa has been approved, denied, or remains pending, we want to know! Please complete our visa survey so that OISS and UCSB can get a clearer picture of international students' current visa situations. Collecting this information allows us to better understand potential immigration challenges students may be encountering.

The survey should take about one minute to complete — there is only one required question. Thank you to those who have already completed the survey; there is no need to submit it again, unless the status of your visa application has changed.

TAKE SURVEY



## UCSBGlobal Reminder

Thank you for your patience throughout our UCSBGlobal launch process. Your cooperation has helped make the integration a great success!

As a reminder, all requests should be submitted in UCSBGlobal (i.e. LOA, Travel Signatures, etc.).



## UCSBGlobal e-Form Statuses, Explained

So you've submitted an e-Form in UCSBGlobal — now what? You can view the status of your e-Form in UCSBGlobal to track its progress. Here is what those statuses mean.

**Incomplete/Draft** - your e-Form has not been submitted yet

**Pending** - your e-Form has been submitted and is awaiting OISS review

**Routed to Third Party** - your e-Form is not ready for OISS to review it yet because the e-Form is awaiting a confirmation from a third party (financial sponsor, academic advisor, etc.). Check in with your third party to move the process along.

**Approved** - your e-Form is approved and you may have received a confirmation email at your UCSB email address

**Denied** - your e-Form was not accepted and an OISS advisor has sent you an email explaining why



## Requesting An Updated I-20 or DS-2019

Many students are requesting an updated I-20 or DS-2019 for travel or because they changed their major. Just a friendly reminder that you can request these updated documents by logging in to UCSBGlobal and navigating to the I-20 or DS-2019 Service Request e-forms.

There is no need to email our office to request a travel signature, simply submit your request in UCSBGlobal and an advisor will let you know when the document is ready!

## OISS Re-Opening Plans

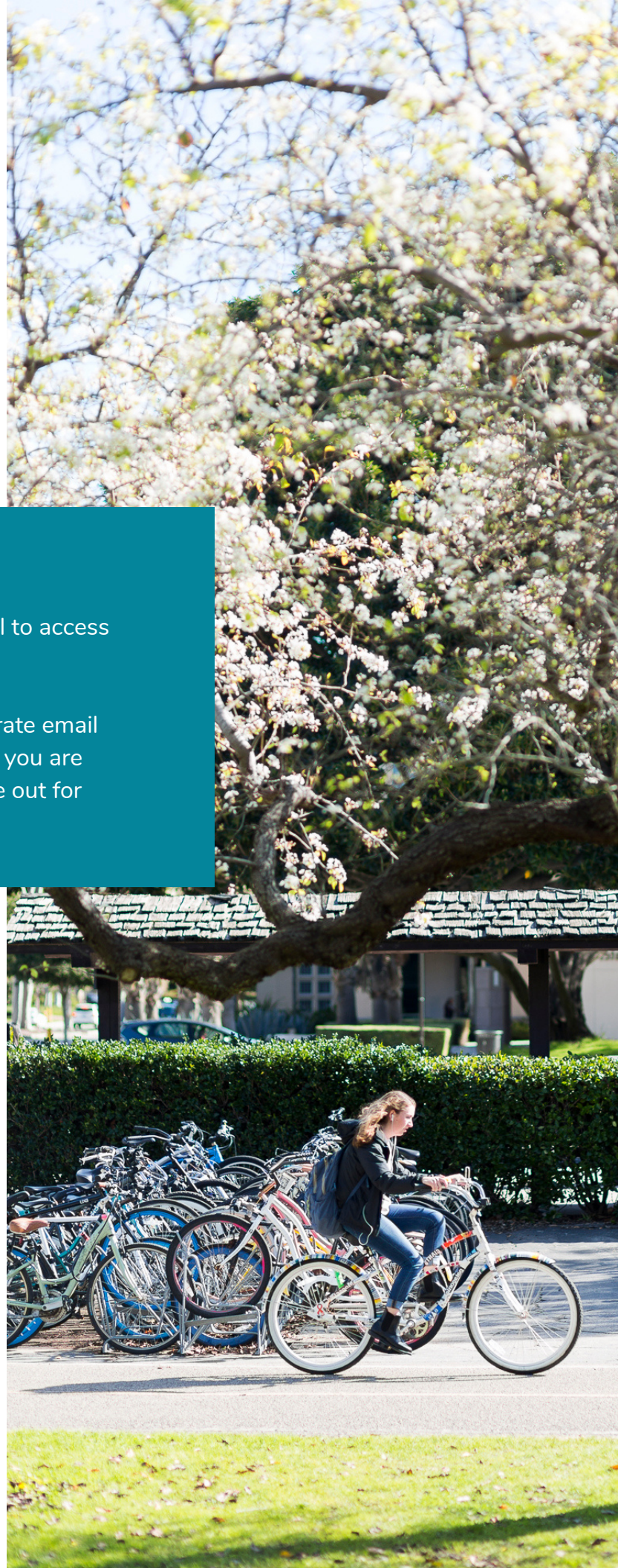
We are SO excited to reopen our doors for you all to access our office in-person!

