

Day in the Life of an International Student



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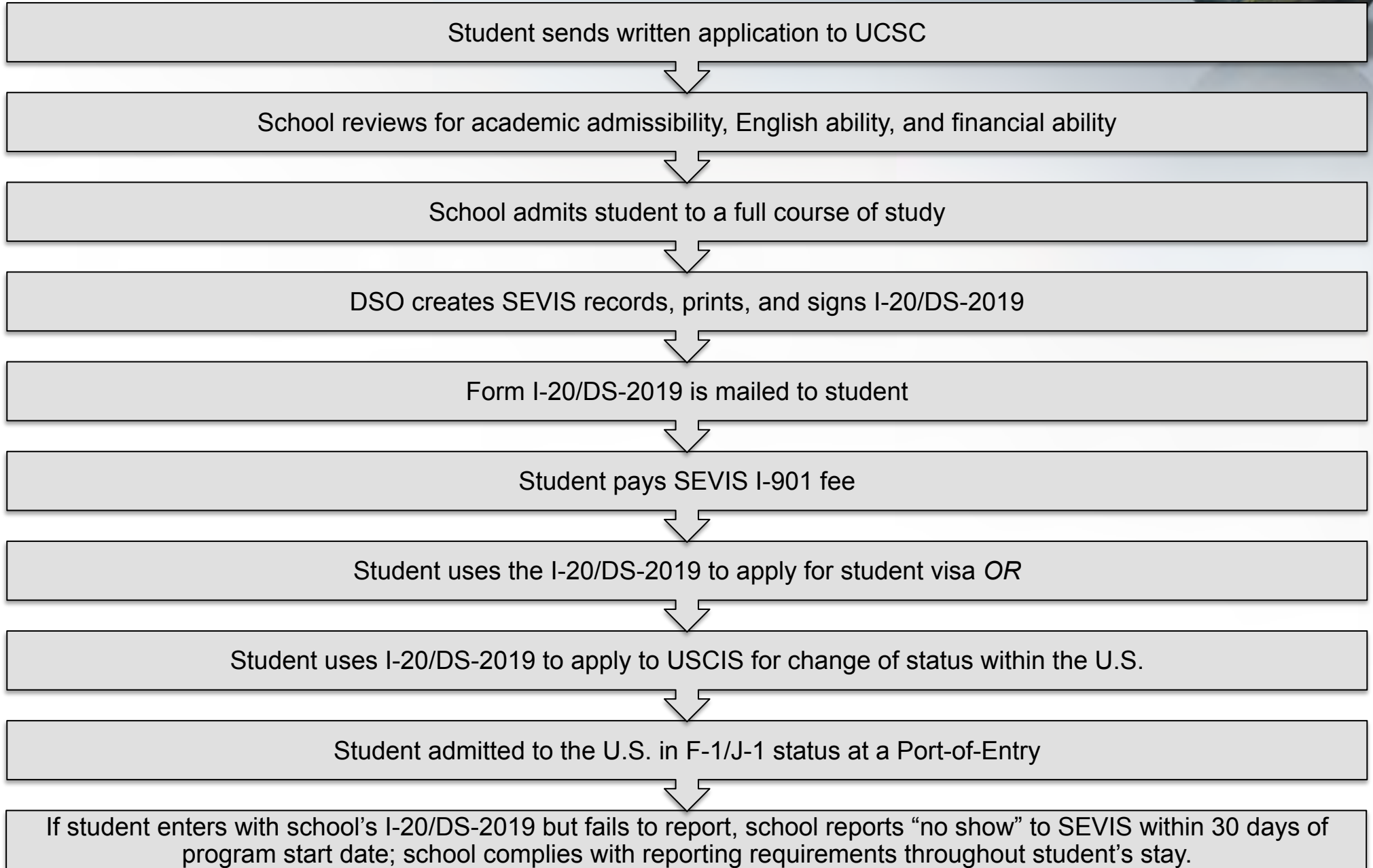
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Agenda



- Welcome & Introductions
- Getting to the U.S.- Admission Process
- Arriving on campus-Check in
- Maintaining Legal status
- Tips in Advising International Students
- Q&As

Flow of the F-1/J-1 Student Admission Process



The typical int'l student needs to...



