Welcome New Students & Scholars!

We know the journey to get here has not been an easy one. The school year hasn’t even started yet and our advising team is already impressed by the resilience of our students and scholars. To our new Global Gauchos — welcome! We are so happy to have you everyone with us this year.

There are multiple welcome events that OISS will either be participating in or hosting in the upcoming week. We would love to meet you and provide you with the opportunity to meet other Global Gauchos.

Whether it's your first time on campus or you're returning after a number of months away, you may have questions as you make your way around campus. Look for people wearing buttons that say, "Ask Me" or help tents throughout campus.

See you next week!

With excitement,

The OISS Team
Second Year Students' Lunch

September 20
12 - 2 pm
Storke Plaza (outside the University Center)

This in-person welcome back lunch is hosted by the Division of Student Affairs and the Office of the Chancellor. The event will include: lunch, tours of campus and Isla Vista, the chance to meet other second year students, a welcome gift, and information on campus support resources. Registration is required to receive lunch and space is limited (you must be a student who entered UCSB in Fall 2020 as either a freshman or transfer student to register). Register on Shoreline as soon as possible to secure your spot.

OISS will have a table here, so stop by to say, “Hello!” We will be passing out OISS swag, so don’t miss us! Look for the OISS tablecloth.
Meet Your Advisors

**September 20**
12 pm - 2 pm at the Second Year Students’ Lunch
Storke Plaza
Come see us if you’re a student who entered UCSB in Fall 2020 as a freshman or transfer!

**September 21**
11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Outside the University Center (UCEN) by the bookstore
Come see us if you’re a student!

**September 22**
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Outside the Arbor (across from the main entrance of the library)
Come see us if you’re a student or an H1B scholar!

**September 23**
11:30 am -1:30 pm
Outside the University Center (UCEN) by the bookstore
Come see us if you’re a student or J-1 scholar!

**September 24**
12 - 2 pm at the Graduate Student Resource Fair
In front of the SRB
Come see us if you’re a graduate student!

This is your chance to meet the advisors who have been answering your questions and creating your documents. Find us all around campus throughout the week to say, “Hello,” or get some OISS swag.
New graduate students who were admitted in Fall 2020 or Fall 2021 are invited to enjoy a favorite American BBQ-style dessert — s’mores! We will provide everything you need to make a delicious s’more and play some games. Since we'll be just steps away from the sand, feel free to bring your beach gear (i.e. swimsuit, beach towel, sweatshirts, etc.).

The beach park is walking distance from campus and the large parking lot on site is free. Although this event is limited to students only, we hope we can meet your spouses and children in the future.

See you at the park!
International Freshman, Transfer, and EAP Welcome: Meet the Beach!

September 25
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Introduction activity at 3:00 pm
Optional games to join at 4:00 pm
Campus Point Beach (Lagoon Rd, Isla Vista, CA 93117)
RSVP on Shoreline

New freshman, transfer, and EAP Reciprocity students who were admitted in Fall 2021 are invited to meet other students, OISS staff, and of course, the beach! We will provide snacks, refreshments, and games (with the chance to win a gift card) for everyone to enjoy. Don’t forget to bring your beach gear (i.e. swimsuit, beach towel, sunscreen, etc.).

Campus Point Beach is walking distance from campus and has a small parking lot which requires a parking permit. Look for OISS signs and balloons to find us. This event is co-hosted by OISS and UC EAP.

See you at the beach!
COVID-19 Expectations

OISS events will adhere to campus guidelines regarding COVID-19 health and safety protocols.

As noted on the COVID-19 Information page, “vaccinated individuals are not required to maintain a specific physical distance, whether indoors or outdoors. For non-vaccinated individuals, Cal/OSHA recommends the use of face coverings outdoors when working within 6 feet of other people.”

According to guidelines for campus gatherings, “food and beverages may be provided at campus events, but current public health guidelines ask unvaccinated individuals to remove their face coverings only briefly, to eat or drink, and then put them back on. If unvaccinated persons are outdoors and can maintain a 6-foot distance from others, public health guidelines grant that they may remove their face coverings.”

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.

Thank you for your cooperation in preserving our community's safety.