

1. Introduction to UCSC

International Students

International Scholar and Student Services

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International Scholar and Student Services, within the Office of International Education, provides visa services and immigration counseling concerning required course loads, finances, and employment plus a variety of other services to help international visitors adjust to academia and life in Santa Cruz. Forms and advising for extending visa stays, off-campus work approval, transfer of schools, and other information is available on the [ISSS web site](#). International Scholar and Student Services is located in 107 Classroom Unit and can be contacted at 459-3550 or e-mailed at visa@ucsc.edu. Office hours are 9:30 a.m.–noon, Monday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday.

If you are a nonimmigrant foreign student studying at UCSC, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services imposes additional regulations on your stay in the United States. You must comply with these rules in order to maintain your student status (F-1 or J-1).

You should also see our International Student Adviser if you plan to take a leave of absence, change educational levels, extend your studies, or transfer to another school; if you want to pursue practical training after graduation; if you plan to leave the U.S. (even for a short vacation); if you have lost your I-94, I-20, DS-2019 Form or passport; or if you plan to immigrate to the United States.

The following are some relevant U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services regulations for international students:

- you must maintain a full course load (minimum of 12 credits) each quarter and stay in good academic standing;
- you may not work off campus without Immigration Services approval;
- your passport, I-94 (Arrival and Departure Record), and I-20 or DS-2019 Form must be current and valid; see the international student adviser for information on how to renew it;
- you may not withdraw from the university or take a leave of absence without consulting with the international student adviser about your status;
- you must report a change of address on the Student Portal within 10 days;
- new students must attend the mandatory new student orientation at the beginning of the term;
- you must comply with all SEVIS regulations.