Welcome!
to UC San Diego
International Students & Programs Office

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• The International Students & Programs Office
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UC San Diego International Students & Programs Office
Pre-Arrival Information and Orientation for new international students.

Advising services for students and their families.

International student visa and status support services.

Cross-cultural programming, events, and fun activities!

International Students & Programs Office
Student Center B, 1st Floor
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  • Tutorials

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INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO INTERNATIONAL FRESHMEN
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Information for Newly Admitted International Freshmen

Welcome! This page provides a comprehensive guide for newly admitted international freshmen (first-year undergraduate students). It will help you get ready to start your unforgettable student experience at UC San Diego.

Wondering where to start? Complete the steps below.

Step 1 - Right Away:
+ Expand All
  - Meet All Admissions Requirements
  - Request Your I-20 (F-1 Students) or DS-2019 (J-1 Students)
  - Request an early start date on the I-20 (If Applicable)
  - Consider the Triton Edge Program
  - Check If You Qualify to Expedite your I-20/DS-2019 Issuance
  - Pay the SEVIS Fee

Step 2 - Before Arrival in the United States:
+ Expand All
  - Make Housing Arrangements Before your Arrival
GET CONNECTED!
facebook
Search for “Ispo Ucsd”
Visa & Passport Information
What to expect at the airport
You must have your SEVIS I-20 Form to apply for your F-1 Visa OR the SEVIS DS-2019 Form to apply for the J-1 Visa

To apply for the I-20 or DS-2019, please request via the iPortal:
  • http://ispo.ucsd.edu/new-students/index.html

For additional information go to the U.S. Embassy website at
  • http://www.usembassy.gov

I-20, DS-2019 or visa questions? Email iportal@ucsd.edu
WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE AIRPORT
All passengers arriving on international flights must complete U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) entry procedures at the International Terminal Arrivals Hall.

Carry your PASSPORT, VISA and I-20/DS-2019 in your carry-on bag. Do not pack them in your check-in luggage.

For details visit www.cbp.gov for information about clearing CBP.
• Passport scanned at airport
• Electronic I-94 record automatically created once your passport is scanned
• Receive entry (admission) stamp in passport
• Access electronic record using the link below after entry
• Print copy for your records
• Bring copy to Intl Student Orientation to check for accuracy

www.cbp.gov/I94
Passengers ending their journey in San Diego (SAN) or Los Angeles (LAX) should follow the signs for International Arrivals and/or Baggage Claim.
GETTING TO THE CAMPUS

- Friends and/or family
- Public buses, San Diego Metro Transit Service (SD MTS)
  www.sdmts.com
- UC San Diego Shuttles and Public Transport serving UCSD
  blink.ucsd.edu/facilities/trblink.ucsd.edu/facilities/transportation/commuting/public.html
- Ground transportation options from San Diego International Airport.
  www.san.org/sdia/transportation/public.aspx
- International Center Arrival Resources
  http://ispo.ucsd.edu/new-students/transportation-arriving-usa.html
TRAVEL TO SAN DIEGO FROM L.A.

- From LAX Airport: FlyAway Bus to Union Station & Irvine Train Station
  - www.lawa.org (Under “Ground Transportation”)
- From Union Station & Irvine Train Stations:
  - www.amtrak.com
- By Bus: www.greyhound.com
- Rental Car: check “ground transportation, www.lawa.org
- By Air: Fly from LAX to SAN
Complete a self document check and address update within 15 days of your program start (visa stamp and I-94)

Failure to check your documents for accuracy may result in the termination of your SEVIS record and loss of your F-1 or J-1 status.

To complete the Document Check after arrival into the U.S.:

- **Step 1:** Print your electronic I-94 form from [https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/](https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/)
- **Step 2:** Update your local and permanent address in Tritonlink.
- **Step 3:** Attend the International Student Orientation for document review. By attending the international student orientation, you are fulfilling your document check requirement.
All new international students must complete the iTriton Online Training

Beginning NOW

http://ispo.ucsd.edu/new-students/orientation/itriton.html

Deadline to complete:
Friday, September 15th

This online training is mandatory
Undergraduate Student Orientation:  
Sunday, September 24th

International student orientation is **strongly encouraged**

http://ispo.ucsd.edu/new-students/orientation/index.html
Check your College’s website for Orientation dates.

http://admissions.ucsd.edu/colleges/index.html
HOUSING & HEALTH INSURANCE
Housing, Dining, & Hospitality:

INCOMING FRESHMEN INFO:  http://hdh.ucsd.edu/LOC/
ISPO HOUSING RESOURCES:  http://ispo.ucsd.edu/new-students/living-in-san-diego/housing/index.html
OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING RESOURCES:  https://offcampushousing.ucsd.edu/
SOLANA BEACH HOMESTAY SHORT TERM HOMESTAY PROGRAM

