Welcome to UC San Diego:
Pre-Arrival Webinar
for Exchange Students
WELCOME to UC San Diego!
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Before We Begin
CONTROL PANEL
Agenda

• International Services and Engagement Office (ISEO)
• Steps to Apply for Your DS-2019
• Course Registration/Enrollment
• Student Health: Immunization & TB Requirements
• Housing
• Get Involved
• 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.
SUBMIT A REQUEST TO ISPO

IPORTAL
Use iPortal to request services from ISPO

IPORTAL LOGIN
Applying for your U.S. Visa: J-1 Students
You must have your Form DS-2019 to apply for the J-1 visa

NOW: Request your Form DS-2019 via iPortal at iportal.ucsd.edu

Once you receive your DS-2019, book an appointment at your local U.S. embassy (if available) to obtain your visa stamp
Department of State Guidelines:

- Download and print from iPortal
- Your SEVIS ID is in the top right hand corner of page 1 (circled in red). You will use this number to book your visa appointment.
- At the bottom of page 1, you must complete the following fields (highlighted in yellow):
  - Signature of Student
  - Place (city, state where you're located)
  - Date
Enrolling in Classes

Pass 1: Began May 27
Pass 2: Begins June 4 – August 6

• View your appointment times and Schedule of Classes in TritonLink beginning May 21. You must have your PID (Personal Identification) number to enroll.
• Pass times are individual, and you may be assigned a time that is different from other reciprocity students.
• All times are Pacific Standard Time.
• Review Academic Resources for course enrollment-planning tips.

Enrollment Checklist (REVIEW PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT TIME)

• https://students.ucsd.edu/academics/enroll/undergraduate-enrollment/checklist.html

Enrollment Deadlines

• https://blink.ucsd.edu/instructors/courses/enrollment/calendars/2024.html
Some courses may have prerequisites or restrictions.

Prerequisite and course restrictions can be found Schedule of Classes on TritonLink and the UC San Diego General Catalog.

UCSD does not have access to student academic histories/home university transcripts, so you will need to use the Enrollment Authorization System (EASy) to obtain approval to enroll in courses with prerequisites or restrictions.
You are not guaranteed enrollment in specific UCSD courses. We recommend having alternative course options. Please contact your home university advisor for assistance selecting UCSD courses to meet your home university program requirements.

Many upper division (UD) courses have the prerequisite of Upper Division Standing. You will need to submit an EASy request for courses with this prerequisite.

Department/Program Advisors (and sometimes professors) review and decide on the outcome of an EASy request (approve/deny). Please contact the department/program directly with any specific questions on their review process and timeline.
Health Requirements for Students

The health of the individual can affect the health of the campus community, and UC San Diego is committed to protecting the well-being of all our students. All incoming and re-admitted graduate and undergraduate students are required to meet the UC Immunization and Tuberculosis (TB) Screening Requirements.

To complete your Health Requirements, you will first need to activate your online health portal (using your Student AD) in MyStudentChart. Please see the MyStudentChart Instructions (PDF) for further explanation on the setup process. You can communicate with the Nursing team here also by going to Ask-A-Nurse in messages.

Please complete these requirements early to avoid delays. Clearance can take 7-10 days after receipt, so please start this process early! FAILURE TO COMPLETE REQUIREMENTS WILL RESULT IN AN INABILITY TO ENROLL IN CLASSES.

TB Risk Screening Questionnaire

- Deadline for Fall 2024: July 10, 2024, academic hold placed on July 31, 2024
- All incoming students* are required to complete a TB Risk Screening Questionnaire.
- For those at higher risk, TB testing will also be required. Risk is determined by the questionnaire. Take the TB Testing form to your Healthcare provider if you are directed to do so after completing the questionnaire.
- *Includes transfer, re-admission, and those transitioning from undergraduate to graduate

TB TESTING FORM (PDF)

- Log into MyStudentChart to submit TB Testing Form: Menu > Immunization & Screening

https://studenthealth.ucsd.edu/resources/health-requirements/index.html
Short Term Summer Housing Options
Summer Housing – Traditional Summer Housing Program

• For our incoming students who are enrolled in summer session courses at UC San Diego
• Cost: $80/night for a single occupancy bedroom a furnished apartment. Weekly custodial service provided for common area, kitchen, and bathroom only. Requires a Dining Plan ($972 for 5 week session)
• More information can be found online at: https://hdhughousing.ucsd.edu/living-on-campus/summer/traditional.html
Short-Term Transition Housing (June 21 to August 31, 2024)

- For students who may need flexible housing accommodations and meet eligibility criteria (not available to those enrolled in Summer Session classes)
- Incoming students who have accepted their offer of admission are eligible.
- Cost: $48/night in a shared double space in a shared apartment (common area, kitchen, bathroom). Weekly custodial service provided for common area, kitchen, and bathroom only.
- No dining plan
- More information can be found online at: https://hdhughousing.ucsd.edu/living-on-campus/summer/short-term.html
- Questions can be directed to ucsdhousing@ucsd.edu
Would you like to be matched with an American family who volunteers to help newly-arriving international students at no cost? The Solana Beach Host Family Program has been making this possible for nearly 20 years.

