Welcome to OISS!

OISS is dedicated to supporting the Global Gauchos community at UCSB. Our international community is comprised of students, scholars, staff, faculty, and visiting researchers from diverse international backgrounds. Additionally, OISS extends its services to campus departments collaborating with our international population, ensuring comprehensive support for the entire university community.
Global Gauchos: Who Are They?

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

You too can be a Global Gaucho!
Total International Student Population

2954 Undergraduates

1114 Graduates

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

16% Of UCSB Total Student Body
103 Countries Represented

TOP 10 Countries:

CHINA
INDIA
SOUTH KOREA
TAIWAN
UNITED KINGDOM
JAPAN
SPAIN
BRAZIL
TURKEY
GERMANY
TOP 10 Countries:

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

Total International Scholar Population: 221
104

H1-B Visa Population (Employment-based/Non-Student)
Thank you to all of our international students, scholars and researchers for contributing to UCSB's status as a global leader in impactful research.

UC Santa Barbara was recently ranked as the #12 top public university in the U.S.

U.S. News and World Report, 2024
OISS Services

What We Do and Why We Do It

- Immigration Support
- Inclusion & Advocacy
- Advising Services
- Cultural Programming
- Government Relations
- Employment Support
- Departmental Support
- Cross-Cultural Consultations
OISS Programming

We Invite You To Take Part!

- International Student-Led Programming Initiatives
- International Education Week Celebrations
- All Languages Language Exchanges
- Local Excursions and Holiday Celebrations
- Use Shoreline’s “international” event tag for all OISS programs
Meet The Team

Erik Williams
Director
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Kayleen McDonald
Assistant Director
Scholar Services
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Adam Hanson
Assistant Director
Student Services
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OISS, Bringing the World to UCSB!