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Today's session is on:

Getting Set Up in the U.S. (Surf Check Live)

We'll get started soon!







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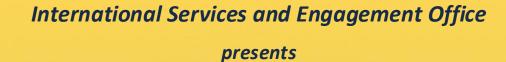


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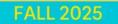


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Welcome!





Introduction



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International Services and Engagement Office (ISEO)



International Services and Engagement Office presents





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Before We Begin

You are in listen-only mode. You can hear us, but we can't hear you.



We're recording. You'll be able to view this webinar recording at iNewStudentWebinars.ucsd.edu



Ask questions - Use the Q&A feature to submit questions. You can also contact us at iContact.ucsd.edu



Fill out the survey at the end of today's session to be entered into a gift card giveaway

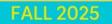






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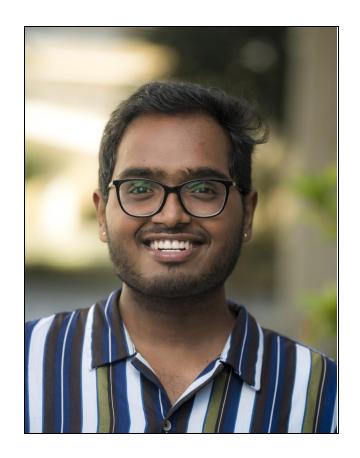
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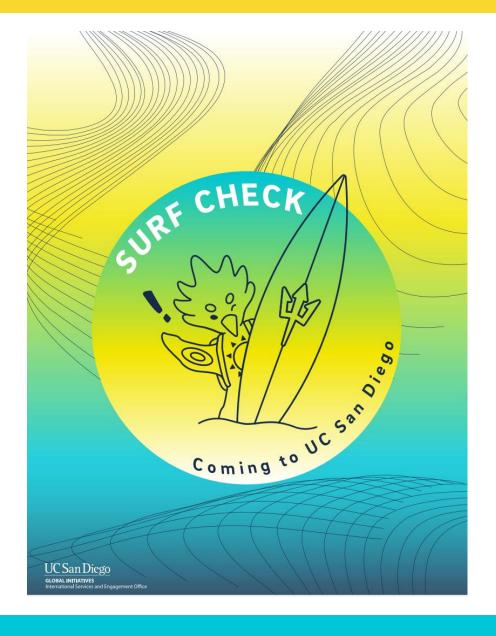
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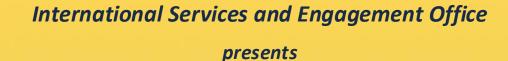


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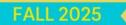
Surf Check Guide











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How to set up a phone account





Common Provider in the U.S.



- Major Providers
 - AT&T
 - Verizon
 - T-Mobile
 - Spectrum
- Smaller Providers
 - Cricket
 - Boost Moblie
 - Mint Mobile

Major Providers vs Smaller Providers:

- Price difference
 - Major providers can be more pricy than smaller providers
- Data Speed
 - Major providers may have faster data speed

How to Set Up a U.S. Phone Account



U.S. PHONE ACCOUNT

How to Set Up a U.S. Phone Account

Cell Phone Plan vs SIM Card

- Cell Phone Plan paid monthly contract with a mobile carrier company that covers phone calls, text, and cellular data as well as a purchase of a cell phone.
- SIM Cards can be purchased for *unlocked* phones. Prepaid phone plan
 works very similarly to a monthly plan but on a pay-as-you-go system
- Another option is Campus SIMS. Campus SIMs is offering free SIM cards to students to help connect you with mobile phone service in the United States (U.S.). Plans start at \$15/month and you can get your U.S. phone number before you leave your home country. Click here to get your free SIM card mailed to you, so can use your phone as soon as you arrive in the U.S. For more information, visit campussims.com.

Things to keep in Mind



- Identification:
 - Valid government-issued photo identification
 - Driver's license
 - Passport
 - State ID card.
- Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN):
 - T-Mobile may require your SSN or ITIN for credit checks and account setup purposes. If you don't have an SSN, you might need to provide an ITIN.
 - NOT ALL PROVIDER REQUIRED SSN or ITIN

Things to keep in Mind

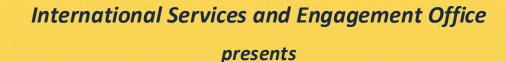


- Proof of Address:
 - Document that proves your current address
 - Utility bill
 - Bank statement
 - Rental agreement
- Account Information:
 - If you are transferring your number from another carrier, you will need your current account information
 - The account number
 - PIN or password from your previous carrier.

