

*Relocating to Santa Barbara for Students
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RELOCATING TO SANTA BARBARA/GOLETA/ISLA VISTA

Here is some general information to help you get settled into your new home. Many of the stores/pharmacies are listed for your convenience and are not endorsed by UCSB. Be sure to check the yellow pages of your telephone directory for a complete listing.

Social Security Number

In order to work on campus, students must apply and obtain a social security number. This number may also be required in order to establish essential services (telephone, gas, cable). To obtain an application, you must personally go to the Social Security office:

Paseo Nuevo Shopping Center
(near the intersection of State Street and De la Guerra)
355 Paseo Nuevo
Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

Call ahead prior to going to the office to make sure that you have the proper documentation:
SS Phone (Nat'l): 800-772-1213
SS Phone (Local): 805-963-7806

Driver's Licence/Automobile Registration

In order to obtain a California driver's license and or register your vehicle, you need to contact the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV):

7127 Hollister Ave., Suite 24/26
Goleta, CA 93117

Call ahead and make an appointment prior to going to the office: 1-800-777-0133. You can also make an appointment online.

Note: Nonresident vehicle owners (recent arrivals) must register their out-of-state vehicles in California within 20 days of the date they accept employment or establish residency in California.

See the DMV's website for further information: <http://www.dmv.ca.gov/>

Telephone Service: Verizon

- To have telephone service set up, call 1-800-483-4000
- To obtain a copy of the white/yellow pages, they may be obtained from the Santa Barbara Region Chamber of Commerce (805-965-3023)
- Initial Activation Fee approximately \$23
- Basic charges are approximately \$25/month
- <http://www22.verizon.com/>

There are a variety of long distance carriers including Sprint and Verizon. You should select a long distance plan that is right for you depending on when and where you call.

Electricity: Southern California Edison

- To have electricity set up, call 1-800-684-8123
- Basic charges are approximately \$25/month for 1 person
- <http://www.sce.com/sc3/default.htm>

Gas: Sempra The Gas Company

- To have gas set up, call 1-800-427-2200
- Initial Deposit of \$20
- \$25 Service Establishment Charge to set up service
- <http://www.socalgas.com/>

Water: Goleta Water

- Most apartments include water as part of their Rental agreement
- 805-964-6761

Cable: Cox Communications

- To have cable set up, call (805-683-6651)
- www.cox.com/santabarbara

Internet access:

Dial-up:

- UCSB has free dial-up modems that can be accessed for email.
30 minute limit: 893-3000
2 hour limit: 893-8400
- Check the yellow pages of the telephone directory for a listing of ISP's offering dialup-up access

DSL:

- Verizon offers DSL service. To set up, call 1-877-462-5005
- Also check the yellow pages of up-to-date listings of other companies that may offer this service.

Cable:

- Cox Communications offers cable service. To set up, call 805-683-6651.
- www.cox.com/santabarbara
- Cable modem purchase approximately \$100
- Monthly charges are around \$35/month

Newspapers

- Santa Barbara News-Press – comprehensive coverage for the Santa Barbara/Goleta region.
- www.newspress.com
- For delivery service, call 1-800-654-3292 or 966-7171
- Look in Sunday's paper for complete classified/apartment listings
- Santa Barbara Independent – news and entertainment paper <http://www.independent.com>
- Daily Nexus – UCSB's student newspaper <http://www.dailynexus.com/index.php>

Apartment Listings

To find accommodation **on-campus**, visit the University Housing website at <http://www.housing.ucsb.edu/>

To find accommodations **off-campus**, there are a variety of places to look.

- UCSB's Community Housing Rental Listing Service
<http://www.housing.ucsb.edu/hchoices/cho-general-info.htm>
- Santa Barbara News-Press Listings (Sunday paper has complete listings)
<http://www.sbnewspress.com/npsite/classified.html>
- Real Estate Property Management Groups also have listings of available apartments.

Partial list:

Bartlein & Company, Inc. 3944 State Street, #200, Santa Barbara CA (805-569-1121)
Property One Mgmt 3324 State Street, Santa Barbara (805-682-1311)

Also look under "Apartments" in the yellow pages directory for a partial list of apartment complexes that you can contact for apartment availability.

Complete Listings of apartments can be found in the Sunday edition of the Santa Barbara News-Press.

Banks

Here are a few banks in the vicinity of UCSB. You should check your yellow pages directory to find a bank that is suitable for you.

Wells Fargo	195 N. Fairview Ave	805-967-1242
Bank of America	5892 Calle Real	805-683-4536
	905 Embarcadero del Norte	800-622-8731
Mid-State Bank	5956 Calle Real	805-967-0451
Santa Barbara Bank & Trust	299 N. Fairview Ave	805-683-1403
Golden One Credit Union	5176 Hollister Ave	877-465-3361

On Campus ATMs: Wells Fargo, Santa Barbara Bank and Trust, Bank of America, Golden 1, and Montecito Bank and Trust.

Note: International students may not be able to obtain a credit card for about 1 year after residency in the U.S. Your bank can issue you a check card that allows you to withdraw cash.