- Learn English.
- Investigate individual schools.
- Take the TOEFL/IELTS and the ACT, SAT, GRE, or GMAT exams...
- Follow various college application procedures.
- Once accepted, choose school.
- Figure out how to finance and provide proof of finances.
- Obtain a visa (this may require more than trip to the consulate for paperwork, fees, and interviews).
- Have a medical exam.
- Translate academic and medical records.
- Purchase plane ticket.
- Pack.
- Figure out how to transfer funds to the United States.
- Say goodbyes to friends, family, perhaps even a spouse or children.
- Take a long, somewhat confusing trip to the United States.
- Figure out how to navigate ground transportation from Airport to the University.
- Finally arrive...

Five Parties Involved



International Student

- Navigate admission process
- Provides proof of finances
- Applies for student visa



UC Santa Cruz

- Undergraduate Admissions
- Graduate Admissions
- ISSS
- Academic Community

DHS-Immigration and Customs Enforcement



- Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)
- Customs and Border Protection-Port of Entry (POE)

Department of State



- Process and grants F-1 and J-1 student visas
- Manage the Exchange Visitor Program (J-1s)

U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services



- Adjudicates Form I-539 Change of Status application
- Grants OPT work authorization

Helpful website:
StudyintheStates.dhs.gov

SEVIS



Student and Exchange Visitor Information System

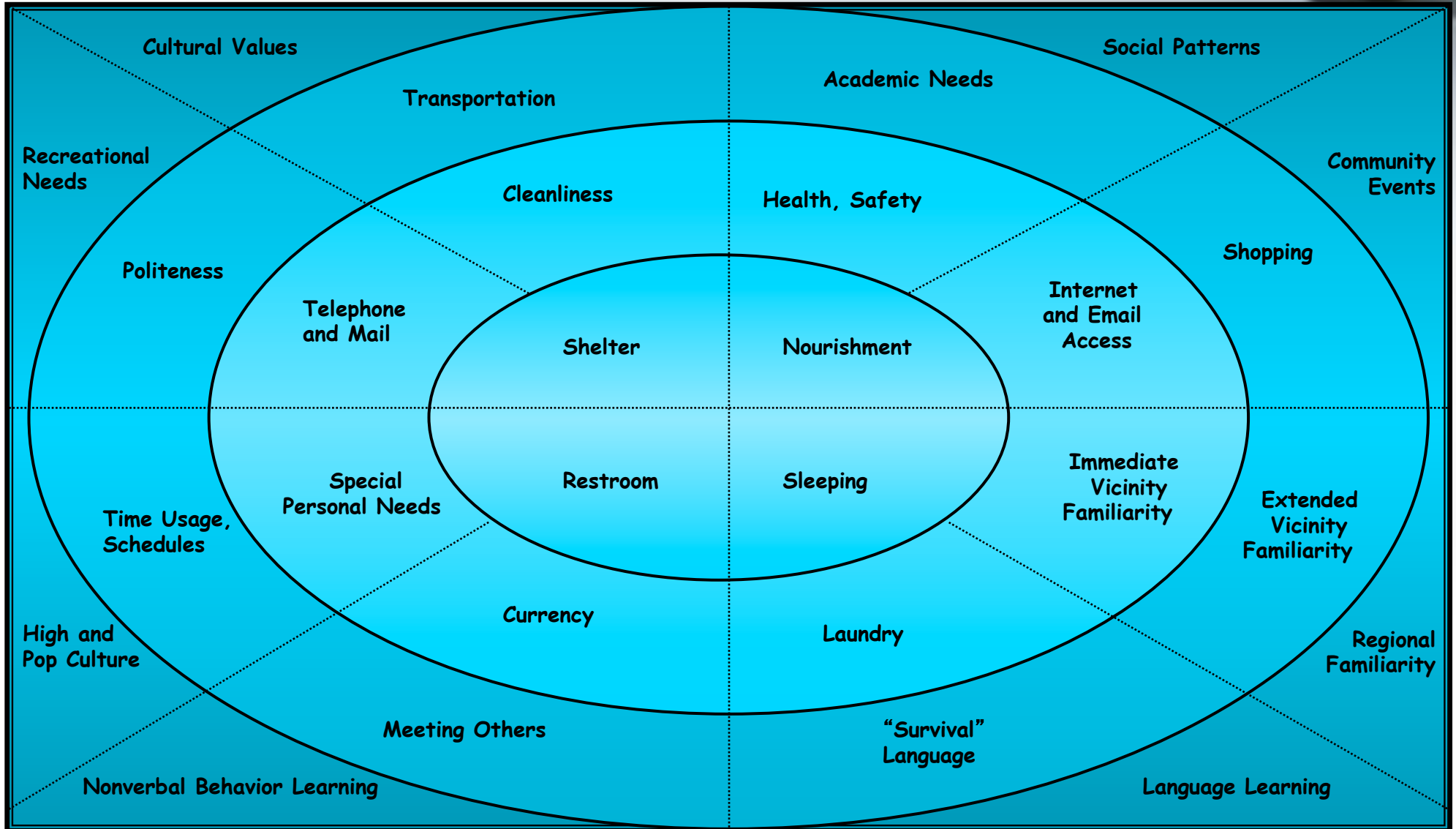
- Federal database managed by SEVP (national security investigations division of ICE)
- Tracks
 - Basic biographical info
 - School admission
 - Visa issuance
 - Port of Entry admission
 - Enrollment at school
 - Work authorization
 - Full-time/below FT enrollment
 - Change in name/address
 - Program completion

