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OISS NEWSLETTER

Immigration updates, announcements, and recommended events for Global Gauchos



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Dear International Gauchos,

We are in the midst of Summer! We hope that whatever you find yourself doing over the Summer, you are finding time to relax and recharge. If you have stayed in Santa Barbara, we hope you will take advantage of all the beautiful beaches and hikes that this special place has to offer. Please read the information thoroughly as it will help answer many questions and provide important resources!

In community,

The Office of International Students and Scholars

Help Us Help You!

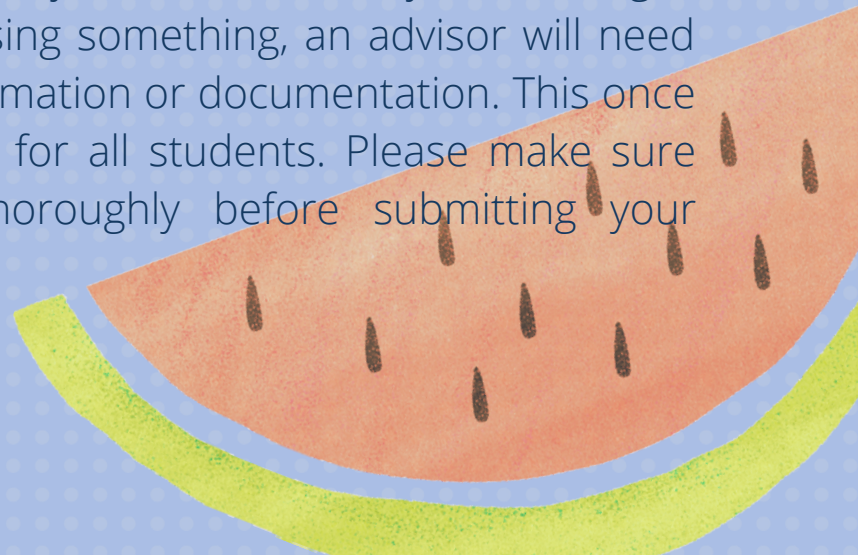


As we welcome our newly admitted students to the international community, the population we serve grows by at least fifty percent. Our team of advisors are working hard to answer your questions and fulfill your requests in a timely manner. Let's partner together to operate at the highest level possible. Below are some tips for you to help us help you, faster and more efficiently!

1. Please refrain from emailing us to ask about the status of your request if it is within the processing window. We understand waiting is hard, but asking for an update creates more work for the advising team to look into your request, slowing down processing times for everyone. It also adds more emails to our queue, delaying responses to time-sensitive inquiries.

Also please refrain from making an appointment to talk about your e-form. This will not result in quicker processing of your request and only slows down review and processing time for advisors.

2. Please READ instructions. The instructions on our website and the e-forms are there to guide you in successfully submitting a request. If your request is missing something, an advisor will need to email you for additional information or documentation. This once again slows the process down for all students. Please make sure you read the instructions thoroughly before submitting your request.



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3. Use **our website** as a resource for general information about your status or a process. It is a great place to start before sending an email to the advising team for more information.

4. Utilize our Virtual Front Desk Drop-Ins if you have quick questions that need no more than five minutes to answer. If you feel you need more than five minutes, please book an appointment with your assigned advisor.

If you book an appointment with an advisor that is not your assigned advisor, you will be redirected to your assigned advisor which can delay receiving a response. When in doubt, email your assigned advisor for an appointment.

5. Please reply to the same email thread about the same issue. Only create a new email if it pertains to a new, unrelated question to your previous questions. This helps with continuity and prevents further time being spent researching a prior conversation.

OISS is always here to help, but we ask that you help us, too. Please do your best to review provided information, resources, and instructions so our advisors can help everyone in a timely manner. Thank you so much!



