

UC **SANTA BARBARA**
Office of International
Students & Scholars



Our Doors are Opening!

The Office of International Students and Scholars opens its doors on **September 20!**

Hours of Operation:

Monday through Friday
10 am - 12 pm and 1 pm - 4 pm

Our team can hardly express how excited we are to welcome students and scholars back to campus. We have missed our Global Gauchos and the lively energy of the Student Resource Building (SRB). Although we're maintaining many virtual services, we are happy to be together again.

While we look forward to seeing everyone back on campus, we also want to prioritize the wellbeing of our community. Health and safety occupies our foremost attention as we plan for re-opening. We respectfully ask for everyone's cooperation in honoring our expectations and guidelines so that we can start the Fall quarter off strong.

Visiting OISS

If you need an immediate response to an urgent situation, please do not hesitate to come in or give us a call. In a past [newsletter](#), we listed examples of what OISS considers to be urgent and time-sensitive. For assistance with non-urgent questions, we ask that you email our office, [schedule a zoom appointment](#) with your assigned advisor, or use [Virtual Front Desk Drop-ins](#).

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F-1 students will continue receiving their I-20s as a pdf attachment via email. There is no need for F-1 students to pick up documents in the office.

J-1 students and scholars will receive email confirmations when their DS-2019s are ready for pick up in the office.

When you enter the OISS lobby, there may not be a staff member at the front desk. Please sign in on an iPad, take a seat, and wait for an advisor to greet you. Due to staffing shortages, a scholar advisor may not be available in the office at all times. Hand sanitizer will be provided in the lobby for your use.

To limit the number of visitors in our lobby, we ask that only the student or scholar who requires a service come to the office. Although we enjoy meeting friends and family members, we wish to avoid overcrowding in the lobby.

If you visit us, you may notice our lobby looks a little different. To welcome everyone back, we have put up some UCSB-colored decorations. Our newest lobby addition is the home town map! While you're waiting, grab a pin and show us where your home town is. We're excited to see everyone's pins!

Prior to visiting other offices on campus, we encourage you to check their operating guidelines.



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New Student and Scholar Check In

We extend a warm welcome to our new students and scholars who are arriving at UCSB for the first time! OISS will be participating in some of campus's welcome events along with hosting our own — more information is forthcoming.

New Gauchos are **not** required to check in at the OISS office upon arrival. New students can check in virtually by submitting the New Student Arrival Documents e-form in UCSBGlobal. New scholars can check in by submitting the J-1 Scholar Check In e-form in UCSBGlobal.

COVID-19 Expectations

The following is noted in UCSB's Return to Campus Requirements:

"All members of the university community who will be on campus or in campus-owned housing must complete the daily COVID-19 screening survey. Additionally, non-vaccinated undergraduate students who live in campus-owned housing, work, attend classes or conduct research on campus, or want to access campus facilities must obtain a weekly COVID-19 test.

Weekly COVID-19 testing is also recommended for any non-vaccinated graduate students and faculty and staff members coming to campus.

All faculty and staff members, students and visitors to campus, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear face masks in all shared indoor campus spaces."



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Completing the daily COVID-19 screening survey will generate an electronic badge showing your compliance status. A green badge indicates clearance to be on-site. If you receive purple, red, orange or yellow badges, you are not cleared to be on-site. More information is available at UCSB Student Health Service.

If you have not done so already, please take a moment to read through UCSB's Return to Campus Requirements and UC's final policy regarding required COVID-19 vaccinations. OISS staff members are subject to these requirements as well.

The OISS operating guidelines are subject to change at any time. If this happens, we will notify the campus community via email.

We must say, it feels good to be back!

In community,

The Office of International Students and Scholars

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