Type of int'l student at UCSC

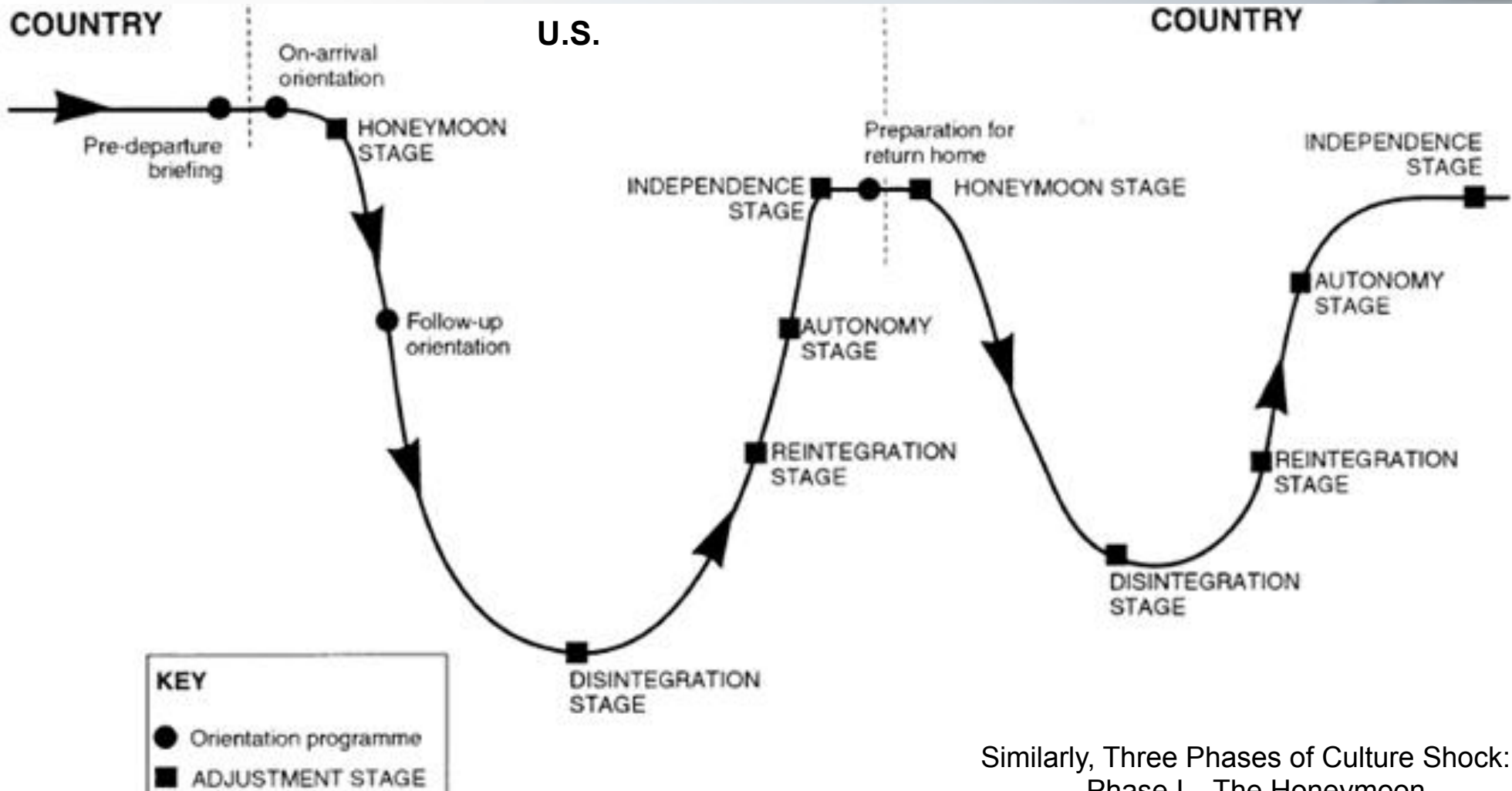


- Degree seeking Undergraduates and Graduate student
- “Transfer” students vs. Freshmen
- Non-degree seeking EAP reciprocity students (J-1)
- Non-degree seeking visiting students