Alerts & Updates



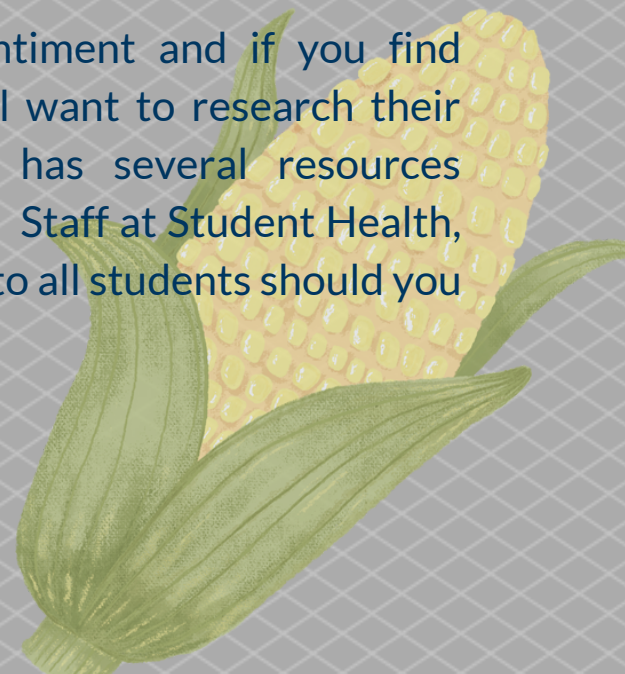
Reporting OPT Employment

Congratulations to all our Global Gauchos who have received job offers on OPT! Just a reminder that you need to report your OPT employment in UCSBGlobal within 10 days of starting your job. You may receive an email to activate your SEVP Portal, however, all Global Gauchos must use UCSBGlobal to report your employment.

What does the overturning of Roe v Wade mean for international students?

In light of the devastating decision from the Supreme Court of the United States which has ended federal protections to reproductive services we understand you may have feelings of confusion or concern. Since there is not a federal ban on reproductive services the decision is determined at the state level. The Governor of California has committed to protecting reproductive freedom including access to abortion in the state of California and anyone in California can continue to seek the services they need.

Unfortunately not all states share this sentiment and if you find yourself relocating to another state you will want to research their laws and regulations. UC Santa Barbara has several resources available should you need to talk to someone. Staff at Student Health, CARE and the Women's Center are available to all students should you need assistance or have any questions.



Alerts & Updates

Interested in showcasing your home culture?

In November OISS will be looking to feature students in a Fall 2022 International Education Week Celebration: A Showcase of Cultures-Fashion Show. If you have traveled back to your home country for the Summer do not forget to bring traditional dress if you would like to participate! We will be providing additional information as it gets closer. We hope you all will share your culture with your fellow Gauchos!

English Conversation Program (ECP) Updates!

Starting July 6th, ECP will now be held from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM on Wednesdays. The class will now also be meeting at the seating area at the back of the Student Resource Building next to the Children's Center.

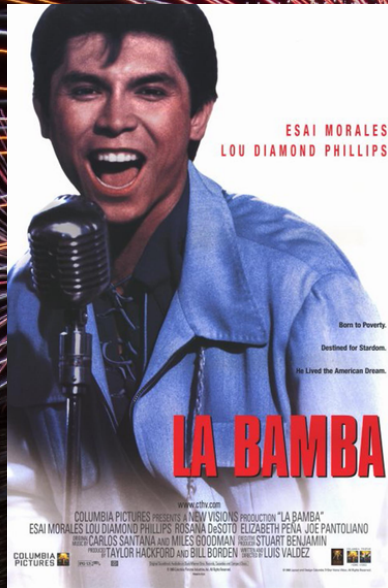


Sign-ups for the program are still open; please visit the ECP webpage for more information.



OISS Recommends...

OISS Advisors recommend California themed movies for Summer movie nights!



Cristina Carney,
Lead Student Advisor:
La Bamba (1998)



Erik Williams,
Assistant Director:
Clueless (1995)



Erik Williams,
Assistant Director:
Friday (1995)



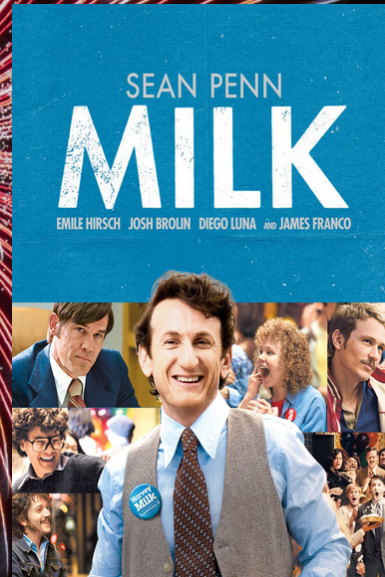
Trevor Brandt,
Student Advisor:
The Big Lebowski (1998)

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Nikki Hutchinson,
Student Advisor:
***Erin Brockovich* (2000)**



Matthew Williams,
Student Advisor:
***Milk* (2008)**



Felipe Recinos,
Intake Advisor:
***The Bling Ring* (2013)**



Sarah Cortes,
Financial Analyst:
***Ladybird* (2017)**