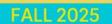
Things to keep in Mind



- Payment Method:
 - Credit card
 - Debit card
 - Bank account







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CampusSIMS





Mint Mobile 1 Free Month

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Mint Mobile SIM cards loaded with 1 month of service are available for free at the International Service and Engagement Office

Office is located in Student Center B

All SIM cards come loaded with 1 month of unlimited talk and text plus 5GB of data.

For E-SIM activations use link below

https://www.campussims.com/UniversityofCaliforniaSanDiego/



Meet our Exclusive Mobile Partner:



International students love our exclusive mobile partner Mint Mobile because they get:

- Contract-free plans without needing a U.S. bank account or SSN
- A one-month free SIM card that works with any unlocked GSM-ready phone
- A U.S. phone number before they leave for the U.S.-and they can use as soon as they arrive
- Easy account management-via the Mint Mobile app
- High-speed data and unlimited talk and text
- Coverage on the nation's largest 5G network
- No credit card details required until after the free month ends

STUDENTS LOVE OUR 12-MONTH PLANS*

*Also available in 3- or 6-month plans with a choice of 5GB, 15GB, 20GB or Unlimited data.

\$15 | 5GB 5G • 4G LTE

PER MONTH TOTAL \$180 \$20 | 15GE 5G · 4G LT

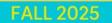
PER MONTH TOTAL \$240 25 20GH

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Transportation





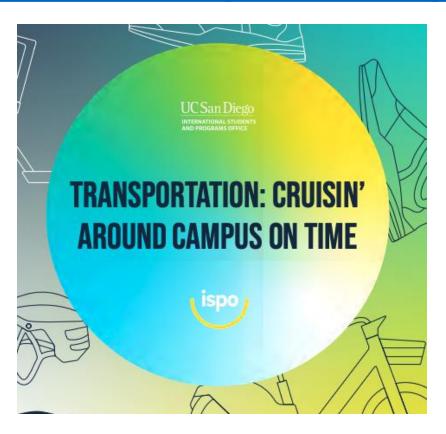
Transportation in Surf Check



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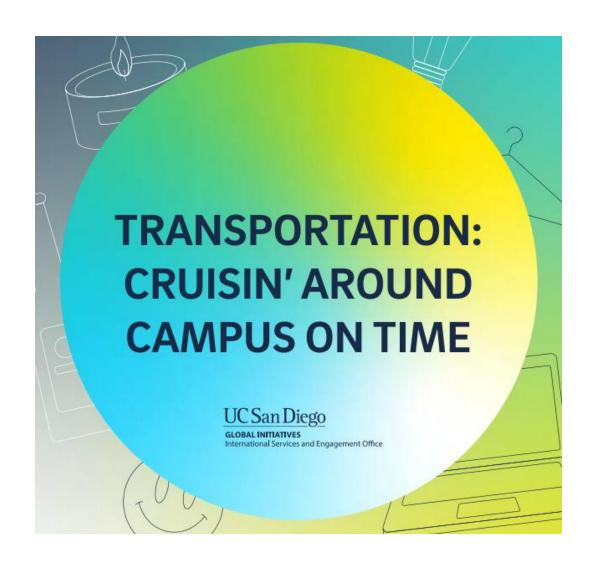
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On Campus





On Campus



Scooter

- Scooters are everywhere on campus, which you can rent
- App: Spin
- Spin offers a discounted Unlock Pass for Tritons, which eliminates the unlock fee for each ride and lower-income students ride for as little as \$0.10/minute. Learn more about Spin at UC San Diego.
- Driver license is needed

On Campus



Bike & SkateBoard

- UCSD Bike & Skate Shop
 - Repair
 - Gear

UCSD Shuttle

- Transloc
- https://transportation.ucsd.edu/campus/shuttles/in
 - dex.html#Triton-Transit:-Shuttles





Different Types of Transportation









UC San Diego Shuttles

MTS Buses

MTS Trolley





Off Campus



UCSD Shuttle

 Go around San Diego to UC San Diego satellite campuses such as Convoy, Hillcreast, Scripps, etc.