We will be sending out communication in a separate email with protocols, office hours and what to expect if you are coming to the OISS office in-person. Keep an eye out for that coming to your UCSB email account soon!

## Late Arrivals for Fall

*“What should I do if I’m not able to arrive at UCSB until after the start of the quarter due to visa and/or COVID restrictions in my country?”*

Per U.S. immigration regulations, OISS must report your arrival within 30 days of the start of Fall quarter (September 23). We strongly recommend that you communicate your late arrival to your housing representative and/or your professors. OISS does not have the authority to maintain your spot in a class and you could potentially be dropped if you're not present. Please contact the appropriate people as soon as possible.







## Meet OISS Advisors Around Campus!

We would like to invite ALL Global Gauchos to come visit us at various locations across campus the week of September 20-September 24! This is your opportunity to meet the OISS staff in-person (not on Zoom, yay!) and ask any questions you may have. We'll also have some fun swag to give out so please come see us. We can't wait to see YOU!

September 20 - UCSB Second Year Luncheon Outside the University Center (UCEN), only open to Second Year students)

September 21 - Outside the University Center (UCEN) by the bookstore

September 22 - Outside the Arbor (across from the main entrance of the library)

September 23 - Outside the University Center (UCEN) by the bookstore

September 23 - Graduate Student Resource Fair (Only open to Graduate Students)



## Resources Reminder!

While OISS is always happy to refer you to the correct resources, here is a reminder where you can go directly for help regarding different topics! This also helps us focus on answering time-sensitive immigration questions more quickly!

- Questions Regarding Move-In Weekend, Roommate Assignments, Housing Waitlist: UCSB Housing Office <https://www.housing.ucsb.edu/>
- Questions Regarding Health Insurance, COVID Protocols, Vaccinations, Immunizations: UCSB Student Health <https://studenthealth.sa.ucsb.edu/>
- Questions Regarding Class Selection, Major Requirements, Pre-Requisites, General Academic Concerns: Speak to your College Academic Advisors or Department Advisors
- Questions Regarding Paying Tuition or Billing Concerns: Billing Accounts Receivable Collections (BARC) <https://www.bfs.ucsb.edu/barc>



# OISS Recommends

## Graduate Student Groups to Join

New international graduate students are invited to join the Graduate Student Resource Center's (GSRC) [Facebook group](#). There is a new group each year for the incoming cohort and it's a helpful way to hear from and connect with students directly.

The GSRC also created a [Nectir channel](#) for folks who don't use Facebook — if you're on Nectir, you're welcome to join!



## Campus and Community Offerings

# REC FEST

(formerly Fun & Fitness Festival)

**September 22 | 1 - 4 pm**

- Live Fitness & Wellness Classes
- Sport Club Meet & Greets
- Adventure Program Demos
- Aquatics Activities
- Employment Opportunities
- Intramural Sports & Esports

UC SANTA BARBARA  
Department of Recreation

## International Student Association Fall 2021 Information Session

The International Student Association (ISA) is hosting a virtual information session at **5 PM PDT on September 10** ([zoom link](#)). The session will:

- Introduce ISA as an organization
- Introduce the current board of officers
- Explain this year's recruitment process
- Review the amazing events they have held in the past
- Preview upcoming events

It's a great opportunity to meet peers from around the globe and expand your network. If you are interested in joining ISA to plan more events for international students to get together and have fun, sign up to become an officer! If you would like to become a member to participate in upcoming activities, please fill out this form. You can view more info session details on ISA's [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#). If you have questions about the event, please contact ISA directly. Thank you.



# Thanks for Reading!

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We hope you enjoyed this issue of the OISS Newsletter. Past newsletters can be viewed on the OISS [website](#).

## Questions?

If you are a current international student with questions regarding immigration, advising and other requests, email [oiss@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:oiss@sa.ucsb.edu).

J-1 Scholars should reach out to [j1scholar@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:j1scholar@sa.ucsb.edu). For those with questions related to employment-based visas; please contact [longtermvisa@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:longtermvisa@sa.ucsb.edu).

For any inquiries regarding upcoming OISS events, or collaboration opportunities, contact [oissprograms@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:oissprograms@sa.ucsb.edu).

If you are a UCSB department or organization and would like to publicize any information or upcoming events to international Gauchos, contact [mmotomazie@ucsb.edu](mailto:mmotomazie@ucsb.edu).

## Let's stay in touch!

Follow our social media accounts to stay up-to-date with everything happening at OISS.

