



Welcome! Fall 2024 New International Students

Immigration Orientation

Pre-Orientation Quiz

<https://bit.ly/3SVAXh9>





**Congratulations! You made it.
Your journey begins here.**



Welcome Message From...

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Assistant Provost for Global Engagement



CENTER FOR GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

One Center; Five Departments

- Education Abroad (EA)
- Global Academic Services (GAS)
- Intensive English Institute (IEI)
- International Enrollment Services (IES)
- International Student Services (ISS)



Meet the ISS Team and Others...



Today's Immigration Orientation

- About ISS' Services
- Steps After Arrival
- Maintaining F1 Status
- Health Insurance
- Academic Resources
- Student Life Engagement
- Reminders and Resources





International Student Success Series

IMPORTANT!

- Join the 3-session International Student Success Series to help you to be successful at the time at FAU!
- **Career Planning and Job Opportunities**
 - ✓ Presented by the Career Center and ISS
- **Health, Safety, and Self-Care**
 - ✓ Presented by the Student Health Services, Insurance for Students, CAPS, Owls Care Promotions, and Recreation Center.
- **Unlocking Academic Excellence**
 - ✓ Presented by the Center for Learning & Student Success and Libraries.
- Seat is limited. [**RSVP**](#) to reserve your spot!
- First 50 students who arrive will receive a free T-shirt.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUCCESS SERIES

SEPTEMBER 2024

THURS
05

CAREER PLANNING AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Majestic Room, Student Union
(Entrance is next to the Atlantic Dining Hall)

TUES
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HEALTH, SAFETY, AND SELF-CARE

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Majestic Room, Student Union
(Entrance is next to the Atlantic Dining Hall)

THURS
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UNLOCKING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Majestic Room, Student Union
(Entrance is next to the Atlantic Dining Hall)

- First 50 students **who arrive in person** will receive a **FREE** T-Shirt
- More opportunities to win a prize when joining the event in person!
- Seats are limited. RSVP now to reserve your spot!

Scan QR Code to RSVP →





0 response submitted

Please choose one or more options as a topic for seminars to help you with your success at FAU

Scan the QR or use link to join



<https://forms.office.com/r/dhcNCSS18R>

Copy link

Academic Motivation -
how to stay focused,
maintain interest in your
studies, and develop
self-determination and
resilience.

Academic Culture in the U.S. - how to adapt to the new academic culture, expectations, and academic integrity and build successful intercultural relationships with professors and peers.

Helpful Learning Strategies- staying organized and using all the tools available to succeed in your studies (ex., time management and self-regulation skills).

Treemap

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Other University-Wide Orientations Reminder

Student Levels	Dates
First Year Undergraduate Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete a self-directed virtual orientation through Canvas.Deadline to complete: August 16 at 9 a.m.• Last in-person orientation: August 15• Refer to the instructions in the <u>OwlDone Portal</u>
Transfer Undergraduate Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete a self-directed virtual orientation course through Canvas.• Please refer to the instructions in the <u>OwlDone Portal</u>
New Graduate Student	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday, August 13, from 5 -7 p.m. at Student Unions• Online option: Login to <u>canvas.fau.edu</u>, using your FAU NetID

Campus Tour (Highly Recommended!)

Register for an in-person campus tour hosted by the Undergraduate Admissions Department at www.fau.edu/visit/tours/



The ISS is Your Immigration Resource:

- Liaison between you and the government agencies
- SEVIS reporting/record maintenance
- Immigration/regulation updates
- Immigration and document services
- Immigration advising
- Cultural adjustment/workshops/events





Where to find us?