- No application fee required
- Provides free short term housing and cultural exchange with an American family
- Serving UCSD students and scholars for 12 years

http://www.solanabeachhostfamilies.org/
Health Insurance

- Health insurance is mandatory for every student at UC San Diego
- Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP)
- Health Fee Waiver
- SHIP Website: https://wellness.ucsd.edu/studenthealth/insurance/Pages/default.aspx
• Most routine care available on campus at Student Health Services (SHS)
• Nurse Advice Line
• Urgent Care centers
• Emergency Medical facilities
• Emergency care information: [http://studenthealth.ucsd.edu/emergencymed.shtml](http://studenthealth.ucsd.edu/emergencymed.shtml)
Complete questionnaire in Student Health Services Portal by July 15, 2017


Please direct all questions about the TB Screening Questionnaire to the Student Health Center via the Student Health Services Portal.
IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

• All UCSD students are required to submit their vaccine immunization history/information via the Student Health Services Portal by July 15, 2017

• Log in to Student Health Services Portal to complete form: https://shs.ucsd.edu

• These are required vaccinations, and registration holds will be placed on your account if these forms are not completed by the deadline.

• For questions, contact Student Health via your Student Health Portal. Click on MESSAGES "Ask a Nurse – Immunization". You will receive a response through your UCSD e-mail account. Be sure your e-mail account is active.
GETTING STARTED AT UCSD

Email Account
Class Enrollment
and Fees
A few important deadlines:

- NEW student enrollment: **August 21-27**
- Registration fees due by **September 22, 2017**
- Fall Quarter begins on **September 25, 2017**
- First day of instruction is **September 28, 2017**

Must enroll in at least 12 units each academic term

http://students.ucsd.edu under “Academics”

ENROLLMENT MyTritonLink
Fees/Payments: My TritonLink at students.ucsd.edu, under “Finance Tools”
• To open a bank account:
  • Passport
  • Student ID
  • Current local (UCSD) address
  • $100 for initial deposit

• To purchase a cell phone contract:
  • Passport
  • Student ID
  • Current local (UCSD) address
GET INVOLVED
Internationalize your experience!

• JOIN UCSD Cultural Student Organizations for dynamic cross-cultural exchange!
• ENGAGE in dialogue by meeting people from all over the globe.
• MENTOR our international newcomers by becoming an Orientation Assistant.
• VOLUNTEER to become an English-in-Action Tutor.
• EAT delicious international cuisine every Friday at International Café!
Outreach Coordinators for International & Out of State Students

College staff members that support international and out-of-state students with transition, connection, success, and retention at UC San Diego.

- Website: nonresidentinfo.ucsd.edu
- FB: facebook.com/ucsd.nonresident/
- Instagram: ucsd_outreach_coordinators
Outreach Coordinators for International & Out of State Students

● Two Professional Staff Members
  ○ Grace Fuller (grfuller@ucsd.edu)
  ○ Steffa Collens (scollens@ucsd.edu)
● Six College Interns
Outreach Coordinator Programs

- Summer Mentorship Program
- Pairs an incoming international/out of state student with a current international/out of state student to talk virtually (WeChat, Facebook, Skype, etc) over the summer
- GAP Mixer in the fall
- Sign up at http://tinyurl.com/ucsdgap2017
Outreach Coordinator Programs

**Outreach Trivia Night**
- Hosted by International and Out-of-State Student Outreach
- Free Entry
- Snacks
- Top Prizes
- Mondays 7PM
- Muir Woods Coffee House

**Passport to Culture**
- Fall 2016
- Listen to current students who have lived or studied in various regions of the world while enjoying regional food! Learn and share about culture, food, travel destinations, and more!
- September 29 - Germany
- October 6 - Nigeria
- October 13 - Singapore
- October 20 - Peru
- October 27 - Kenya
- November 3 - Taiwan
- November 10 - Indonesia
- November 17 - Italy
- December 1 - Turkey
- Thursdays 3:00-4:00PM
- I-House Lounge Cuzco

**Field Trips to Explore San Diego**
**Info Sessions on Campus Resources**
**Social Events to Meet New Friends!**
**Cultural Programs & Events**
**Trivia Nights & Passport to Culture**
**Academic Presentations & Resources**
**Career & Professional Development**

Check out our events & how to get involved:
[http://nonresidentinfo.ucsd.edu](http://nonresidentinfo.ucsd.edu)
iTriton Online Training opens. You may begin this
online training.

July 15th
Deadline to complete the Immunization Requirement and
Tuberculosis Screening Questionnaire via the Student
Health Portal

July 28th
Deadline to complete the “We Are Tritons” online course requirement

August 1st
Deadline to complete your DS-2019 request via the iPortal

August 26th
Earliest date you can enter the U.S. with your UCSD I-20 or DS-2019

September 15th
Deadline to complete iTriton Online Training

September 24th
Attend International Center orientation
UC San Diego
International Students & Programs Office

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HOURS OF OPERATION
Monday - Friday
9am - 4pm
THANK YOU TIME FOR QUESTIONS