

# Immigration Essentials

**Berkeley**  
INTERNATIONAL OFFICE





# Introduction





# Unlawful Presence

- Violations of F/J status can result in 3-10 year bars from the U.S., depending on the number of days you accrue.
- Days begin counting from the day you violate status or overstay.
  - 3 year bar - 180+ ULP days but less than 1 year
  - 10 year bar - 1 year or more of ULP



# Top 10 Rules

*BIO Advisors are the resource for information and guidance on questions related to your student visa.*

<https://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/how-maintain-your-fj-student-status>



# Stay in Status

1. Keep addresses & phone number updated
2. Full-time units
3. Approval for course reductions and withdrawal
4. Obey laws, regulations, student code of conduct
5. Attend the school on your I-20/DS-2019
6. Keep documents valid
7. Understand travel documents
8. Grace period
9. Work permission
10. Health insurance




**First  
semester**





**Complete your Arrival Confirmation &  
Keep your address updated!**

 **U.S. Customs and Border Protection**  
Securing America's Borders

Get I-94 Number **I-94 FAQ**

**Admission (I-94) Number Retrieval**

**Admission (I-94) Record Number:** 69000888062

**Admit Until Date (MM/DD/YYYY):** D/S

**Details provided on Admission(I-94) form:**

Family Name:	LI
First (Given) Name:	LYDIA
Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY):	01/01/1990
Passport Number:	P123123213
Passport Country of Issuance:	Mexico
Date of Entry (MM/DD/YYYY):	04/11/2012
Class of Admission:	F1

Individuals can visit [www.cbp.gov/I94](http://www.cbp.gov/I94) to retrieve a copy of their electronic Form I-94.

**CALCENTRAL**

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CalCentral Update CalCentral v93 Release

**Profile**

- Basic Information
- Basic Information
- Contact Information**
- Emergency Contact
- Demographic Information

**Privacy & Permissions**

- Title IV Release

**Credentials**

- Work Experience

**Profile**

**Contact Information**

Phone Number	<b>Home/Permanent Phone</b> 510/642-1234 ext. 123 <small>Edit</small>	<small>+ Add</small>
	<b>Local Phone (preferred)</b> 510/555-1212 <small>Edit</small>	
Email	<b>Other Email (preferred)</b> sacommunications@berkeley.edu <small>Edit</small>	<small>+ Add</small>
Address	<b>Diploma Address</b> 2111 BANCROFT WAY #4000 BERKELEY, California 94720-4000 <small>Edit</small>	<small>+ Add</small>
	<b>Home Address</b> 2111 BANCROFT WAY #500 <small>Edit</small>	
	<b>Local Address</b> 120 SPENCER HALL BERKELEY, California 94720 <small>Edit</small>	

Go to [calcentral.berkeley.edu](http://calcentral.berkeley.edu) and complete these Task items:

1. Arrival Confirmation Form (includes uploading I-94)
2. U.S. Address & Phone Reporting Form

*Temporary addresses are ok.  
Remember to update again when you find permanent housing.*

THEN: Update your LOCAL U.S. Phone & address in Cal Central

If you move or change your email, update Cal Central within 10 days.





# Enroll Full Time

Full time enrollment  
is determined by  
your academic  
department.

*College of Letters & Science  
requires*

**13**<sub>units</sub>

*Most academic departments require*

**12**

*units each semester.*



Summer ?

A young man and woman are sitting on a wooden bench outdoors. The man is holding a silver laptop and looking at the screen, while the woman sits next to him, looking at the laptop. They are both smiling. In the background is a modern building with a complex, geometric facade of white and grey panels. There are some green plants and trees in the foreground and middle ground. A large yellow circle is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the text "Continuing Students".

# Continuing Students



# Reduced Course Load

**Academic  
Reasons**

**Medical  
Reasons**

**Final  
Semester\***

\*degree-seeking students only

Approval from a BIO Advisor is required.  
Notify BIO if you plan to drop below full time enrollment,  
withdraw, or cancel.