MTS

- San Diego Public transit
 - Bus
 - Trolley
- Students can use <u>U-Pass</u> for most MTS bus routes and trolley routes.
- Example: La Jolla Shores

Off Campus



Uber/Lyft

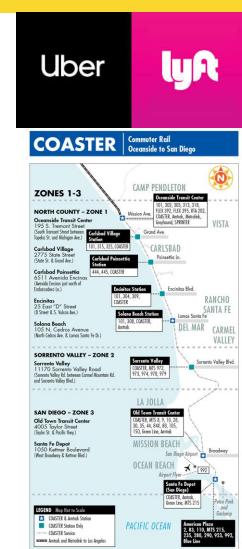
 Provides taxi services where individuals can hail a car using an app on their phone.

Coaster

 Train that provides breathtaking coastal scenery as it runs north and south through San Diego County, serving eight stations between Oceanside and downtown San Diego.

Flixbus/Amtrak/Greyhound

Provide bus/train to travel all around the U.S.



Maps & Wayfinding

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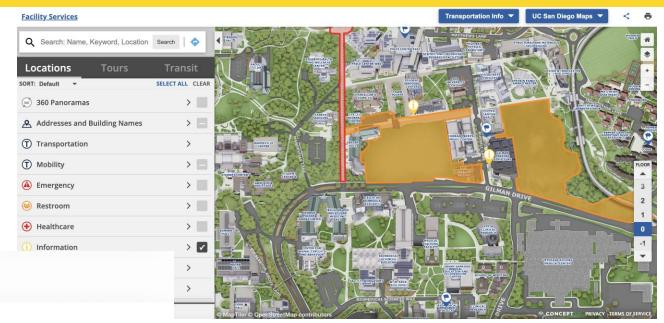
UCSD Maps

UCSD Campus Waypoints

Lost? Find a Waypoint!

- Look for these location markers on light posts around campus. Simply scan the QR code and your smartphone will open our campus map, centered on your current location, and provide information about nearby:
 - Buildings
 - Dining options
 - Campus services
 - Public art

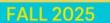
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Call: (858) 535-9255 for Safety Escort from Sunset to Sunrise (365 days/year)





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Where to buy groceries





Stores mainly sell groceries



Vons

Ralphs

Trader's Joe

Whole Food Market

Aldi

Sprouts Famers Market

Food4Less

Pavilions

Amazon Fresh









Stores that have groceries & essentials

- Target
- Walmart
- Costco (membership needed)
- Sam's Club (membership needed)









- CVS
- Rite aid
- Walgreens





Walgreens

Furnitures & Home Essentials

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- World Market
- Homegoods
- Marshalls
- TJ Maxx
- Ross
- Burlington
- Ikea
- Macy's
- JC Penny





Marshalls.





Surlington







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International Grocery Stores

- 99 ranch (Chinese)
- H Mart (Korean)
- Zion Market (Korean)
- Marukai Market (Japanese)
- Nijuya Markey (Japanese)
- Mistuwa (Japanese)
- Cash & Carry (Indian)
- Balboa International Market
- Seafood City Supermarket
- Carnival Market

















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Shop Groceries Online

- Instacart
- Amazon Fresh
- Weee!
- Yami buy
- Delivery apps which can get groceries
 - Uber eats
 - Door dash
 - Grubhub
 - Postmate











Stores On-Campus

Target

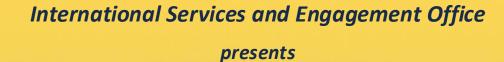
 Located on Level 2 of Price Center West, this Target campus store is unique and provides a curated assortment of products and services tailored to the specific needs and wants of students, staff and faculty on the UC San Diego campus. Also includes a CVS Pharmacy.

General Store Co-op

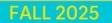
 A non-profit, student-run cooperative committed to offering the campus community an assortment of school supplies, snacks, and convenience items at low price.



- Different colleges market:
 - John's Market (Muir)
 - Pepper Canyon Market (Warren)
 - Seven's Market (Seven's)
 - Roger's Market (Revelle)
 - Sixth Market (Sixth)







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Photo ID





Government IDs

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- Passport
- Driver License
- REAL ID
 - (California ID)

GETTING A GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO ID

What is a government issued photo ID?

A government issued photo ID is an official document that includes your picture and personal information such as full name, date of birth, address, and more. This can be a driver's license, a state issued photo ID, or a passport.

Why do people get a government issued photo ID?

It can be used for local transactions where an identification is required such as purchase of alcohol. It is a convenient alternative to carrying a passport with you.

What's the difference between an ID Card and a driver's license?

Unlike a driver's license, you cannot use your state issued ID Card for driving. In California, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) oversees issuance of driver's licenses & state issued photo ID cards.