- Office location:
Center for Global Engagement (DP-49),
777 Glades Road, Boca Raton, FL 33431 ([map](#))
- Website: www.fau.edu/international
- Email: isss@fau.edu
- Phone: 561-297-3049
- Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday 8 am – 5 pm
- [Walk-in Advising and Scheduled Appointments](#)

The ISS Website Is Your One Stop Hub

- Important announcements
- F1 Responsibilities and Requirements
- Program/Events Information
- Document and Service Requests
- Resources and Guides



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International Student Services

About Us Advising Hours Programs Employment Options Quick Links

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

Part of Center for Global Engagement, International Student Services (ISS) is here to provide the high-quality services, that ensure regulatory compliance, support international enrollment growth, and facilitate cultural adjustment and integration of international students, scholars, and their families. To serve as an integral part of the University's efforts of internationalization. To ensure our team members are treated with deep respect, compassion, and kindness so that we establish a safe working surrounding where each individual has opportunity to grow, and where we can feel a greater purpose and synergy as a team.

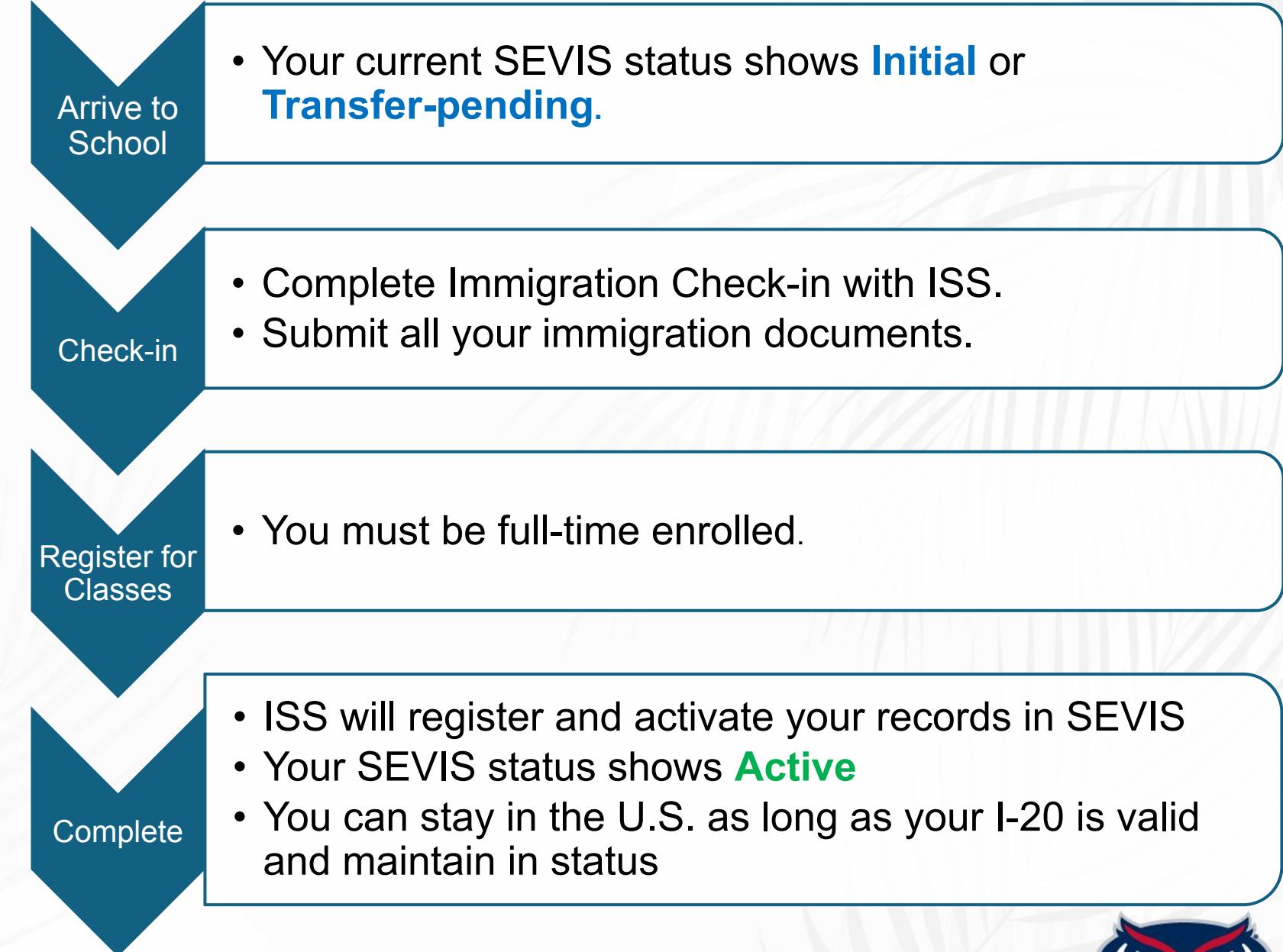


Next Steps After Your Arrival in the U.S.



What is SEVIS?

- Student & Exchange Visitor Information System
- Government database system that tracks and monitors F, M, and J students.
- Where your I-20/DS-2019 was issued.
- Only Designated School Officials (DSOs) have access to SEVIS to update your records.
- ISS advisors are DSOs



Maintaining F1 Status



- Make sure all immigration documents are valid.



- Report any changes to your I-20 such as major, U.S. address, and phone number.



- Be enrolled full-time every semester, except the Summer annual break.



- Timely depart the U.S. at the end of your F1 status.



- Work only with authorization and within hourly limits.





1. Your Immigration Documents

- Passport
- F1 Visa
- I-20
- Most Recent I-94 Record
- SEVIS Fee Payment Receipt

Passport

- Must always be valid for at least six months into the future.
- Make a note when the passport expires and renew it in a timely manner.
- Can be renewed in your country's Embassy in the U.S.



F1 Visa

- Visa Stamped in your passport.
 - Document to enter the U.S.
 - Does not determine how long you can remain in the U.S.
 - Can expire while in the U.S. without affecting your F-1 status.