# Employment

	F- 1 Visa	J- 1 Visa
On campus employment	<p>No special permission required</p> <p>Fall and Spring &lt; 20 &gt; Summer/ Vacation</p>	<p>Permission from BIO required before beginning employment.</p> <p>Fall and Spring &lt; 20 &gt; Summer/ Vacation</p>
Off campus employment	<p>Permission from BIO or USCIS required before beginning employment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curricular Practical Training (CPT)</li> <li>• Optional Practical Training (<a href="#">OPT</a>)</li> </ul>	<p>Permission from BIO required before beginning employment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic Training</li> </ul>





# Academics & Extra Curricular Activities



- \* UC Berkeley takes academic integrity very seriously. Academic misconduct can lead to suspension or dismissal from the university.
- \* Any impact on your enrollment impacts your F-1/J-1 visa status



What are examples academic misconduct?

Cheating

Plagiarism, self-plagiarism

Unauthorized group work or collaboration

Falsification





Extra Curricular Activities are a great way to meet others and have fun.





Activities that you engage in on & off campus can impact your visa status.  
Be safe, be smart, be peaceful, and respect consent.

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# Visa Rules

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# CA Laws

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Just because it's legal in California.....  
Does not mean it's OK while you're on a visa.

**You must obey all State AND Federal Laws!**







The legal drinking age in the U.S is

21



Contact BLO as soon as possible if you have an encounter with law enforcement.



# Travel & Immigration Document Maintenance



Department of Homeland Security  
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status  
OMB NO. 1653-0038

SEVIS ID: N0004705512

CLASS  
**F-1**  
ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE

GIVEN NAME: John  
PASSPORT NAME: John Doe-Smith  
COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP: UNITED KINGDOM  
ADMISSION NUMBER: 03 APRIL 2015  
LEGACY NAME: John Doe-Smith

SCHOOL ADDRESS: 9002 Nancy Lane, Ft. Washington, MD 20744  
SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE: DALL1414444000 03 APRIL 2015

SCHOOL NAME: SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies  
SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies  
SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL: Matthew Robertson  
POB: 0000

PROGRAM OF STUDY  
EDUCATION LEVEL: DOCTORATE  
NORMAL PROGRAM LENGTH: 72 Months  
PROGRAM START DATE: 01 SEPTEMBER 2015

MAJOR 1: Economics, General 45.0601  
MAJOR 2: None 00.0000  
ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES: Student is proficient

ESTIMATED AVERAGE COSTS FOR 9 MONTHS  
Tuition and Fees: \$ 23,000  
Living Expenses: \$ 6,000  
Expenses of Dependents (if any): \$ 3,000  
TOTAL: \$ 32,000

STUDENT'S FUNDING FOR 9 MONTHS  
Personal Funds: \$ 3,000  
Scholarship and Teaching Assistantship: \$ 29,000  
Funds From Another Source: \$ 0  
On-Campus Employment: \$ 0  
TOTAL: \$ 32,000

REMARKS  
Orientation begins 8/25/2015. Please report to I-20 upon arrival.

SCHOOL ATTESTATION  
I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above was entered before I signed this form and is true and correct. I received this form in the United States after review and evaluation in the United States by me or other officials of the school of the student's application, transcripts, or other records of courses taken and proof of financial responsibility for admission to the school and the student will be required to present a full program of study as defined by 8 CFR 214.2(f)(9). I am a designated school official of the above named school and am authorized to issue this form.

DATE ISSUED: 21 April 2015  
PLACE ISSUED: Ft. Washington, MD

SIGNATURE OF: Matthew Robertson, POB: 0000

STUDENT ATTESTATION  
I have read and agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of my admission and those of any extension of stay. I certify that all information provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also authorize the named school to release any information from my records needed by DHS for the purpose of pursuing a full program of study at the school named above. I also authorize the named school to release any information from my records needed by DHS for the purpose of pursuing a full program of study at the school named above. Parent or guardian, and student, must sign if student is under 18.