If matched with a host family, you can expect to stay with your host for a short time—perhaps 3 to 6 days. After that you may need to make other arrangements with a friend or at a hostel if your permanent housing is not yet available.

Please visit their website at https://solanabeachhostfamilies.org
Fall 2024 Housing Options: UCSD Housing, Dining, & Hospitality (HDH)
International House (I-House)

A unique and engaging Living-Learning Community

- Newly Admitted Incoming EAPR Students who have accepted their Offer of Admissions can apply to live at I-House.
- HDH will email you the I-House application in late May
- Space is limited and not guaranteed
- Accepted applicants will be emailed with further instructions including the process for signing the contract and making a housing prepayment of $450.
- More information can be found online at

  https://ihouse.ucsd.edu/living/undergrad/index.html
Fall Quarter Housing Waitlist

• Fall Quarter Housing waitlist application will open on July 9, 2024
• Submitting a waitlist application does not guarantee you a space on campus though it is likely that on campus housing will be available.
• Waitlisted students will be housed wherever there is available space on campus in any of our UG housing communities.
• Once available, the housing waitlist application can be found here: https://hdhughousing.ucsd.edu/waitlist/index.html
On Campus Housing Questions?

Benefits:
- Access to parent/payer portal
- Receive monthly e-bill reminders
- Review student account activity
- View and pay your student's bill by electronic check (e-check) or credit/debit card
- Update profile and contact information

Housing Administrative Services
858-534-4010
housinginfo@ucsd.edu
Off Campus Housing Resources
Students can:

- Sign In using UCSD email
- Search for roommates
- Create their own roommate profiles
- Review property listings for rooms, apartments, and shared rentals, as well as
- Access off-campus housing information/resources
https://basicneeds.ucsd.edu/housing-resources

- Housing Educational Campaign
- Housing Booklet
- And more!
Before you start searching

Before you jump into the housing search, prepare yourself! Learn about budgeting, potential scams, and the renting process with the information below.

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- Avoid common scams
- Learn how renting works in the U.S.
- Housing terms to know
- Prepare information and documents
- Cost of living and housing availability in San Diego
- San Diego neighborhoods and address format
- Transportation
- Additional food and housing resources
Off-Campus Resources: Public Search Platforms

Non-Affiliated Resources:
• The [UCSD Unofficial Facebook Housing Group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ucsdhousing/) is a community resource students unofficially use to find roommates and housing
• [HostelWorld](https://www.hostelworld.com) for a list of hostels in the San Diego area, which are sometimes helpful for transitions: not affiliated with UC San Diego
• [AirBnB](https://www.airbnb.com) or [VRBO](https://www.vrbo.com) - not affiliated with UC San Diego, helpful for transitional place to stay until an apartment is found

Search ideas:
• “Corporate Housing San Diego”
• In SD region there are transitional housing options often geared towards traveling professionals.
• Apartments are short term and often furnished.

Best Practices when using FB Groups to find housing
• Never make any payment without viewing the inside of the property (Virtual/Onsite)
• Avoid trusting FB accounts which are newer and have a history of spamming
• Always visit the profile of the person posting
• When looking for housing, try to find those posted by existing UCSD students/Alum
• Try to find roommate situations with other students
• Shorter term housing available
Housing Search Tips

When to Begin?
- **Summer Leases (June):** April – May
- **Fall Leases (August/September):** June – July *request to pay a "holding fee"

Build Your Needs/Wants: Things to consider
- Location
- Transit Options
- Budget
  - Lease ranges: month to month vs. 6 month vs. year
- Roommates?
- Amenities
  - Laundry?
  - Parking?
  - Utilities included?

The Search:
- Request virtual and/or in-person tours of listings
- Do not sign lease or pay any deposits before seeing the property
- Ensure the property aligns with your needs and wants
Some Housing Questions to Ask

• Price
• When unit/room will be available
• When you can view it (when possible)
• Amenities
• Type of lease (month to month, or longer term – for example, 3 or 6 months)
• Payment plans/options
• Deposit (amount required)
• Application fee/credit check
• Pets
• Deadlines for housing application, particularly with apartment leasing offices
Roommate Considerations

Have honest conversations before moving in together:
- Rent amount/due dates
- Substance use in the home
- Overnight guests
- Responsibilities
- Access to areas of the property

Don't wait until something happens to discuss important topics like:
- Noise levels/environment
- Culturally relevant discussions
- Cleaning responsibilities
- COVID-19 Precautions, if applicable
A service started by a UCSD student to assist with the off-campus housing process. Their goal is to make the experience as seamless and hassle-free as possible.

