OISS Newsletter

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Dear International Gauchos,

Happy New Year! The past few years have not been easy, so a fresh start is certainly welcomed. We are excited to see what 2022 has in store for us; hopefully the new year offers good health, prosperity, and joy for all.

This month, we're setting good intentions — to live mindfully, to let go of what does not serve us, and to write the incorrect date (2021) as few times as possible.

Happy winter quarter everyone!

In community,

The Office of International Students & Scholars

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Alerts & Updates

Need to VENT?

CAPS International Student VENT Circle (Validating, Empowering, and Navigating Together), co-led with OISS, is starting in Winter!

This weekly social circle provides a casual and safe space for international students to connect and support one another. International students will have the opportunity to discuss (or vent) about their daily challenges (e.g. belonging, home-sickness, academic difficulty, challenges related to visa, financial stress, fitting-in) and so much more. This is also a space for students to recognize their strengths and receive guidance and resources from other participants and co-leaders.

Come and join the VENT Circle every **Wednesday from 3 pm - 4:15 pm starting January 19!** Use the Zoom invitation below to join the group or sign up via the CAPS underline website.

Zoom Invitation:
Meeting ID: 881 7564 7661
Passcode: VENT

OISS Closed on Jan 17

OISS will be closed on Monday, January 17, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Operations will resume on Tuesday, January 18.

Can I study part-time?

The answer is "Yes," but only in certain cases. F-1 and J-1 students must enroll as full-time students during every quarter of their program of study at UCSB. However, international students at UCSB are eligible to apply for a reduced course load under certain circumstances.

Students must obtain approval from OISS before dropping below full-time enrollment.

Read through this page to learn more about academic reduced course loads, medical reduced course loads, and filing leaves.

If you qualify, be sure to submit your request at least two weeks before the end of the quarter. The sooner, the better!

Enroll in MFA with Duo by January 25!

UCSB is continuing to roll out multi-factor authentication (MFA) with Duo, an app that runs on your smartphone, and along with your username and password, it will enable you to log in to certain campus systems, such as Student Health's Patient Portal.

On January 25, 2022, Duo will go live on the Patient Portal login screen. You will not be able to log in to the Patient Portal until you enroll in Duo. The Patient Portal is where you access the COVID-19 Daily Screening survey, which is required for entry to campus.

Duo is already in use with several campus applications, and if you have already set up MFA with Duo, there is nothing new you need to do. However, if you have not set up MFA with Duo, please visit it.ucsb.edu/mfa and enroll your device today.

Again, after January 25, 2022, you will not be able to log in to the Patient Portal to take your COVID-19 Daily Screening survey until you enroll in Duo.

Pro tip: While authenticating with Duo, you can select the "Remember me for 10 hours" option and lessen the number of times in a day you have to authenticate.

SHS Patient Portal + Multi-factor Authentication (MFA)

Integration on Tuesday, January 25, 2022

By 1/25, you must be enrolled in MFA with Duo to log in to the Student Health Patient Portal and take the Daily COVID-19 Screening Survey, required to enter campus

Don't wait to enroll a device! Visit it.ucsb.edu/mfa and activate MFA for your account today

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DUO

Need help enrolling in MFA with Duo?

If you do NOT live on campus: Report a problem at https://help.lsit.ucsb.edu or call (805) 893-HELP (x4357). Hours of operation: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you live on campus: Report a problem at https://info.resnet.ucsb.edu or call (805) 893-5555. Hours of operation: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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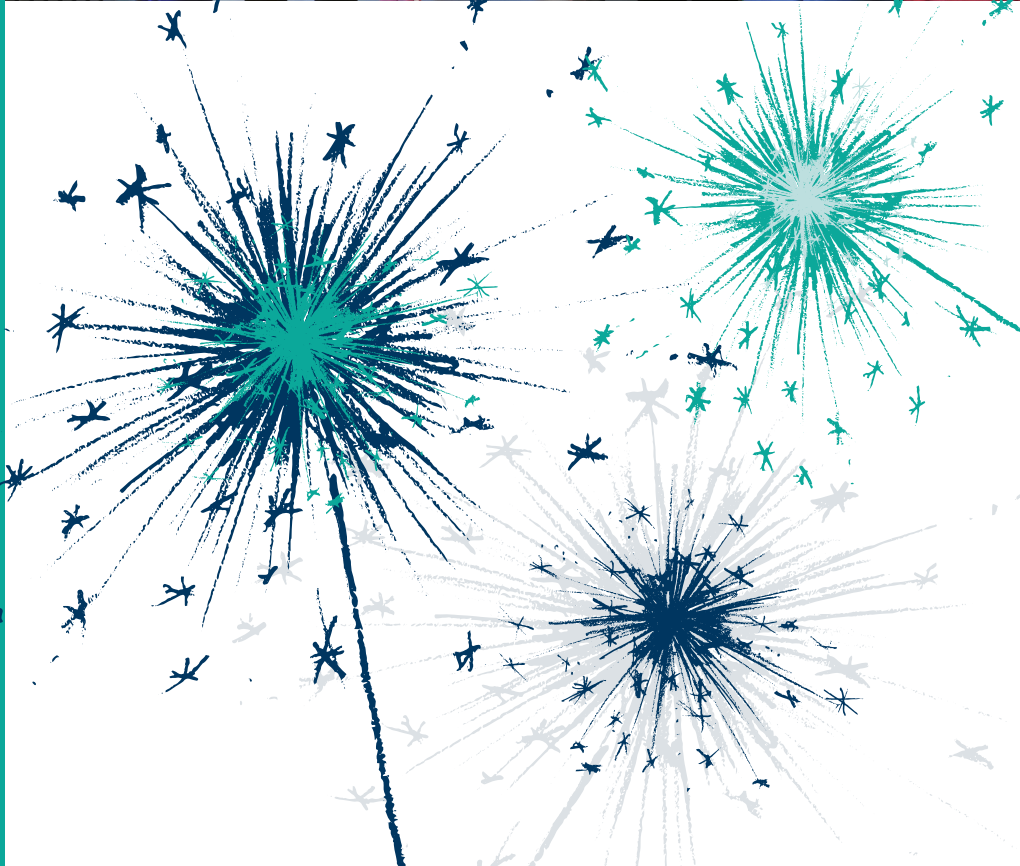Students & Scholars