SIGNATURE OF: John Doe Smith  
NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN: SIGNATURE

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ICE Form I-20 A-B (12/2016)

Department of Homeland Security  
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status  
OMB NO. 1653-0038

VIS ID: N0004705512 (F-1) NAME: John Doe Smith

EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION  
EMPLOYMENT STATUS: TYPE  
EMPLOYMENT START DATE: EMPLOYMENT END DATE  
OVER NAME: EMPLOYER LOCATION

ENTS

TYPE OF STATUS/ACAP-GAP EXTENSION  
EXTENDED VISA TYPE: REQUEST/EXTENSION STATUS: RECEIPT NUMBER: BENEFIT START DATE/REQUEST DATE

HISTORY  
NAME: EVENT DATE

AUTHORIZATIONS  
ACTION: START DATE: END DATE

ENDORSEMENT  
If properly endorsed, may be used for reentry of the student to the United States after temporary absence from the United States. Each endorsement is valid for one year.

OFFICIAL: SCHOOL OFFICIAL



U.S. Department of State  
CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCHANGE VISITOR STATUS (J-NONIMMIGRANT)

1. Applicant's Primary Name: John Doe Smith  
State of Birth: United Kingdom  
Country of Birth: UNITED KINGDOM  
Legal Permanent Residence Country Code: UNITED KINGDOM  
Primary Site of Activity: UNITED KINGDOM  
Participating Program Official Description: INTERNS

2. Program Sponsor: Council on International Educational Exchange  
Program Number: P-3-05113  
Up to 12 Months

3. Form Expiry Period: 05-06-2016  
Exchange Visitor Category: INTERNS  
Subject Field Code: 26.0101  
Subject Field Code Remarks: N/A

4. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE: THIS IS A CERTIFICATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE RESPONSIBLE OFFICER THAT A NOTICE COPY OF THIS FORM HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (PULL IN DATE).

5. School: 300 Post Street, Portland, ME 04101  
Address of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: 04-29-2016

6. Statement of Responsible Officer for Exchange Sponsor (FOR TRANSFER OF PROGRAM)  
Transfer of this exchange visitor program should be made in accordance with the Department of State's policy on the transfer of exchange visitor programs.

7. PRELIMINARY ENDORSEMENT OF CONSULAR OR IMMIGRATION OFFICER REGARDING SECTION 214(b) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT AND PL-94-40, AS AMENDED (See Item 1 of page 2).

8. TRAVEL VALIDATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER  
This form is valid for travel to the United States for the purpose of the exchange visitor program.

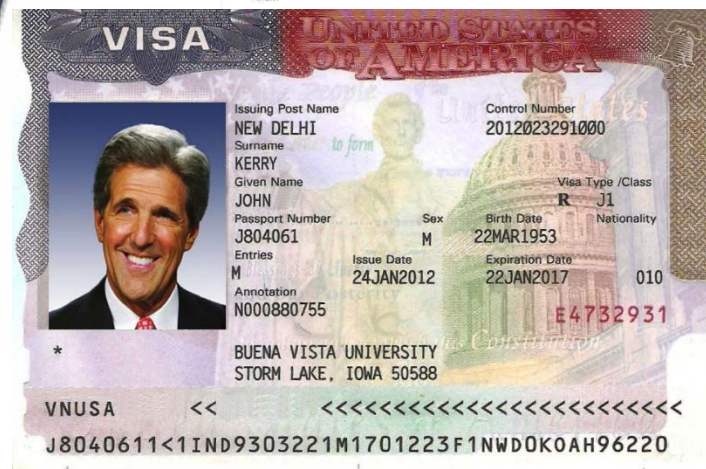
9. THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING 214(b).

EXCHANGE VISITOR CERTIFICATION: I have read and agree with the statement in item 2 on page 2 of this document.

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School Official



See BIO's Travel webpage for all required documents:

<https://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/entry-us-travel-and-re-entry>





## **Additional required documents:**

- Proof of current or next semester's enrollment
- Evidence of current Financial Support
- Proof of SEVIS Fee payment
- Proof of post-completion employment and authorization\*

*\* After graduation/program completion only*



**Attend the school noted on your  
I-20 (F-1s) or DS-2019 (J-1s)**

**Transfer IN = Must UC Berkeley I-20/DS-2019 & full-time study at UC Berkeley**

**Transfer OUT = Request I-20/DS-2019 transfer to another school for full-time study**

**Taking classes at another school while still at UCB –  
Concurrent enrollment classes at other schools will not count towards your full-time enrollment at UC Berkeley for visa purposes.**