What is a REALID?

REAL ID is a driver's license or ID card that is also a federally accepted form of identification. For example, it can be used to fly within the U.S. The REAL ID Cards are marked with a gold bear and a star. The state of California is transitioning into only using REAL ID cards by May 3, 2023. Please note that a REAL ID is used for photo identification and is not evidence of legal presence in the U.S.



What you need to do get an ID Card: DMV Website
Make sure your SEVIS record has been activated
Complete an ID Card Application.
Valid I-20 Form I-94 Record Original Passport Social Security (SSN) Card or Social Security Denial (Form SSA-L676) Residency documents (have to show your name and the address where you reside, usually need 2 different types of documents. See DMV website for more detail)
Debit/credit card or each to pay the application for (about \$22)

What to expect at the DMV:

- Some services do not require an appointment and you can just walk in, check the DMV website for information.
- Once a staff member looks over your documents, you will be given a number. When it is your turn to approach the window, your number and the window number will appear on the screen. (Fun Fact: Different letters that are part of your "number" are associated with different services. The numbers and letters are not called in a sequence!)
- DMV can be a bit slow, be patient and set aside at least 2-3 hours to go to the DMV.
- You will be asked to provide a thumbprint and a signature as well
 as take a picture as part of the process. (Please note that this may
 be different if you are applying for the driving license.)
- The ID card will be mailed to you. In the meantime, the DMV will give you an official paper that acts as your ID.

UCSD Student ID



- Office that issue IDs:
 - Student Financial Solution:
 - Address: Student Services Center, Suite 355
- Lost and found :
 - Lost and Found Office: Torrey Pines Center South Suite 230C, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays
 - How to replace your card

UCSD Student ID

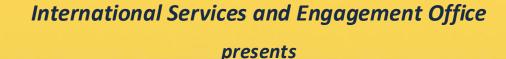


- Virtual Campus ID (UCSD apps)
- What are the use of student ID:
 - Access your meal plan at campus dining facilities.
 - Gain access to residence halls
 - Check out books and materials through UCSD Libraries
 - Use recreation facilities and get discounts on recreation classes
 - Receive services at Student Health Services

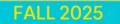
UCSD Student ID



- Show your affiliation, if needed, on UCSD shuttles
- Participate in voting and other Associated Students activities, and get discounts on A.S. events
- Get discounts or free admission to sporting events and other campus activities
- Get discounts on attractions and events through the UCSD Box Office
- Get even more discounts on local arts and entertainment, computers, and more!







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Common Social Media in the U.S.







 Instagram is one of the main platforms that UCSD and student organizations to share upcoming events and other announcements, students also use it to socialize with each other

International Services & Engagement Office (ISEO) Instagram:
 @istudents.ucsd



- Discord is an instant messaging and VoIP social platform. Users have the
 ability to communicate with voice calls, video calls, text messaging, media
 and files in private chats or as part of communities called "servers".
- It is an important platform for students to exchange information about classes and socialize with each other while studying in American institutions



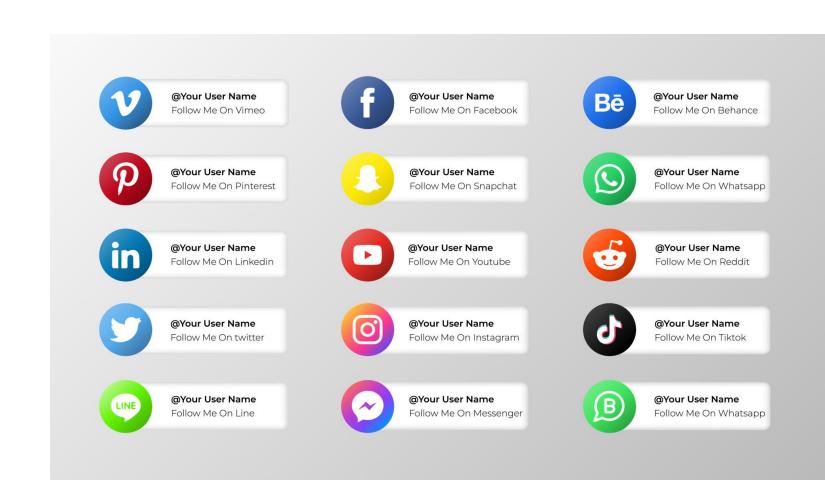
- LinkedIn is a business and employment-focused social media platform that works through websites and mobile apps.
- Students uses it to build up their network, expand their professional connections, and find employment opportunities
- ISEO LinkedIn
 - UC San Diego International Services & Engagement Office (ISEO)
 - International Students & Alumni Group