Transferring Funds: The most convenient and efficient way to transfer money from your country to the USA is to wire money to:

Bank of America, Goleta Branch, #416

Routing Number: 122 000 661

5892 Calle Real

Goleta, California 93117 USA

Phone: (805) 564-2064

You must open an account with this bank before transferring funds there. The funds should be payable to you, and contain your expected date of arrival. A US mailing address should also be included. To open an account at Bank of America, visit <http://www.bankofamerica.com/>

Post Offices

There are 2 full service United States Postal offices in the Goleta area:
130 S. Patterson Ave, Goleta, CA 93111
7127 Hollister Ave, Suite 2, Goleta, CA 93118

UCSB offers limited services in the basement of the University Center (UCEN). Call 893-8253 for more information

Grocery Stores

Grocery stores within 10 minutes driving from UCSB:

VONS	163 S. Turnpike Rd 967-2181
	175 N. Fairview Avenue 967-4846
Albertsons	5801 Calle Real 964-2318
	7127 Hollister Ave 968-3558
Trader Joe's	5767 Calle Real 692-2334
Costco	7095 Marketplace Drive 685-4461
Isla Vista Food Cooperative	6575 Seville Road, IV 968-1401
Isla Vista Market	939 Embarcadero Del Norte, IV 968-3597

Check the local yellow pages directory for a complete listing.

Drug Stores

In the Goleta Area, there are numerous drug stores:

Walgreens	5900 Calle Real 967-5977
Save-On Drugs	189S. Turnpike Road 967-4525
Rite-Aid	199 N. Fairview Ave 964-9892 & 7127 Hollister Ave 968-2954
CVS	5875 Calle Real 805-967-5677

Check the local yellow pages directory for a complete listing.

Mall / Shopping

K-Mart	6865 Hollister Ave, Goleta	805-968-4462
Camino Real Marketplace	6950 Marketplace Drive, Goleta	805-685-7798
	• Staples, Home Depot, Costco, Best Buy, Pier 1 Imports, AT&T, few restaurants and other amenities	
5 Points Shopping Center	3965 State Street (Off Highway 101 on La Cumbre exit)	
	• Ross Store, Albertson's, CVS, Petco and other	

- retail stores
- La Cumbre Plaza 121 S. Hope Ave 805-687-6458
- Sears and other retail stores
- Paseo Nuevo Shopping Center/State Street 651 Paseo Nuevo/State Street 805-963-7147
- Nordstrom, Macys, restaurants and other retail stores
- Isla Vista Embarcadero Del Norte area (approximately 900 block)
- Student residential community with various eateries, grocery stores, coffee shops, bike shops and other services
- UCSB Bookstore UCEN, UCSB 805-893-2330
- <http://www.bookstore.ucsb.edu/>

Photocopying services

- Kinko's 5749 Calle Real, Goleta 805-964-3522
- Fed-Ex/Kinkos UCEN, UCSB 805-893-3869

Health Services / Hospital

- Student Health Services Building 588, UCSB 805-893-3371
<http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/studenthealth/>
- Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital 351 S. Patterson Ave 805-967-3411
www.cottagehealthsystem.org 805-681-6473
- Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital Pueblo @ Bath Street, Santa Barbara 805-682-7111
www.cottagehealthsystem.org

The Graduate Student Health Insurance Plan (GSHIP) is offered at UCSB. Check with Student Health if you have any questions.

Student Clubs and Societies

Clubs and organizations offer opportunities to meet new people, develop leadership skills, integrate course work with practical experiences, and gain a well-rounded education. There are over 250 active organizations at UCSB. A comprehensive list can be found here:
<http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/orgs/>

International Students

Maintaining your visa and other travel related information up to date is more important now than ever before. Visit the Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) page often on updates on policy and procedures for international students.
<http://www.oiss.ucsb.edu>
 For specific inquiries, please visit or call the OISS office in Building 434 or call 805-893-2929.

English as a Second Language (ESL) classes

Check the Department of Linguistics for class schedules

- <http://www.esl.ucsb.edu/index.html>

Or you can call or visit their offices at:

Department of Linguistics,
Division of Humanities and Fine Arts,
South Hall 3432;
Telephone (805) 893-7488

Transportation

Parking on Campus:

Depending on your situation, graduate students may obtain a parking pass. Students living within two miles of campus are not eligible to park on campus during regular business hours.

Graduate students may be eligible for these types of parking passes:

- "G" Graduate Student/Teaching Assistants/Research Assistants/Part Time Limited Staff Permit
- "C" Student/Commuter Parking Permit

See the UCSB Parking and Transportation Services website

Call 805-893-2346 for further information

Bicycles:

Approximately 14,000 people commute to UCSB by bicycle each day school is in session. Santa Barbara County bike maps can be obtained by calling 805-893-5475.

Bus:

Students may be eligible for discounts on monthly bus pass rates through the *Transportation Alternatives Program*. Call MTD at 893-5475 or Parking services at 805-893-2346 for more information.

For MTD route information, call (805) MTD-3702 or visit their website at <http://www.sbmtd.gov>