Welcome to UC San Diego:
First Steps for International Undergraduate Students
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Before We Begin
CONTROL PANEL
Agenda

- The International Services & Engagement Office
- Undergraduate Admissions Reminders
- Applying for your Form I-20 or DS-2019
- Approaching Deadlines & Reminders
- Upcoming Webinars & Additional Resources
- Q&A
Who are we?

Your friendly staff at the International Services & Engagement Office

- 30 Professional Staff
- 15 Student Staff
What do we do?

Our team of expert staff supports and guides international students and scholars with their academic and personal goals, successful transition to campus and student life, and meaningful engagement with the university and local community.
Who are our **Students**?
3,932 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

TOP 5 MAJORS
1. Mathematics-Computer Science
2. Business Economics
3. Economics
4. Computer Science
5. Data Science

7,779 TOTAL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
Includes 39 certificate students at the Global Leadership Institute and 34 unfunded scholars

18.7% of campus population

2,278 WORKING AFTER GRADUATION on OPT, STEM OPT or Academic Training
10,057 total of international students served

3,816 GRADUATE STUDENTS

TOP 5 ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS
1. Computer Science
2. Master of Finance
3. Electrical Engineering-Machine Learning & Data Science
4. Business Analytics
5. Engineering Science-Mechanical Engineering

TOP 10 PLACES OF ORIGIN
1. China
2. India
3. South Korea
4. Taiwan
5. Canada
6. Indonesia
7. Japan
8. Hong Kong
9. Saudi Arabia
10. Mexico

108 total places of origin

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WELCOME!
First Steps Checklist
Accept Your Offer of Admission

- Log into your applicant portal and complete your Enrollment Checklist, including:
  - Accepting your offer of admission
  - Completing the California Residency for Tuition Purposes Questionnaire (if required)
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- 2-3 days later, you will receive an email asking you to create your TritonLink Active Directory and Duo accounts. Creation of your Active Directory will provide you with your UC San Diego PID and email.
Information for Newly Admitted International Undergraduate Students

Welcome! This page provides a comprehensive guide for newly admitted international undergraduate students (First-Year New Freshmen and Third-Year Transfer Students) on obtaining their U.S. visa (F-1 or J-1) and preparing for their arrival to the United States. The information under the Steps below will help you get ready to start your unforgettable student experience at UC San Diego.

**STEP 1: Request Your Immigration Documents**
Requesting your Form I-20/DS-2019 and applying for your F-1 or J-1 visa stamp, or transferring your SEVIS record.

**STEP 2: Prepare for Your Arrival to UC San Diego**
Travel arrangements, housing, and completing UCSD health and enrollment requirements.

**STEP 3: Arrival to the U.S. and UC San Diego**
What to expect at Customs, activating your F-1 or J-1 status upon arrival to UC San Diego, and International Student Orientation.
Applying for your U.S. Visa: Getting Started
The Visa Process

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The Visa Process

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3. Attend visa interview
4. Schedule visa interview (DS-2019)
5. Request and receive Form I-20 or DS-2019 from ISEO (required for SEVIS Transfer students too!)
6. Attend visa interview
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THURSDAY 4/18!
Register for "Applying for your U.S. Visa" at iNewStudentWebinars.ucsd.edu
Request Form I-20 or DS-2019

SEVIS Transfer Students

Are you currently in the U.S. on an F-1 or J-1 visa, and hoping to transfer your F or J status to UC San Diego?

You are still required to request a Form I-20 or DS-2019 from UC San Diego!

SAVE THE DATE
Join us on May 3 for a SEVIS Transfers Pre-Arrival Webinar. Visit iNewStudentWebinars.ucsd.edu to register.
You must have your Form I-20 to apply for your F-1 visa stamp OR your Form DS-2019 to apply for the J-1 visa stamp
01 Request Form I-20 or DS-2019

You must have your Form I-20 to apply for your F-1 visa stamp
OR
your Form DS-2019 to apply for the J-1 visa stamp

Request your Form I-20 or Form DS-2019 from ISEO via the iPortal

Once you receive your I-20 or DS-2019, you can submit the visa application at your local U.S. consulate
Request your Form I-20 or DS-2019 by submitting the request via iPortal, ISEO's service request system.

Students gain access to iPortal 2-3 days after setting up their UCSD Personal Identification Number (PID) and email (@ucsd.edu).
Students must submit the relevant NEW ADMIT Service request in iPortal:

- **Fall start:** NEW ADMIT: I-20 or DS-2019 Request
- **Summer start:** NEW ADMIT: I-20 or DS-2019 Summer Start Program
  - (SPIS) Summer Program for Incoming Students
  - (SEI) Summer Engineering Institute
  - (RIMSE) Research Immersion in Materials Science & Engineering: Summer Schools

Use iPortal to request services from ISEO

[iPortal.ucsd.edu](http://iPortal.ucsd.edu)
Prepare to submit your NEW ADMIT request by reviewing instructions on our website:

- Complete your UCSD account set up
- Meet the I-20/DS-2019 Funding Requirements
- Prepare other documents you will be required to upload

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Processing time for NEW ADMIT documents is **15 business days** from when the student successfully completes and submits the request in iPortal.

*Review instructions at iNewStudent.ucsd.edu before you get started!*
When your Form I-20 or DS-2019 has been issued, it will be uploaded as a PDF to your NEW ADMIT request in iPortal.

You MUST download, print, and sign it by hand.
The Visa Process

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Global Ambassador Program (GAP)

- Summer-long peer-mentorship program
- Matches incoming international undergraduate students with current UC San Diego undergraduate students

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Additional Resources
IMPORTANT DEADLINES & REMINDERS

NOW
Apply for on-campus housing
Visit: hdh.ucsd.edu

NOW
Requesting your Form I-20 or DS-2019 via the iPortal
Visit: iPortal.ucsd.edu
See instructions at: iNewStudent.ucsd.edu

Mid-May
On-Campus Housing Contracts due
Visit: hdh.ucsd.edu

July 10
Deadline to submit health immunization requirements
Visit: studenthealth.ucsd.edu

Sept
Tuition due
Move-In
Check-In
New International Student Orientation
Visit: iOrientation.ucsd.edu
Upcoming Pre-Arrival Webinars

- **April 18:** Applying for your U.S. Visa
- **April 23:** Undergraduate Student Housing
- **April 25:** Student Health: Insurance & Immunization Requirements
- **May 02:** Finances & Student Accounts
- **May 03:** SEVIS Transfer Process
- **May 09:** Campus Safety

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