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## Welcome to UC Santa Barbara, Winter - 2014

The Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) congratulates you on your admission to UCSB. This letter summarizes some of the key information about applying for the student visa and how to reach Santa Barbara and when our office will be open after the winter break. Check our web page at <http://www.oiiss.ucsb.edu/Students/index.aspx>

### GETTING YOUR VISA:

Enclosed you will find your Certificate of Eligibility DS-2019 form for the J-1 visa, which is the document that you need to use to apply for your student visa. We have also enclosed information about how to apply for your student visa.

**GETTING TO SANTA BARBARA:** We encourage you to book your airline ticket to the Santa Barbara Airport (SBA). From the airport, it is a short taxi ride to the campus. If you arrive at the Los Angeles Airport (LAX), you might want to consider taking the Santa Barbara Airbus to our area. The last Airbus stop in Goleta, is closest to the campus.  
<http://www.sbairbus.com>

**WHEN TO ARRIVE:** When making your travel plans, please remember that you can enter the United States up to 30 days before the start date your DS-2019 form, but not earlier.

Our office is located in the Student Resources Building (SRB) 3rd Floor (3130).  
Office Hours: Monday through Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
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**Our office will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>. We will reopen on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

You will have to report to our office on or after January 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will have to record your arrival, make copies of your passport, DS-2019 form and print out your I-94 information after you report to our office. Please make sure that you register for the 12 units of classes for Winter 2014 within the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of your arrival to UCSB.

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR WINTER QUARTER 2014

- **Orientation: Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> – 1 - 5 pm, SRB Multipurpose Room**
- **English Language Placement Exam: Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> - 9am -11am, South Hall 3504**
  - **Classes Start, Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

For SEVIS Fee information check: <https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/>

Western Union Quick Pay service for SEVIS fee: [http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/wu\\_instr.htm](http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/wu_instr.htm)

For University Housing check: <http://www.housing.ucsb.edu/index.htm>

For Student Health Information check: <http://studenthealth.sa.ucsb.edu/>

For Disability Services check: [www.sa.ucsb.edu/dsp](http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/dsp)

For Your Perm & PIN # check the Registrar's: <http://registrar.sa.ucsb.edu/Welcome/>