Hello International Gauchos,

It’s graduation season! OISS extends a sincere congratulations to our Global Gaucho graduates. Whether you’re finishing your Bachelor’s, Master’s, or Doctoral degree, we recognize that the international academic experience is truly unique, layered with countless challenges that others often can’t see nor understand. OISS sees you, and we are proud of you!

We hope that you leave UCSB with a greater appreciation of yourself, your abilities, and a sense of optimism for your future. We are thankful that you chose UCSB among all the schools in the world and will be forever be grateful for the academic and cultural contributions you have made to our campus community. You will forever be a Global Gaucho. Congratulations!

If your academic career is continuing and you’ll be in town this summer, we hope you will join our summer social events highlighted below.

If you summer includes travel, we wish you safe adventures!

Sincerely,
OISS
OISS Reminders

End of Year Checklist

Immigration Documents
1. Updated travel signature
2. Immigration documents are up-to-date
3. I-20 has not expired and has correct major (contact OISS if not)
4. Passport will have at least 6 months remaining at all times
5. Visa is unexpired for travel and re-entrance to U.S.

Immigration Procedures: UCSB Global Requests
1. In your last quarter and don’t need a full unit load? Submit a Reduced Course Load request for a partial fee reduction (undergrad, degree-seeking students only)
2. Summer internships? Request CPT
3. Graduating and seeking employment in the US? Request OPT (for F-1 students)
4. Finishing your degree-seeking or short-term studies as a J-1 visa holder? Request Academic Training
5. Graduating and returning home? Submit Program Completion form
6. Transferring to another school? Submit transfer of I-20 form

Academic Affairs
1. Summer internship? Meet with academic advisor & enroll in a summer internship course
2. Graduating?
   a. Meet with academic advisor to ensure all necessary coursework has been completed
   b. Declare candidacy
   c. Register for Commencement
   d. Submit cancellation form for the next term

Personal Affairs
1. Register with UCSB Alumni Office
2. Meet with a Career Services’ Advisor
   a. Job Search Strategies
   b. Cover Letter
   c. Resume
3. Be aware of reverse culture shock (because it’s very real)
4. Review lease?
5. Close bank account?
6. Sell car, bike, books, furniture, etc.?
7. Plan to say good-byes
In an ongoing effort to expand our support for UCSB’s global community, OISS is excited to announce that we will continue our language programs during summer quarter. In partnership with Education Abroad Program, we will host two summer events:

**Coal Oil Point Hike**
*with UCSB All Languages Language Exchange*  
followed by pizza at Woodstock’s!  
**Friday, June 28th**  
3-5PM  
*Walk will take 1-1.5 hours | Meet in front of Woodstock’s before the hike*

**Summer Social at the Rooftop Bar and Bistro**  
*with UCSB All Languages Language Exchange*  
**Friday, July 19th**  
4:30-6:30PM  
Bring money and enjoy a beautiful mountain view, live music, food and drinks with fellow globally-minded folks! This event is open to all ages and easily accessible by bus, bike and car.
English Conversation Club

Summer 2024 Schedule

Now on Shoreline

Starting June 26, 2024

Classes will be held on Wednesdays, 12-1pm in the Student Resource Building Room 3153, Open to all

UC SANTA BARBARA
Office of International Students & Scholars
Community Engagements Opportunities

Calling all Student Orgs and Departments

OISS invites you to join us in welcoming our incoming international grads and undergrads at our Fall 2024 Welcome Party. This event is a fantastic opportunity to make connections and promote your organization! Free food and a DJ are included.

The event will take place on Wednesday, September 25, from 3:30-6:00 pm on-campus. We request that all student organizations and departments interested in tabling complete this form.

World Culture Festival

FALL 2024

Showcase the diversity within our UCSB community through
CULTURAL ARTS. MUSIC. AND FOOD!
Instill a sense of belonging through the shared values of
HAPPINESS. COMPASSION. AND FRIENDLINESS!
Come together to build a more positive, supportive COMMUNITY!

CELEBRATE WITH US:
- Participate
- Volunteer
- Represent
- Donate
- Market
- Co-sponsor
- Organize

Link: https://forms.gle/AfnoXGvAYJhtTEhp8

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Search participants for Chinese International Undergrad Students Mental Health Study 参与者招募 中国本科留学生心理健康研究

Win $20 gift card for survey! Get $15 gift card for follow-up interview!

Scan or click to start survey!

Only takes 5-10 min!
Summer Hours

OISS will be closed to the public on Fridays June 21-Sept 6, 1-4pm to allow staff to concentrate on processing requests for new students and scholars. Feel free to email or call us.

The SRB will be closed June 15-23, OISS will work remotely during regular business hours this week with the exception of June 19 when we will be fully closed in honor of Juneteenth.

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 ashleyrifkin@ucsb.edu.

Let's stay in touch!

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