

OCTOBER 2026

OISS Newsletter



Happy October Gauchos!

The Office of International Students & Scholars is thrilled to have welcomed one of our largest classes of international students and scholars ever this fall! To celebrate, nearly **600 new international students** gathered at our annual welcome party, joined by Chancellor Assanis and his wife Eleni, alongside Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Mike Miller.

We also want to extend a warm welcome back to our returning Global Gauchos! As a reminder, all students must complete their **mandatory immigration check-in** as soon as possible to maintain legal status.

Below, you'll find key immigration reminders and helpful resources. Please be sure to **check your UCSB email** regularly for essential OISS policy updates. Finally, explore details on global social gatherings, mentorship programs, and Student Affairs updates for endless ways to get involved, build connections, and experience campus life.

Stop by our office anytime to say hello or ask questions. Cheers to an amazing fall quarter ahead!

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Office of International
Students & Scholars

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 2026 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 24, 2026**. 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](#)



Find your OISS Advisor

Did you know you have an assigned OISS Advisor? Advisor is based on the first letter of your last name. Find yours via the [OISS People Directory](#).



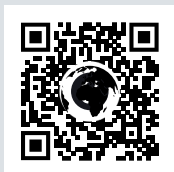
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News & Reminders

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 2026 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!](#)

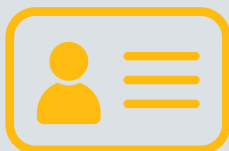


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Campus Resources

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



Events (25)

Search Events

Upcoming - Group - Group Type - Category Tag - Event Type -

International - Location Type - From Date To Date

Subscribe Sync Events Calendar

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



Global & Social Events



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Education Abroad Program



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UCSB All Languages Language Exchange

All Levels and Languages Welcome
Open to Students, Staff & Faculty



Register on Shoreline for Fall 2025
Events will be held in the Third Floor Forum in the
Student Resource Building from 4-6pm

Oct 2	Oct 16	Nov 6	Nov 20	Dec 4
				

Have questions?
Contact: oissprograms@ucsb.edu



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.

Fall 2026 World Music Series

WEDNESDAYS | 12 PM | MUSIC BOWL | FREE

Presented by the UCSB MultiCultural Center & the Ethnomusicology Program in the Department of Music

Norteño Music with Los Catanes Del Norte Los Catanes del Norte will perform music from different regions in Mexico including corridos, rancheras, and boleros norteños.	 Oct 7
Mariachi Las Olas De SB Santa Barbara-based Mariachi Las Olas, founded and directed by Juan Zaragoza, will perform various music genres from Mexico including rancheras, boleros, corridos, zones and guatos.	 Oct 14
UCSB Middle East Ensemble Scott Marcus leads a performance by the UCSB Middle East Ensemble of music and dance from a variety of Middle Eastern cultures, performed on traditional Middle Eastern instruments.	 Oct 21
UCSB Gamelan Ensemble Directed by Richard North, the UCSB Gamelan Ensemble will showcase an ancient style of gamelan from Cirebon, West Java, featuring dynamic drumming, delicate melodies, and lively interlocking rhythms.	 Oct 28
UCSB Gospel Choir Directed by Victor Bell, the UCSB Gospel Choir will perform traditional and contemporary songs drawn from African American religious traditions.	 Nov 4
UCSB Son Jarocho Directed by Jorge Mijangos, the UCSB Son Jarocho Ensemble presents music and dance from Veracruz, Mexico that blends Mexican, Spanish and African elements.	 Nov 18

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Associated Students
Global Gaucho
Commission



UC SANTA BARBARA
Health & Wellness

BE A MENTOR. FIND A MENTOR.

Global Mentorship Program

Fall 2026

Perfect for International & New Students!
Training & completion certificate for mentors,
academic support for mentees and fun bonding
activities for both!

SIGNUP BELOW!






Student Affairs Update

Office Hours

with Interim

Vice Chancellor
for Student Affairs

Mike Miller

Every Other Thursday, 3–4 PM



Sign up today

<https://bit.ly/officehoursvcsa>



Come chat with Mike about...

- An idea
- Your experience
- A question
- Something you think the Division of Student Affairs should know

Thanks for Reading!

We hope you enjoyed this issue of the OISS Newsletter. Past newsletters can be viewed on the [OISS website](#).

Have questions for OISS? Feel free to reach us via our [Contact Us](#) page as well as our [People Directory](#).

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