Completing  
your  
program



**Keep your I-20 or DS-2019 valid at all times and understand your completion date.**



### PROGRAM OF STUDY

EDUCATION LEVEL  
DOCTORATE

NORMAL PROGRAM LENGTH  
72 Months

PROGRAM START DATE  
01 SEPTEMBER 2015

MAJOR 1  
Economics, General 45.0601

PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY  
Required

PROGRAM END DATE  
31 MAY 2021

MAJOR 2  
None 00.0000

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES  
Student is proficient

SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL  
Helene Robertson  
PCSO

SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE  
302214F4444000  
03 APRIL 2015

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SIGNATURE OF: Helene Robertson, PCSO

DATE ISSUED: 21 April 2015

PLACE ISSUED: Ft. Washington, MD

STUDENT ATTESTATION

I have read and agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of my admission and those of any extension of stay. I certify that all information provided on this form refers specifically to me and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I seek to enter or remain in the United States temporarily, and solely for the purpose of pursuing a full program of study at the school named above. I also authorize the named school to release any information from my records needed by DHS pursuant to 8 CFR 214.5(g) to determine my nonimmigrant status. Parent or guardian, and student, must sign if student is under 18.

SIGNATURE OF: John Doe Smith

DATE

NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

SIGNATURE

ADDRESS (city/state or province/country)

DATE

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I-20

U.S. Department of State  
CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCHANGE VISITOR STATUS (J-NONIMMIGRANT)

1. Applicant's Primary Name: City of Birth: Country of Birth: Citizenship Country Code: Citizenship Country: GRADES: FINALS MODIFICATION

2. Form Covers Period: From (mm-dd-yyyy): To (mm-dd-yyyy):

3. Exchange Visitor Category: Subject/Field Code: Subject/Field Code Remarks:

4. During the period covered by this form, the total estimated financial support (in U.S. \$) is to be provided to the exchange visitor by:

5. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE: DID USE OR CERTIFICATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE RESPONSIBLE OFFICER THAT A NOTIFICATION COPY OF THIS FORM HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (INCLUDE DATE):

6. Statement of Responsible Officer for Relieving Sponsor (FOR TRANSFER OF PROGRAM):

7. TRAVEL VALIDATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER (Maximum validation period is up to 6 months for Short-term Scholars and 4 months for Long-term Scholars and Summer Work Travel):