What do new international students need?



Cultural Adjustment



Similarly, Three Phases of Culture Shock:
Phase I—The Honeymoon
Phase II—The Rejection
Phase III—The Recovery

Check-in Process



- Review of immigration documents:
 - Passport, F-1/J-1 visa, SEVIS I-20 or DS-2019, electronic I-94 card
- Student completes data sheet
- Provides current U.S. physical or residential address
- Attends Staying Legal presentation

Example SEVIS I-20



U.S. Department of Justice
Immigration and Naturalization Service

Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student
Status - For Academic and Language Students (OMB NO. 1115-0051)

Page 1

Please read Instructions on Page 2

This page must be completed and signed in the U.S. by a designated school official.

1. Family Name (surname):
 First (given) Name: Middle Name:
 Country of birth: INDIA Date of birth(mo/day/year):
 Country of citizenship: INDIA Admission number:

2. School (School district) name:
 University of California, Santa Cruz
 University of California, Santa Cruz

School Official to be notified of student's arrival in U.S.(Name and Title):
 Kris West
 Grad. Admissions Assistant

School address (include zip code):
 Office of International Education, UCSC
 1156 High Street
 Santa Cruz, CA 95064

School code (including 3-digit suffix, if any) and approval date:
 SFR214F00416000 approved on 02/05/2003

For Immigration Official User

U.S. IMMIGRATION
 130 SFR 3157
 ADMITTED
 AUG 29 2003
 CLASS UNTIL Ph
D/S

Visa issuing post: Chennai Date Visa Issued: 12 Jul 2003

Reinstated, extension granted to:

SEVIS
 Student's Copy
 N0000892190

SEVIS ID Number

3. This certificate is issued to the student named above for:
 Initial attendance at this school.

4. Level of education the student is pursuing or will pursue in the United States:
 MASTER'S

5. The student named above has been accepted for a full course of study at this school, majoring in Computer Engineering, General. The student is expected to report to the school no later than 09/20/2004 and complete studies not later than 06/30/2006. The normal length of study is 24 months.

6. English proficiency:
~~This school requires English proficiency. The student has the required English proficiency.~~

7. The school estimates the student's average costs for an academic term of (up to 12) months to be:

a. Tuition and fees	\$ 18,809.00
b. Living expenses	\$ 16,178.00
c. Expenses of dependents (0)	\$ 0.00
d. Other (specify): <u>Summer expenses</u>	\$ 5,000.00
Total	\$ 39,987.00

Program End date

8. This school has information showing the following as the student's means of support, estimated for an academic term of 9 months (Use the same number of months given in item 7).

a. Student's personal funds	\$ 0.00
b. Funds from this school	\$ 41,615.00
Specify type: <u>scholarship, fellowship</u>	
c. Funds from another source	\$ 35,000.00
Specify type: <u>Father</u>	
d. On-campus employment	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 76,615.00

9. Remarks:

10. School Certification: I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above in items 1 through 9 was completed before I signed this form and is true and correct; I executed 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, which were received at the school prior to the execution of this form; the school has determined that the above named student's qualifications meet all standards for admission to the school; the student will be required to pursue a full course of study as defined by 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6); I am a designated official of the above named school and am authorized to issue this form.

Name of School Official: Kris West Signature of Designated School Official: [Signature] Title: Grad. Admissions Assistant Date Issued: 06/24/2003 Place Issued (city and state): Santa Cruz, CA

11. Student Certification: I have read and agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of my admission and those of any extension of stay as specified on page 2. 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 course of study at the school named on page 1 of this form. I also authorize the named school to release any information from my records which is needed by the INS pursuant to 8 CFR 214.3(g) to determine my nonimmigrant status.