 - Can ONLY be obtained or renewed outside of the U.S. at the U.S. Embassy or consulates.



I-20

- A document describing why you are in the U.S., for how long you will be in the U.S., and your source of funding.
- 1st page:
 - ✓ SEVIS ID (N number)
 - ✓ Your information
 - ✓ School information
 - ✓ Program Information (*I-20 expiration date)
 - ✓ Financial Information
 - ✓ Your signature (*must print the I-20 and sign your name with ink pen)
- 2nd page:
 - ✓ Employment Information
 - ✓ Travel Endorsement
- 3rd page:
 - ✓ Instructions (must read)

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: N00xxxxxxxx		
SURNAME/PRIMARY NAME Trojan	GIVEN NAME Tommy	CLASS F-1
PREFERRED NAME Tommy Trojan	PASSPORT NAME	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP ADMISSION NUMBER
COUNTRY OF BIRTH DATE OF BIRTH	LEGACY NAME Tommy Trojan	ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE
FORM ISSUE REASON CONTINUED ATTENDANCE	SCHOOL INFORMATION	
SCHOOL NAME University of Southern California University of Southern California	SCHOOL ADDRESS Office of International Services, 300 Student Union, Los Angeles, CA 90089	
SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL Ariel Suarez Immigration Advisor	SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE LOS214F0024000 30 JANUARY 2008	
PROGRAM OF STUDY		
EDUCATION LEVEL MASTER'S	MAJOR 1 Playwriting and Screenwriting 50.0504	MAJOR 2 None 00.0000
NORMAL PROGRAM LENGTH 24 Months	PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY Required	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES Student is proficient
PROGRAM START DATE 11 AUGUST 2014	PROGRAM END DATE 13 MAY 2016	
FINANCIALS		
ESTIMATED AVERAGE COSTS FOR: 9 MONTHS		STUDENT'S FUNDING FOR: 9 MONTHS
Tuition and Fees \$ 37,561	Personal Funds \$ 0	
Living Expenses \$ 20,348	NONE \$ 0	
Expenses of Dependents (0) \$ 0	NONE \$ 57,909	
NONE \$ 0	On-Campus Employment \$ 0	
TOTAL \$ 57,909	TOTAL	\$ 57,909
REMARKS		
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 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 and the student will be required to pursue a full program of study as defined by 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6). I am a designated school official of the above named school and am authorized to issue this form.		
X	DATE ISSUED 16 March 2016	PLACE ISSUED Los Angeles, CA
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 214.3(g) to determine my nonimmigrant status. Parent or guardian, and student, must sign if student is under 18.		
X	DATE	
SIGNATURE OF: Tommy Trojan		
NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS (city/state or province/country)

