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OISS Newsletter



Happy October Gauchos!

The Office of International Students & Scholars is thrilled to welcome everyone to a brand-new academic year at UCSB! For our new students — we're so excited you've joined our beautiful campus by the sea. And to our returning students — welcome back! We hope you had a relaxing and inspiring summer break.

In this month's newsletter, you'll find important immigration reminders, helpful resources, and upcoming events to help you make the most of fall quarter. From career workshops to social gatherings, there are plenty of ways to get involved, meet new friends, and explore all that UCSB has to offer.

As a friendly reminder, OISS will always email important policy updates and other essential information. Please be sure to check your UCSB email regularly so you don't miss any updates from us.

We can't wait to see you around campus — stop by OISS anytime to say hello or ask a question. Here's to a great start to the season and an amazing fall ahead!

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Required Immigration Check-In —

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 2025 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 10, 2025**. 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 "New & Returning Students Start Here"
3. Submit the New Student Local Address e-form
4. 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

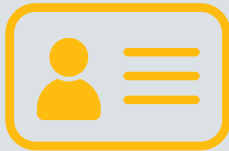


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Campus Resources

Student ID Info

Access Card



The Access Offices are located in the University Center.

Help Desk: Monday - Friday 10am-12pm and 1pm-4pm

Distribution Window: Monday - Friday 10am-4pm

Bus Schedule



Students ride all lines of the MTD Bus for free with their access card.

Shoreline Info

The screenshot displays the 'Events (25)' section of the Shoreline website. It includes a search bar with a magnifying glass icon, a dropdown menu for 'Upcoming' events, and several filter options: '- Group -', '- Group Type -', '- Category Tag.v', and '- Event Type -'. Below these, there are more filters: 'International', '- Location Type -', 'From Date', and 'To Date'. On the right side, there are three buttons: 'Subscribe' (with a RSS icon), 'Sync' (with a refresh icon), and 'Events Calendar' (with a calendar icon).

To find international-oriented events, select the "international" event tag on the main Shoreline events list.

Click [Here](#) to be Directed to the Shoreline Website



News & Reminders

Student Employment

New Year, new quarter-stay in status! As you dive into classes, make new friends, and settle into campus life, now's the perfect time to double-check that your immigration status is in good standing. Keeping your records up to date means you can focus on what really matters — a successful and stress-free Fall 2025 quarter!

[F-1 Student Employment](#)



[UCSB Handshake](#)



[J-1 Student Employment](#)



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](#)



OR

[Download the mobile app!](#)



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English Conversation Club

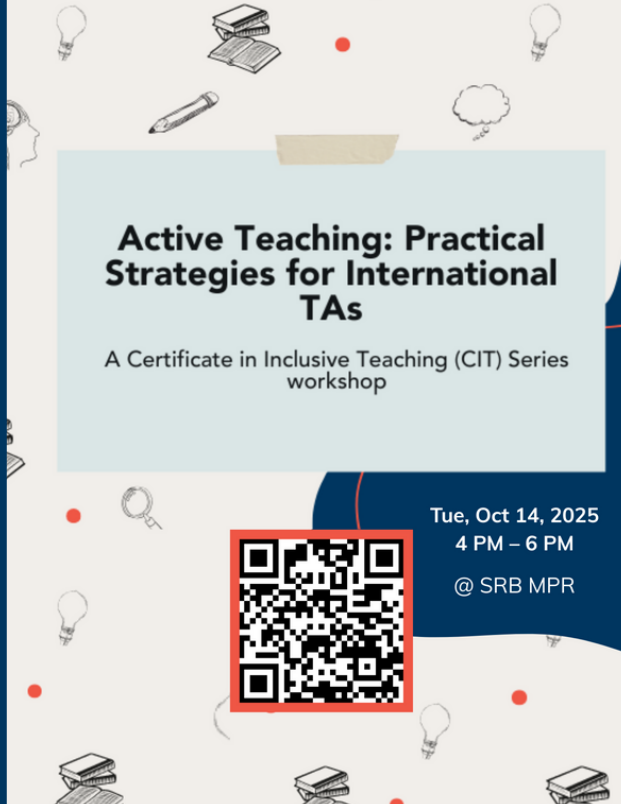


Thursdays
10:30 AM – 12 PM
Student Resource Building,
First Floor, Room 1103



[More details on Shoreline](#)

OISS' English Conversation Club brings together international students, scholars, and their adult dependents in a welcoming space to practice English, explore U.S. culture, and share their own. Through group discussions, cultural exchanges, and community activities, the club fosters cross-cultural understanding and meaningful connections in a fun, inclusive environment.



Active Teaching: Practical Strategies for International TAs

A Certificate in Inclusive Teaching (CIT) Series workshop

Tue, Oct 14, 2025
4 PM – 6 PM
@ SRB MPR



Global Peer Mentorship Friendship Speedating



Tue, Oct 14, 2025
4 PM – 6 PM PDT
@ SRB MPR



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.



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