Name of Student: [Redacted] Signature of Student: [Redacted] Date: 09-Jul-2003

Name of parent or guardian: _____ Signature of parent or guardian: _____ Address (city): _____ (State or Province) (Country): _____ (Date): _____

Example DS-2019



U.S. Department of State
CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCHANGE VISITOR (J-1) STATUS

OMB APPROVAL NO. 1405-0119
EXPIRES: 07-31-2011
ESTIMATED BURDEN TIME: 45 min
*See Page 2

1. Family Name: _____		First Name: _____	Middle Name: _____	Gender: FEMALE	N0006671754
Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy): _____	City of Birth: _____	Country of Birth: _____	Citizenship Country Code: KS	Citizenship Country: SOUTH KOREA	
Legal Permanent Residence Country Code: KS		Legal Permanent Residence Country: SOUTH KOREA	Position Code: 215	Position: UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS	J-1
Primary Site of Activity: 1156 High Street Santa Cruz, CA 95064					
2. Program Sponsor: University of California, Santa Cruz		Exchange Visitor Program Number: _____			
Participating Program Official Description: PROFESSOR; RESEARCH SCHOLAR; SHORT-TERM SCHOLAR; SPECIALIST; STUDENT ASSOCIATE; STUDENT BACHELORS; STUDENT DOCTORATE; STUDENT INTERN; STUDENT MASTERS; STUDENT NON-DEGREE					
Purpose of this form: Begin New Program - Financial Data Modified					
3. Form Covers Period:		4. Exchange Visitor Category:			
From (mm-dd-yyyy): 01-04-2010		STUDENT NON-DEGREE			
To (mm-dd-yyyy): 12-13-2010		Subject/Field Code: 45.1101			
5. During the period covered by this form, the total estimated financial support (in U.S. \$) to be provided to the exchange visitor by: _____					
6. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE / DHS USE OR CERTIFICATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE RESPONSIBLE OFFICER THAT A NOTIFICATION OF THIS FORM HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (INCLUDE DATE): 			7. Hayat Succar		Alternate Responsible Officer
			Name of Official Preparing Form: _____ Office of International Education, UCSC 1156 High Street Santa Cruz, CA 95064		
8. Statement of Responsible Officer for Releasing Sponsor (For TRANSFER OF PROGRAM): Effective date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____ sponsored by _____ to the program specified in item 2 is necessary or highly desirable and is in conformity with the objectives of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended.					
Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: _____			Date (mm-dd-yyyy) of Signature: _____		
PRELIMINARY ENDORSEMENT OF CONSULAR OR IMMIGRATION OFFICER REGARDING SECTION 212(e) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT AND PL 94-484, AS AMENDED (See Item 1(a) of page 2): The Exchange Visitor in the above program: 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not subject to the two-year residence requirement. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Subject to two-year residence requirement based on: A. <input type="checkbox"/> Government financing and/or B. <input type="checkbox"/> The Exchange Visitor Skills List and/or C. <input type="checkbox"/> PL 94-484 as amended Name: _____ Signature of Consular or Immigration Officer: _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy): 14 DEC 2009 Elizabeth A. Zelle Vice Consul THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING 212(e).			TRAVEL VALIDATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER (Maximum validation period is 1 year*) *EXCEPT: Maximum validation period is up to 6 months for Short-term Scholars and 4 months for Camp Counselors and Summer Work/Travel. (1) Exchange Visitor is in good standing at the present time Date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____ Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: _____ (2) Exchange Visitor is in good standing at the present time Date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____ Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: _____		
EXCHANGE VISITOR CERTIFICATION: I have read and agree with the statement in item 2 on page 2 of this document. Signature of Applicant: _____ Place: South Korea Date (mm-dd-yyyy): 12-12-2009					

Program End Date

SEVIS ID

Electronic I-94



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

Get I-94 Number

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: SLUG
First (Given) Name: Sammy
Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY): 01/01/1990
Passport Number: P123123213
Passport Country of Issuance: China
Date of Entry (MM/DD/YYYY): 09/15/2013
Class of Admission: F-1

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

Details provided on Admission(I-94) form:

Family Name: SLUG
First (Given) Name: Sammy
Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY): 01/03/1986
Passport Number: P123123213
Passport Country of Issuance: China
Date of Entry (MM/DD/YYYY): 08/25/2013
Class of Admission: J-1

Obtained from <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/request.html>