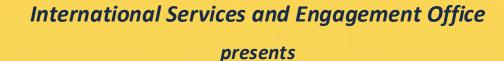


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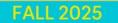
Other Platforms

- News & Posts:
 - Twitter
 - Facebook
 - BeReal
 - Reddit
- Messaging:
 - Snapchat
 - Whatsapp
- Videos:
 - TikTok
 - YouTube









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Off-Campus Housing





Resources

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OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING RESOURCES UC San Diego Off-Campus Housing Website Using the Off-Campus Housing Website, students can review property listings for rooms, apartments, and shared rentals, create their own roommate profiles, search for roommates, and find other off campus housing related resources. AS Local Housing Guide An off-campus housing guide compiled by Associated Student's Vice President of Food and Housing Resources. **Student Legal Services** Access information regarding leasing and legal topics. Students can book appointments for legal counseling through this website. *This service is a courtesy suggestion only and is not HUGS International Corporation* endorsed by the International Students & Programs Office. RoomChazer* UNOFFICIAL HOUSING FACEBOOK GROUPS UCSD Student Off-Campus Housing University of California, San Diego (UCSD) Housing, Sublets & Roommates UCSD | USD | SDSU Housing / Sublets / Roommates for International Students **ALTERNATIVE HOUSING WEBSITES CORT Furniture Rental** Padmapper Spare Room

What to expect when applying



- Documents:
 - Credit Score History
 - Bank Statements
 - I-20
 - Other documents that show you have a stable source of income (possibly your or your parents' pay stub)
 - May need guarantor or co-signer
- Legal Concerns
 - UCSD offers legal services for students
 - Be aware of possible scams

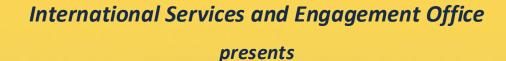
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AVOID HOUSING SCAMS

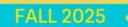
Be aware of housing scams, particularly on websites like Craigslist!
Signs of a scam targeting renters can include the following:

- The advertised price of the rental property is much lower than that of similar properties.
- The person trying to rent you the property claims to be an agent for the property owner who is too busy, out of the country, or otherwise unavailable to handle the rental.
- 3. The owner or agent requires you to sign the lease before you see the rental property.
- 4. The owner or agent isn't able to let you enter the home or apartment or charges you a fee to view it.
- 5. You're asked to wire money as a deposit or payment of first and last month's rent. Remember wiring money is the same as giving cash. You can't get a refund, even if you find out the offer was a fraud.
- 6. The owner or agent uses high pressure sales tactics, urging you to rent quickly, before someone else gets the property.
- 7. The person preparing the lease writes in a higher monthly rent or additional fees that you hadn't agreed upon.
- The landlord directs you to a website to get a free credit check. This can be a tactic for harvesting your identity. Only disclose this information on a written application after you have seen the property.

Consult with <u>UCSD Student Legal Services</u> if have any questions about a property you are renting/would like to rent.







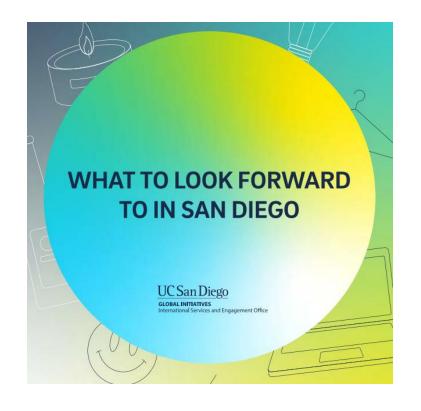
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Things to do





Things to do



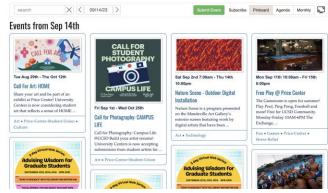




Things to do in UCSD

- Student Event Calendar
- Recreation
- Craft center
- Climbing gym
- Swimming
- Game rooms
- Stuart art collection
- Art galleries
- Amphitheater
- Theatre/dance

CRAFT CENTER







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Things to do in UCSD

Fun facts about the Pieces

BEAR (2005) BY TIM HAWKINSON

Location: Academic Courtyard

(formed by Atkinson Hall of the California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology, the Computer Science and Engineering Building, and the Powell-Focht Bioengineering Hall)

- The Bear is 23'6" feet high and weights 180 tons as it is constructed out of 8 granite stones and pushes the bounds of credibility.
- The Bear has inspired many students who have given it Valentines' Day "heart glasses", an entire crew team uniform, and a "Beary Potter" costume.

