UC SANTA BARBARA
Office of International
Students & Scholars

October 2024 Newsletter



Did you know there are over eleven kilometers of bikeways on/around the UCSB campus and used by about 14,000 cyclists daily?

Welcome (back)!

It's October everyone and we at the Office of International Students and Scholars are excited to have you all at UCSB. For some of you, this is your first quarter here and we couldn't be happier to have you. And for those of you returning to us after a well-deserved summer hiatus, it's great to see you again.

Below in our monthly newsletter you'll find helpful information and links for new and returning students alike. We look forward to seeing you all around campus!

Immigration Status check-up!

It's the start of a new academic year! What better time to make sure your immigration status is in good standing so that you may focus on success for this Fall 2024 quarter and the rest of the academic year.

New F-1/J-1 Students

All new students must complete required check-in forms by **October 11, 2024**. Failure to complete all required check-in forms will result your SEVIS record being auto-terminated and you will have to depart the US.

To complete your check-in, you must:

- 1. Log into UCSB Global
- 2. Select "Required Check-In Forms for New Students"
- 3. Submit the New Student Local Address e-form
- 4. Submit the New Student CALI Quiz e-form
- 5. Submit the New Student Arrival Documents e-form

New & Returning Students

- Update your local living address in UCSB Global
- Ensure you're enrolled full-time
 - Undergraduate students: minimum of 12 credits
 - Graduate students: minimum of 8 credits



News, Reminders, and Updates

Student Employment

Thinking about working as a student while at UCSB? F-1 and J-1 students are both eligible for employment on-campus. Use the links below for more information on eligiblity, requirements, getting an SSN, and other steps you need to take to get to work!

F-1 Student Employment



J-1 Student
Employment



Looking for work? Check out Handshake! Many of UCSB's on-campus jobs are posted here!

UCSB Handshake



UCSB Global

UCSB Global is your one-stop shop for nearly all of the services our office provides! You can submit your requests online, any time without emailing or visiting during office hours. Here are just a few examples of the services you can request online:

- Travel signatures
- Updates to your I-20 (address, extensions, etc.)
- On-campus employment forms / SSN Letter
- CPT / OPT Authorization requests

Please know we serve a large volume of students and scholars at UCSB, it may take up to 5 - 10 business to process your request depending on the time of year/type of request. Your patience is appreciated.

Use the link below to access UCSB Global and bookmark it in your browser!

Access UCSB Global



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Events on Shoreline

Lots of events are going on all quarter to welcome you all to campus. Nearly all events going on at UCSB are published on Shoreline. Check out the link below and use event tag "international" to find OISS events and register, space is limited!

Upcoming OISS Events

Oct 3 - All Languages Exchange

Oct 3 - ECC w/ Lisa

Oct 7 - J-1 Student Employment

Workshop

Oct 8 - Intro to CLAS for Int'l Students

Nov 6 - F-1 CPT Employment Info Session





Storkie is Live!

We're excited to announce a new tool on our <u>website</u>, Storkie, a virtual assistant that can help you navigate our website to find the information you need. You'll find Storkie in the bottom right corner of our website. Ask any question you'd like and Storkie will get you there!



Contact Us

Want to stop by in person? You can visit us in Room 3130 on the 3rd floor of the Student Resource Building. Use <u>UCSB's interactive map</u> to find us!

We're available for drop-in appointments or you can schedule a visit with one of our advisors on our <u>People Directory</u> page from our website

OISS standard office hours: Mondays - Fridays 10 am - 12 pm & 1 pm - 4 pm

Note: OISS is closed on university holidays. OISS remote services are available on SRB building closures during campus break periods.

General Questions

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