Staying Legal Basics



F-1 and J-1 students

- **Must be enrolled in a full course of study each quarter**
- Always visit with an ISSS advisor BEFORE dropping below a full course of study
- **Get a new I-20 or DS-2019 for any changes in major or degree level**
- **If you need more time to finish your degree, request a program extension PRIOR to the current I-20/DS-2019 expiration date**
- **DO NOT work off-campus without prior written work authorization**
- DO NOT work on-campus more than 20 hours per week while school is in session
- **Report any change to local or residential address in MyUSCS portal within 10 days of moving**

Full-Time Enrollment



- **Full-time** enrollment defines as:
 - **Undergraduates/EAP students must complete 12 units**
 - **Graduate students must complete 10 units**
- Only one online/distance education class or 3 credits may count towards the FCS requirement
- **International students must obtain ISSS approval before dropping below full-time** (authorized in SEVIS)
- Possible **reduced course load (RCL)** reasons:
 1. Academic Difficulties (can only be used once)
 2. Medical Reasons (medical documentation from licensed doctor)
 3. Last term of study (does NOT apply to EAP students)

Reasons for an International Student To Stay Legal



- It is the international student's responsibility to know and understand the requirements to maintain his/her status.
- By maintaining his/her immigration (F-1 or J-1) status, the student will have the opportunity to benefit from the outstanding academic and cultural programs of the United States (e.g. work authorization).
- **Failure to maintain status can result in arrest, and violators may be required to leave the United States. Violation of status also can affect the prospect of future readmission to the United States and or being barred from returning to the U.S. for years.**
- International Student Advisors are available to assist the student with any immigration related questions pertaining to his/her F-1 or J-1 status.

When to meet with ISSS advisor?



An International Student Advisor (Designated School Official/Alternate Responsible Officer) is available to discuss immigration matters relating to:

- **Academic Program in consultation with an academic advisor.** Enrollment issues, change of major, change in education level, program extensions, leave of absence, withdrawals, transfer out.
- **Funding.** Updating funding source or change amount of funding.
- **Employment.** Eligibility and how to apply for work authorization.
- **Other personal matters** as it pertains to F-1 or J-1 status.

Employment Opportunities



- **On-Campus** -Limited to 20 hours per week while school is in session
 - F1 = no written authorization
 - J1 = requires written authorization
- **Off-Campus** -Requires written authorization and/or USCIS EAD
 - F1 = Curricular Practical Training
Optional Practical Training
 - J1 = Academic Training

Plans After Graduation



Upon completing his/her program of study, most international students apply for post-completion work authorization. Types of work authorization require a letter of recommendation from student's academic advisor.

F-1 students -> Optional Practical Training/ STEM Optional Practical Training
J-1 students -> Academic Training

OR the student can do one of the following:

- Transfer to another school
- Change education level (e.g. bachelor's to master's)
- Apply to change status to another visa type (e.g. H-1B temporary worker; J-1 Research Scholar; O-1 extraordinary ability in science, art, business, P-athlete; pursue employment based permanent residency if eligible.)

F-1 students have **60 days** after completing his/her program or any authorized OPT to leave the U.S. J-1 students have **30 days** to leave the U.S.

Scenarios



1. J-1 EAP reciprocity student Javier from Spain is struggling in one of his classes. Javier does not want to stay in the class. He says does not need the course to graduate with a bachelor's degree from home institution in Madrid. How do you advise him? What are factors to consider (whom do you contact)?
2. Meilin is a F-1 student in good academic standing pursuing a BS in Electrical Engineering. You are surprised to find Meilin in your office. She reveals she is struggling in her classes this quarter. She has skipped several classes, has difficulties concentrating, completing homework, etc. You learn that Meilin's father in Taiwan lost his job several months ago. Her parents are facing financial difficulties. She is asking you for her options to withdraw from all classes or if can she take a reduced course load. How would you advise her?
3. Hyun Jin expected to complete his BA in Business Mgmt Economics Fall 2013. After the fall term he learned that he is 5 units shy of completing the required 180 units to graduate. He had taken same course twice. He is panicking because he did not graduate. His I-20 had been shortened to reflect a fall completion date and has already been approved for post-completion OPT (work authorization). How do you advise him?

Advising Tips



- Being cognizant of the student's background, culture, and journey to UCSC.
- Recognize the difference in communication styles and language of our diverse student body.
- Recognize international students' obligation to maintain legal status in addition to following university policy.
- Seek out additional diversity and/or cultural awareness training and resources.
- Network, contact an international student advisor.

And What Other Tips Do You Have?

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