All international students at UC San Diego must have a valid passport during their time in the U.S. If you are a new student, continuing student, or an alumni working after graduation, use our sample to understand the information in your passport.

**New passport?**
You do not need to let us know if you have a new passport unless your biographical information changed. If your visa stamp is in your old passport, you must bring both your old and your new passport to enter the U.S.

**Biographical Page**
The biographical page of your passport has personal information such as your legal name and country of citizenship. If this information has changed, let an advisor know.

**Expiration Date**
Your passport should always be valid at least 6 months into the future. If the expiration date is approaching, begin the process to renew it.

**Make a Copy!**
Keep a photo or scan of your passport just in case.

**KEY POINTS**

- **Renew your Passport**: Keep your passport valid at all times. It is possible to renew your passport inside the U.S. at your country’s embassy or consulate.
- **New Passport**: You do not have to notify us if you have a new passport. If your visa is in your old passport, bring both passports with you to enter the U.S.
- **Make your Documents Accessible**: Keep digital copies of your passport and other documents on your phone.
- **Document Self-Check**: Ensure that your forms are in order every time you enter the U.S.

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