Welcome to OISS!

OISS serves the International Gaucho community at UCSB, which includes students, scholars, staff, faculty, and visiting researchers who come from all across the globe. OISS also serves campus departments that work with our international population.
International Gauchos: Who Are They?

Anyone can be an International Gaucho!

Are you someone who…
...is at UCSB through a visa program?
...identifies with a multicultural/national perspective?
...is interested in international relations and global citizenship?

Then, you're an International Gaucho!
Total International Student Population

4687

18% Of UCSB Total Student Body

3004 Undergraduates

1028 Graduates

655 Alumni Currently Working in the U.S.
*on F-1 or J-1 visa status supported by OISS
57 Countries Represented

TOP 10 Countries:

CHINA
INDIA
SOUTH KOREA
TAIWAN
CANADA
TURKEY
UNITED KINGDOM
JAPAN
HONG KONG
BRAZIL
274
Total International Scholar Population

95%
In STEM Fields

TOP 10 Countries:

CHINA
INDIA
SOUTH KOREA
GERMANY
FRANCE
SPAIN
ITALY
ISRAEL
JAPAN
UNITED KINGDOM
145

H1-B Visa Population
(Employment-based/Non-Student)
UC Santa Barbara was recently ranked as the #6 top public university in the U.S. Worldwide, we are #30.

U.S. News and World Report, 2020

International students, scholars and researchers all contribute to UCSB's recognition as a global leader in impactful research.
OISS Services

What We Do at UCSB

- Immigration Support
- Inclusion & Advocacy
- Advising Services
- Cultural Programming
- Government Relations
- Employment Support
- Departmental Support
- Campus Trainings
OISS Objectives

Why We Do What We Do

- Support student and scholars (F or J visa status), as well as staff and faculty (employment-based visas) by providing timely immigration advice, news and updates.

- Bolster the international Gaucho experience by providing one-on-one advising and recommending campus programs and resources.

- Collaborate with campus departments to provide global perspectives to campus programs.

- Provide advocacy and create spaces for multi-dimensional, cross-cultural dialogue through trainings, events and programming.

- Bringing the world to UCSB. We are here to serve international and domestic Gauchos!
OISS Programs & Events

We Invite You To Take Part!

- International Student Leadership Group
- International Education Week Celebrations
- Faculty and Student Discussion Panels
- Intercultural Awareness & Communication Trainings
Meet The Team

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