

SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE

355 Paseo Nuevo Mall, Santa Barbara, CA 93101
Phone: 963-7806 (Mon – Fri: 9:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.)

Social Security Numbers will only be issued to non-immigrants who can produce verification of lawful need for a number (i.e. if you are being hired to work in the U.S.).

VISITING SCHOLARS / RESEARCHERS WITH A J-1 VISA (DS-2019 Form)

After you arrive in the U.S. you will have to come to the Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) and report your arrival and give us a local address. You should wait a minimum of 10 days after the day you enter the United States before applying for a Social Security number. The Santa Barbara Social Security Office will not be able to verify your arrival at UCSB in the SEVIS immigration database until 10 days after you enter the U.S. If you apply before the 10 day waiting period, the Santa Barbara office will then be required to send the application to their regional office where it will take a minimum of 30 days to issue the number. You will need to take the following documents to apply:

- 1) Visa document (DS-2019) and I-94 card
- 2) Passport (or your original birth certificate – if you are passport exempt)
- 3) One other form of Identification (driver's license, student/staff card, health insurance card, marriage record, etc.)
- 4) Verification of lawful need for a social security number (letter on letterhead from employer stating you need a Social Security number in order for the employer to pay you).

STUDENTS WITH A J-1 STUDENT VISA (DS-2019 Form)

Students must register for classes as full time students (Graduates 8 units and Undergraduates 12 units). You will have to update your local and permanent home country address (No PO Box) in GOLD. The Santa Barbara Social Security Office will not be able to verify your arrival at UCSB in the SEVIS immigration database until 10 days after you enter the U.S. If you apply before the 10 day waiting period, the Santa Barbara office will then be required to send the application to their regional office where it will take a minimum of 30 days to issue the number. You will need to take the following documents to apply:

- 1) Visa document (I-20 or DS - 2019) and I-94 card
- 2) Passport (or your original birth certificate – if you are passport exempt)
- 3) One other form of identification (driver's license, student/staff card, health insurance card, marriage record etc.)

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Directions from UCSB/Goleta: Go South on 101, take the Carrillo Street exit and turn Left (toward mountains). Turn Right at Chapala Street, heading toward Canon Perdido street. Immediately after crossing Canon Perdido, begin looking for the Paseo Nuevo Mall's underground parking entrances on the Left side of Chapala street.

If traveling by bus from UCSB, take bus #12G to the Transit Center. Walk South (toward the beach) on Chapala Street until you arrive at the Mall. The Social Security Office is opposite the Paseo Nuevo Mall Cinemas.