8. EXCHANGE VISITOR CERTIFICATION: I have read and agree with the statement in item 2 on page 2 of this document.

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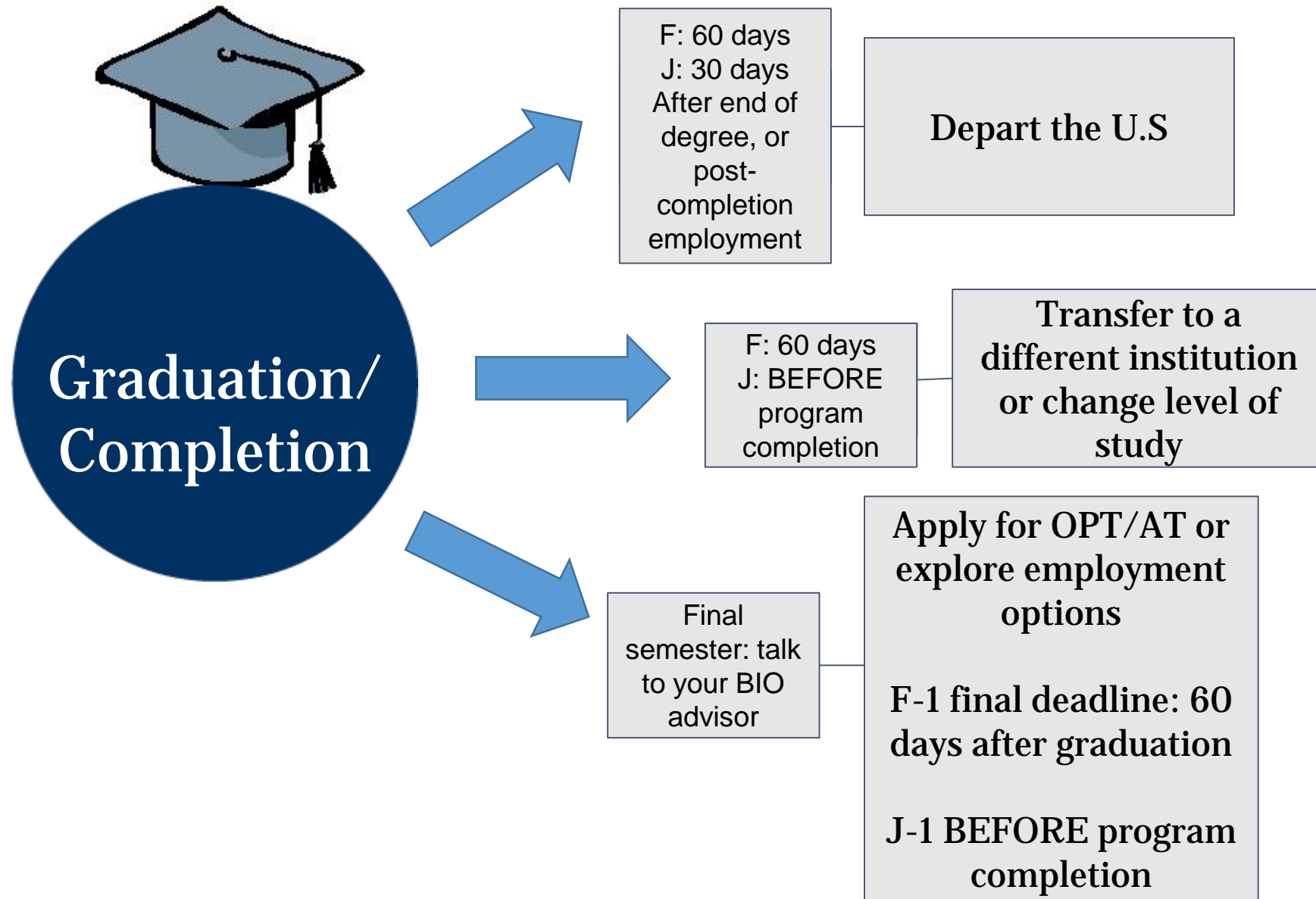
DS-2019

Request a program extension before your I-20 or DS-2019 expires if you need additional time to complete your program.





# Grace Period





BIO wants to help you have an enjoyable career during and after your time at Cal.  
Remember that any violation of your visa status can have serious consequences.  
Update us! Stay enrolled full-time! Work only with authorization! Don't exceed your grace period for exit!





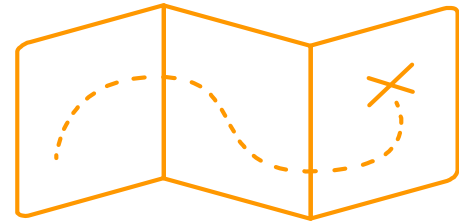
# Health Insurance

Maintaining health insurance is a university requirement until graduation.

Federal immigration regulations require J-1/J-2 students to maintain proper health insurance meeting specific requirements throughout their J program, including period of post-completion employment.



# Communication from BIO



# Resources



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Supporting Cal's International Community!

Immigration Policy Updates & FAQ  
[CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE IMPACT OF IMMIGRATION POLICY AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS ON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.](#)

Welcome New International Students!

- [The Non-Immigrant Info Form \(NIF\)](#)
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- [Academic Resources](#)
- [Required Online Arrival Confirmation](#)

Welcome New International Scholars!

Student Request Forms

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- [Extension of I-20 or DS-2019](#)
- [Employment Authorization](#)
- [Reduced Enrollment / Withdrawal](#)

International Families

- [Inviting Family to the U.S.](#)
- [I-7 Mark Darniewicz](#)

AUG 10 VSR Social Mixer

AUG 23 VSR Social Mixer

<http://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/>



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Open Hours: Mon., Tues., Wed., Thur. & Fri.  
9am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm

Phone: 510.642.2818