ICE Form I-20 (3/31/2018)

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Your Most Recent I-94 Record

- To be retrieved from www.cbp.gov/I94 within the first 10 days upon arrival
- You will be issued a new I-94 number each time you make a new entry into the U.S.
- Make sure your I-94 shows:
 - Class of Admission: **F1 (your visa)**
 - Admit Until Date: **D/S (Duration of Status)**
- Needed for your immigration Check-in
- Establishes student's F1 status



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

Most Recent I-94

Admission (I-94) Record Number : 243130407A2
Most Recent Date of Entry: 2019 September 20
Class of Admission : **F1**
Admit Until Date : **D/S**
Details provided on the I-94 Information form:

Last/Surname : [REDACTED]
First (Given) Name : [REDACTED]
Birth Date : [REDACTED]
Passport Number : [REDACTED]
Country of Issuance : [REDACTED]



SEVIS Fee Payment Receipt

- Known as a Form I-901.
- Fee to support the F, M, and J nonimmigrant reporting system (SEVIS).
- The SEVIS ID on the I-901 form should match the ID on your I-20.
- Can be retrieved from
<https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/>

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Department of Homeland Security- Form I-901 Application - Receipt Confirmation

Student and Exchange Visitor Program: SEVIS I-901 Fee Confirmation

OMB 1653-0034 (Expires 1/31/2015)

Please print this page immediately for your records.

Reference the confirmation number below on all inquiries related to your I-901 status. You will receive an I-797 hard copy receipt at the address you provided. You may be required to produce this receipt on your I-797 for visa issuance, admission to any United States port of entry, for any change of non-immigrant status, or other United States immigration benefits.

When you go to the Consulate for your visa, you should bring this receipt or your I-797 to prove you have paid the SEVIS fee.

This credit card transaction will appear on your bill as "US STUDENT & EV I901 FEE 800-375-5283 VT"

U.S. Department of Justice Department of Homeland Security Notice of Action

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	
RECEIPT NUMBER: (Confirmation Number): CCC1319089650	CASE TYPE: I-901 Fee Remittance Form for F-1, F-3, M-1, M-3 and J-1 Non-Immigrants.
RECEIVED DATE: Apr 8, 2013	APPLICANT: BHARATH VISHWANATH
NOTICE DATE: Apr 8, 2013	PAGE: 1 of 1
NAME AND ADDRESS: BHARATH VISHWANATH B416, MEGATOWER2, NITK HOSTELS SURATHKAL, MANGALORE INDIA 575025	NOTICE TYPE: Receipt Notice
BHARATH VISHWANATH	
This fee payment is valid ONLY for your particular course of study or program. If you fall out of status, apply for a new F-1, F-3, M-1, M-3, or J-1 non-immigrant visa, or if you want to change your non-immigrant category to an F-1, F-3, M-1, M-3 or J-1, you may be required to pay another fee.	
APPLICANT STATUS: F-1, F-3, M-1, or M-3 DATE OF BIRTH: 01/21/1993 SCHOOL CODE: LOS214F00291.000 AMOUNT RECEIVED: \$200.00 SEVIS IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: N0010081473	
Your I-901 fee transmittal form has been received. Please notify us immediately if any of the above information is incorrect.	
THIS ELECTRONIC RECEIPT MAY BE USED AS EVIDENCE OF PAYMENT. IN ADDITION, YOUR OFFICIAL I-797 RECEIPT NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS BY THE RECEIPT DELIVERY METHOD YOU SELECTED.	
I-901 Student/Exchange Visitor Processing Fee P.O. Box 970020 St. Louis, MO 63197-0020	
https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/students/creditcardsuccess.htm	

