

Dear Students,

We hope your Spring quarter is starting well. We are providing important information below due to recent reporting as it relates to international student immigration status. The University of California [issued a statement](#) on Friday. We want to emphasize that the information below may affect a very small number of students, however, we want to ensure you are aware of these developments. We are aware of four UC Santa Barbara students affected as of this writing, but the number may change. To the best of our knowledge, there has not been any Immigration and Customs Enforcement presence on our campus or other law enforcement activity related to this situation.

Reports of Visa Revocation

The Federal government has begun revoking the visas of certain individuals who they deem ineligible for the visa status they currently hold, including some F-1 and J-1 visa holders. Historically, in practice, the Department of State will notify the visa holder using the email indicated in the visa application. However, this may not happen or you may no longer have access to the email account you used. If you believe you may be subject to visa revocation (due to any reason, whether an arrest, criminal conviction or other violations of status) you can contact the consulate that issued your visa to verify. The reason for visa revocation is not immediately clear in some cases. Please do this only after consulting with OISS so we can ensure you have cause to do so.

Reports of Termination of Student Immigration Record

OISS has learned that the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP), the agency that oversees I-20 and DS-2019 records, has been terminating the records of international students at various institutions, possibly due to past law enforcement encounters or failure to provide required updates to their international office. A termination of your student immigration record requires immediate attention from you, please be alert to any messages you receive from OISS.

OISS advisors are diligently monitoring SEVIS alerts daily, but if you receive an email or suspect any issues, please contact OISS immediately. We will alert students to any issues we discover and set up an appointment to discuss the situation with you.

Reminder About Scams

Unfortunately during periods of heightened immigration enforcement, there are people who will attempt to contact international students and scholars posing as law enforcement, even from one's own country, which is false. If this should happen, please reach out to your OISS advisor [here](#). You can also find more information about scams here visit [OISS's webpage](#).

To international students and scholars: OISS is here for you. We are your primary advocate and advisor on campus regarding your immigration status. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, concerns or other ways in which OISS and UCSB can support you.

In Solidarity,

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