Website: [https://hugsliving.com/](https://hugsliving.com/)

UC San Diego Specific Support: [housing@hugslntl.com](mailto:housing@hugslntl.com)
Community Partner: RoomChazer

RoomChazer: Making off-campus housing easy!

- GREAT LOCATIONS
- CHECK YOUR ROOMMATES
- AFFORDABLE FLEXIBLE LEASES
- WHATSAPP US +1 (619) 788-1782

RoomChazer is run by former international students who live in San Diego. We speak French, German, Chinese, Spanish, and more!
Very common resource

https://sandiego.craigslist.org/

If it’s too good to be true - It might be!

Not managed by any company - All postings are by users, and sometimes they’re not honest!

Can be used to find an apartment or roommate
• Be aware of housing scams! Visit ISEO’s isafety.ucsd.edu webpage

• Familiarize yourself with your rights and responsibilities as a tenant at UCSD’s free Student Legal Services: sls.ucsd.edu
Commuter Resources

https://students.ucsd.edu/campus-services/parking-transportation/commuter/index.html
Apartments Near Campus
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Close proximity to UCSD campus

Examples of nearby off campus options

Complexes are suggestions, but not endorsed by ISEO
LA JOLLA INTERNATIONAL GARDENS

• Benefits
  • Close to campus (1 mile)
  • Access to grocery stores, mall, & movie theater
• Amenities
  • Gym
  • Laundry Room
• Other Considerations
• Pricing
  • Requirement for a two month down-payment
  • Thinner walls (pretty common)
LA JOLLA CROSSROADS

- Benefits
  - Lots of storage space
  - Close to campus (2.5 miles)
  - Close to Westfield UTC Mall
  - Indoor gym
  - Lots of pools/outdoor areas

- Other Considerations
  - Pricing
  - 2 bus routes to/from campus
  - Thin Walls
• Benefits:
  • Close to Campus (1.1 miles)
  • Accessible to nearby bus stops
  • Pet Friendly
  • Amenities (Fitness Center, Pool)
• Other Considerations:
  • Pricing
  • 3-15 Month Lease Terms
LA JOLLA VILLAS OF RENAISSANCE

• Benefits:
  • Close to Campus (2.2 miles)
  • Several Amenities
    • 6 Pools
    • BBQ pits
    • Theater
  • Accessible Leasing Office
  • Shuttle to & from campus

• Other Considerations:
  • Pricing
  • Different apartment styles
SOLAZZO

• Benefits
  • Very close to campus (0.8 miles)
  • Close to metro bus stop
  • Sense of community
  • Accessible Leasing Office
  • Pool
  • Proximity to food/groceries

• Other Considerations
  • Pricing
  • Apartment design/layout
  • Parking
  • Small patio
Get Engaged
Redefining the world we know with one experience at a time.

iPrograms.ucsd.edu
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- And more!
Additional Resources
ISEO Resources for International Students

- International Services & Engagement Office (ISEO)  
  https://iseo.ucsd.edu
- Frequently Asked Questions and Answers  
  https://iUpdates.ucsd.edu
- Checklist for New Students  
  https://iNewStudent.ucsd.edu
- Learn more about International Orientation  
  https://IOrientation.ucsd.edu
- Request your Immigration Documents  
  https://iPortal.ucsd.edu
- Meet with an International Student Advisor  
  https://iContact.ucsd.edu
- Student Engagement Programs  
  https://iPrograms.ucsd.edu
- Calendar of Events  
  https://iEvents.ucsd.edu
Other Resources and Links

➢ iTavel.ucsd.edu
➢ travel.state.gov
➢ usembassy.gov
➢ studyinthestates.dhs.gov
IMPORTANT DEADLINES & REMINDERS

**NOW**
Begin requesting your visa documents via the iPortal
Visit: iportal.ucsd.edu

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

**July 23**
Deadline to complete Vector training
Visit: ophd.ucsd.edu/
Course registration sent to your UCSD email

**Aug 1**
Deadline to request your visa documents via the iPortal
Visit: iportal.ucsd.edu

**Sept**
Move-In
Submit Check-In Form
Visit: iportal.ucsd.edu

New International Student Orientation
Visit: iOrientation.ucsd.edu