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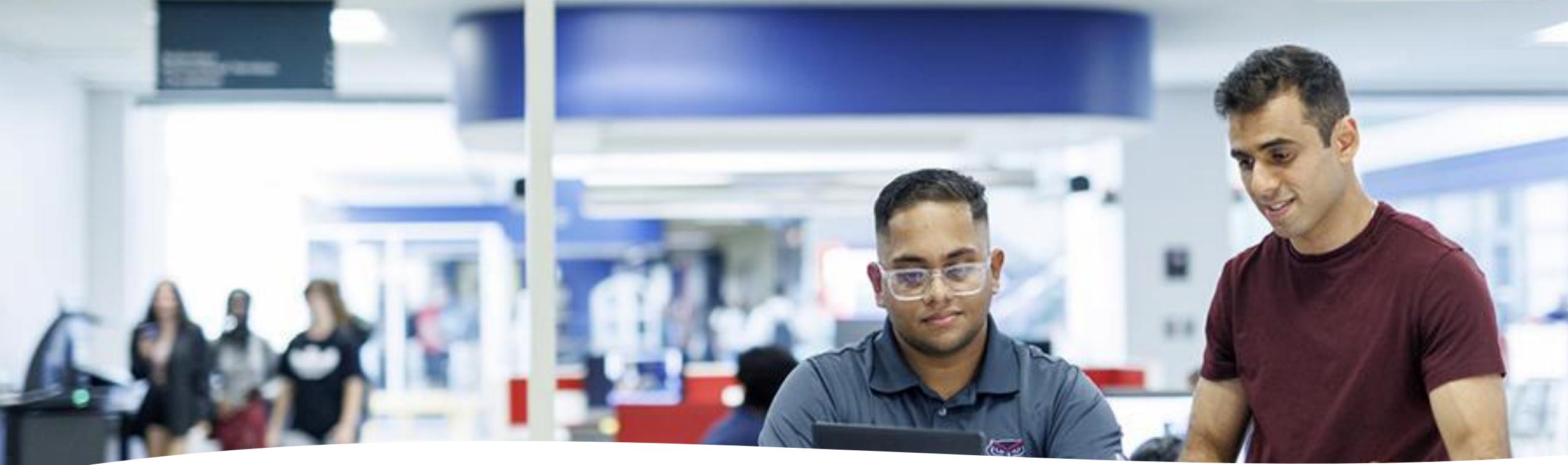
When Traveling Outside of the U.S...

- Before leaving the U.S., submit the [Travel Signature Request e-Form](#) at least one week before traveling.
- To re-enter the U.S. in F-1 status, you need:
 - ✓ A valid passport (valid six months into the future).
 - ✓ A valid F-1 stamp in your passport.
 - ✓ A SEVIS fee payment receipt.
 - ✓ FAU I-20 with a valid travel signature from an ISS advisor (the signature is valid for one year on I-20).
 - ✓ Highly recommended: transcripts/proof of enrollment.
- After returning to the U.S., submit a new I-94 record to ISS by submitting the [I-94 Confirmation e-Form](#).