English Conversation Program

OISS offers an English Conversation Program (ECP) for international graduate students, scholars, and their family members. You do not need to be an enrolled UCSB student to participate. ECP provides an opportunity to practice speaking and refining English language skills in a casual, social, and supportive environment.

Classes will begin on February 1, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact the ECP coordinator, Lisa Hammock at lisahammock805@gmail.com.

Click here for more information and the link to the sign up form.

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OISS Events

Internship & Employment Opportunities for J-1 Students

January 13 3:30 pm - 5 pm
Virtual event - click here to enter Zoom room

Are you on a J-1 visa and looking for meaningful experience to kick start your career? Join us to learn about the variety of opportunities available for you and how to qualify for them. During this workshop we explain more about on-campus employment authorizations, Academic Training (off campus employment) authorizations, how to find an internship, participating in the UC Washington Center (UCDC), and more. This event is co-hosted by OISS, Career Services, EAP, and Capital Internships.
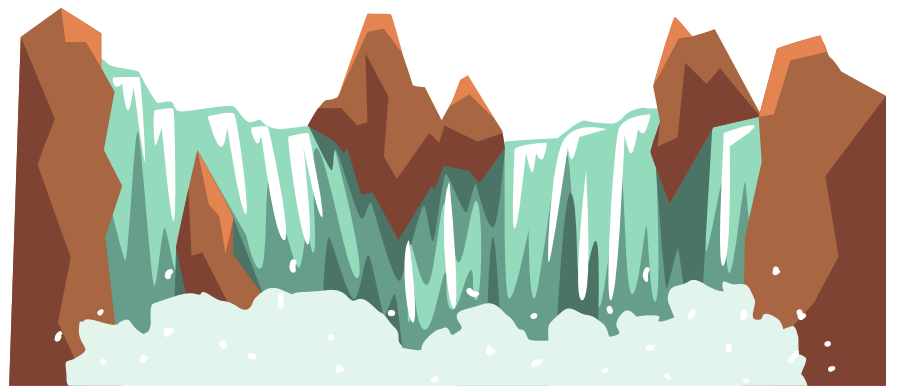
All J-1 students (EAP Reciprocity, bachelor, masters, and doctoral students) are welcome!

Staff Suggestions

Fast COVID-19 Tests

South Coast Analytics is a local company that offers several types of rapid tests, including COVID-19 PCR panels. They also offer a Rapid Antigen add-on that tests for not only Covid-19, but also Influenza A/B. Results are emailed to you the same day in 1-2 hours! For pricing and more information, check their website.

Local Waterfalls

With all the recent rain that Santa Barbara has received, there's no better time to look for local waterfalls! You can find some suggestions here.

OISS Recommends

Apply for Orientation Staff

Orientation Programs & Parent Services is recruiting 2022 Orientation Staff.

The online application is due **Monday, January 24**; the application link and additional information is available on the Orientation <u>website</u>. To learn more about the position, check out the information sessions. Attendance is not required to apply for the position but is highly recommended.

If you have questions, please refer to the website, or contact Latrece Seneca at Lseneca@ucsb.edu.

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Summer 2022 Orientation Staff

Applications Open: **December 1st @8am**
Applications Close: **January 24th @12pm**

Winter: <u>Various Interviews</u>
Spring: <u>Training</u>
($15/hr, 10-15 hrs a week)
Summer: <u>Orientation</u>
($15/hr, 35-40hrs a week)

For more information, head to
orientation.sa.ucsb.edu

Intern with UCSB IT

There are multiple intern positions open at UCSB's IT department. The application deadline is **January 14, 2022**. Apply online at Handshake and contact UCSB IT with any questions.

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Intern with UCSB IT

UCSB IT offers student interns a paid employment opportunity to complement their academic training by learning practical skills in a high demand field. UCSB IT values our students' opinions and believes their ideas drive the successful development of IT on campus. Students will work in an inclusive and welcoming environment.

Internships begin Spring 2022 - Application Deadline: January 14, 2022

Salesforce Development Intern
College of Letters and Science IT (LSIT)
Job ID: 5673233

Sustainable Technology Repair
Center for Information Technology and Society (CITS)
Job ID: 5691424

Cloud Solutions Architect
Enterprise Technology Services (ETS)
Job ID: 5672594

DevOPS Intern
Digital Library Development
Job ID: 5673059

JupyterHub Service Intern
College of Letters and Science IT (LSIT)
Job ID: 5673909

Data Systems Engineer Intern
Student Information System and Technology (SIS&T)
Job ID: 5674035

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Apply online at <u>Handshake</u>

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Thanks for Reading!

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.

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

For any inquiries regarding upcoming OISS events, or collaboration opportunities, contact 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.

Let's stay in touch!

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

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