Have you ever had a small plush teddy bear when you were younger? How would you feel if you were to encounter that same bear but scaled up to the size of a building and made out of stone?



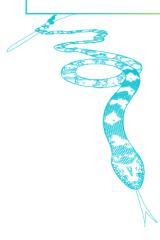
Fun facts about the Pieces

SNAKE PATH (1992) BY ALEXIS SMITH

Location: near the Geisel Library

Snake Path consists of a winding 560-foot-long, 10-foot-wide footpath in
the form of a serpent, whose individual scales are hexagonal pieces of colored slate, and whose head is inlaid in the approach to the Geisel Library.
Along the way, the serpent's slightly crowned body circles around a small
"garden of Eden" with several fruit trees including an apple, a fig and a
pomegranate.

What comes to your mind when you think of what the word "paradise" means to you? Alexis Smith tackled this notion with the creation of Snake Path, a large walkway that serpentines up the side of the hill towards Geisel Library.



In working with the idea of a "movement towards knowledge" that one would do when going towards the site of the library and the potential for breaking away from the comforts of ones' own understanding of their world, or paradise, Smith deliberates on this idea of ignorance is bliss and what happens when leaving from that in the pursuit of knowledge.

Fun facts about the Pieces

FALLEN STAR (2012) BY DO HO SUH

Location: Jacobs Hall

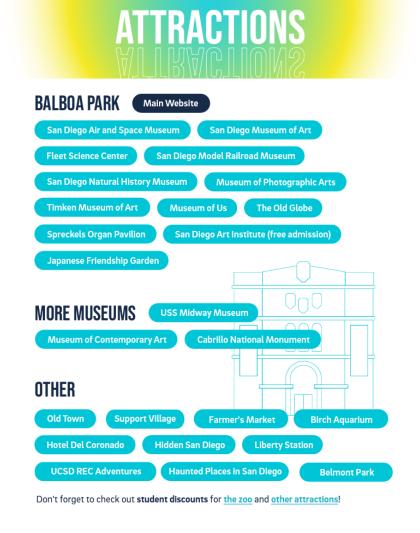
- Do Ho Suh's work explores the notions of home, cultural displacement, one's perception of space and how one builds a memory of it. These explorations grew out of Suh's experience when he arrived in the U.S. in the early 90's to study at the Rhode Island School of Design.
- The Fallen Star is a sheer fabric replica of Suh's home in Seoul and his American apartments.

Have you ever felt like you are in the right place where you want to be, but things still feel a bit off? Your dream career is just a touch out of color from what you thought it was going to be like? This is similar to what Do Ho Suh was feeling when recreating an almost exact replica of his home in Seoul but setting it off-balance teetering off of the edge of a building.



The best way to experience this piece is making your way to the rooftop and walking into Fallen Star. The entire room is tilted ever so slightly to ensure for a mixture of home-ly comfort yet off-kilter instability.

Things to do in SD





FOOD RECOMMENDATIONS











NEIGHBORHOODS



- · Little Italy
- Clairemont/Kearny Mesa [Convoy]
- Old Town
- Gaslamp
- Pacific Beach
- Encinitas
- Hillcrest
- North Park
- Liberty Station

- The Taco Stand
- Board & Brew
- Cake De Partie
- Menya Ultra
- Sushi Ota
- Buona Forchetta
- · Crack Tacos
- Rare Tea
- Bobboi Natural Gelato
- Rakiraki Ramen & Tsukemen

ISPO FAVORITES

Things to do in California



Questions?

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GLOBAL INITIATIVES

International Services and Engagement Office

Website: iStudents.ucsd.edu

Contact: iContact.ucsd.edu







iOrientation Events iEvents.ucsd.edu











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iOrientation Events



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iEvents Calendar

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Monday, September 15







Tuesday, September 16







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Survey

Please take a moment to fill out this survey so we can better serve you.



Final Reminders

- Submit your Check-In Form via iServices (<u>iCheckin.ucsd.edu</u>)
- Register for other sessions at <u>iEvents.ucsd.edu</u>
- You can always contact ISEO via <u>iContact.ucsd.edu</u>