

To our international student community:

We have learned that a fraud ring is targeting international students, in person and via social media, with an offer to pay tuition by credit card on their behalf. Students are promised a discount of 5% off of their account charges, and agree to send payment to the fraudsters for the discounted amount using a check or wire transfer.

To complete the transaction, the targeted student gives a person access to their online account, and a payment is made by credit card. However, the credit card used is fraudulent, and the charges are placed back on the student's account as still owing to the University.

Please remember that it is never a good idea to provide someone you do not know with your money or access to your banking information. UCSB offers multiple payment options, including:

- Cash, personal check (including foreign check acceptance), cashier's check, or money order
- Online via your [MyBARC account](#), using one of these methods:
 - International credit card
 - E-Check
 - Wire transfer

Students may contact our Billing-Accounts Receivable Office with any questions or concerns at (805) 893-3756, or find more information by visiting the our website at <http://www.bfs.ucsb.edu/barc>.