Department of Homeland Security U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement		I-20: Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status OMB NO. 1615-0618	
SEVIS ID: #0004720633 (F-1) NAME: Student Sample			
EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATIONS			
TYPE CPT	FULL/PART-TIME PART TIME	STATUS APPROVED	START DATE 01 JULY 2014
END DATE 18 JULY 2014			
EMPLOYER INFORMATION			
TYPE CPT	AUTORIZATION DATES 01 JULY 2014 - 18 JULY 2014		
EMPLOYER NAME IEV# applied 1404	START DATE 01 JULY 2014	END DATE 18 JULY 2014	CITY & STATE Arlington, VA
CHANGE OF STATUS/CAP/GAP EXTENSION			
AUTHORIZED REDUCED COURSE LOAD			
CURRENT SESSIONS			
CURRENT SESSION START DATE 01 JULY 2014	CURRENT SESSION END DATE 21 JUNE 2014		
TRAVEL ENDORSEMENT			
This page, when properly endorsed, may be used for re-entry of the student to attend the same school after a temporary absence from the United States. Each endorsement is valid for one year.			
SCHOOL OFFICIAL	TITLE	SIGNATURE	DATE ISSUED
		X	
		X	
		X	
		X	

Travel Signature by ISS DSO





2. **Report Any Changes to Your I-20 and Record**

- Maintain up-to-date information in SEVIS
- Submit request forms to inform ISS

All students must maintain correct and up-to-date information in their SEVIS

- Let us know about any changes within 10 days of a change:
 - ✓ Biographical information (such as name)
 - ✓ Address and/or Phone number
 - ✓ Financial support sources (e.g. sponsorship)
 - ✓ Program of study (Major)
- Submit all your updates request via the FAU iStart Portal
- Below are some examples of the e-forms:
 - ✓ [I-20 Update Request Form](#)
 - ✓ [U.S. Address Update Form](#)



Access All the E-form Requests from the ISS Website

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

Prospective Students Newly Admitted Students Current Students **Documents/Services Request**

International Student Services

About Us

Advising Hours

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

Part of Center for Global Engagement, International Student Services (ISS) is here to provide the high-quality

- ISS provides services and documents upon students' requests.
- Be mindful of the processing time.
- Submit your requests ahead of time to avoid delay.
- All the forms are available at:
<https://www.fau.edu/global/international/forms/>





3. **Be Enrolled Full-time Every Semester**

- Full-time enrollment requirement
- Fully online course limitation
- Reduced Course Load (RCL) authorization



Full-Time Enrollment Requirement

Per federal regulations, all international students MUST enroll in a full-time course load to maintain their F-1 status.

Semester	Undergraduate Students (Bachelor's)	Graduate Students (Master's and PhD)
Fall and Spring Semesters	Minimum of 12 credit hours (Min 9 credits in person)	Minimum of 9 credit hours (Min 6 credits in person)
Summer Semester	Optional (Annual vacation for students)	Optional (Annual vacation for students)



Be Aware of the Fully Online Course Limitation

- Avoid any fully online programs!
- **No more than 3 credit hours** of fully online class can count toward your full-time enrollment requirement.
- Hybrid/Mixed Online/Live Lectures are acceptable and are not considered fully online.
- Check the [Instructional Method Definitions page](#) to learn more about different kinds of instructions before you sign up for the classes.



Online Live Lecture

Max. of 3 credit hours

100% of the course is delivered online, with synchronous meeting times. (The course will meet live on the specified meeting days and times)

Fully Online Class

100% of the course is delivered online.



Reduced Course Load (RCL) Authorization

- Students can drop below full-time course load only with an RCL authorization.
- RCL requests must be approved first before students are allowed to drop the class.
- Regulations provide limited reasons for granting an RCL:
 - ✓ Thesis/dissertation
 - ✓ Last term of study (limited to the final term)
 - ✓ Illness or medical condition
 - ✓ Academic difficulty (limited to the first term only)
 - Initial Difficulty with the English language
 - Initial Difficulty with reading requirements
 - Unfamiliar with American teaching methods
- Submit **Reduced Course Load Request** before the term starts (requires academic advisor's approval)
- *If you drop the classes after the add/drop deadline (August 23, 2024, for Fall 24), you will still be fee liable for the classes that you dropped even with an RCL authorization.



Reduced Course Load Authorization (Con't)

- Below are not acceptable reasons for RCL:

- The class is full
- The class is not available this semester
- Failing the class

- Concurrent Enrollment Option

You may take classes at other institutions (such as Palm Beach State College) that count toward the full-time enrollment requirement if:

- ✓ You are enrolled for at least 6 credits at FAU (50% of your credits).
- ✓ You get written permission from your Academic Advisor and ISS, and
- ✓ The fully online courses rule (max. 3 credits) still applies.



Do Not Withdraw Your Classes!

- The last day to drop with a “W” is NOT for international students.
- Once you drop below the full-time course load without authorization, you lose your status.

Incomplete (I) Grade VS Withdraw (W) Grade	
Incomplete (I)	Withdraw (W)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An “I” grade is only granted by the professor when a student is passing a course but couldn’t complete the course requirements on time. You will usually be given a certain amount of time to finish the course requirements.• It is up to the professor to grant an “I” grade based on individual circumstances.• Can be changed on your transcript once the required coursework is completed.• “I” grade <u>DOES</u> count towards full-time enrollment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International students should never withdraw from a course; otherwise, they may fall out of status.• Failing should not be a reason to drop/withdraw a course.• “W” grade <u>DOES NOT</u> count towards full-time enrollment.



• Even if you are failing your class, DO NOT drop your classes before consulting with the ISS!





4. **Timely depart the U.S. at the end of your F1 status.**

- Know your grace period.
- Apply for another status if applicable.
- Extend your status if needed.

Know Your Grace Period

- F1 students have a **60-day** grace period during which they can remain in the U.S. upon completing your programs.
- You may travel to other states in the U.S. during the grace period; however, if you leave the U.S. before the grace period ends, you cannot re-enter under the same SEVIS record.
- Within the grace period, you must do one of the following:
 - ✓ Apply for OPT if applicable.
 - ✓ Start a new academic program or transfer to another school to continue student status. To transfer out, you need to submit [**SEVIS Transfer Out Request Form**](#).
 - ✓ Change to another status if eligible.
 - ✓ Leave the U.S.



I-20 Extension

- If you need more time to complete your program, you can request to extend your I-20.
- Do not let your I-20 expire if you have not yet completed the program.
- Follow the steps below:
 - a. Make an appointment to meet with your academic advisor.
 - b. Complete the [**I-20 Program Extension \(F-1\) Form**](#).
 - c. Prepare new proof of funding for the extended time.
 - d. Submit the form at least 30 days before your I-20 expires.
 - e. DSO approves for no more than one year at a time.

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

SEVIS ID: N0004720633

MR/NM/PRIMARY NAME
Sample

PREFERRED NAME
Student Sample, Jr.

COUNTRY OF BIRTH
LAOS

DATE OF BIRTH
08 MAY 1999

FORM ISSUE REASON
CONTINUATION ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL INFORMATION

SCHOOL NAME
DSVP School For Advanced SEVIS Studies

DSVP School For Advanced SEVIS Studies

SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL

ReLeone Robertson

PODO

GIVEN NAME
Student

PASSPORT NAME

COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP
LAOS

ADMISSION NUMBER

Class of Admission

F-1
ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE

SAMPLE

9002 Nancy Lane, Ft. Washington, MD 20704
SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE
BAL2144444000
03 APRIL 2016

PROGRAM OF STUDY

EDUCATION LEVEL

BACHELOR'S

MAJOR 1
History and Philosophy of Science

and Technology 54 C084

MAJOR 2
None 00-0000

PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

Required

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY
Student is proficient

EARLIEST ADMISSION DATE

START OF CLASSES

01 JUNE 2016

PROGRAM START/END DATE

04 MAY 2016 - 30 MAY 2020

FINANCIALS

ESTIMATED AVERAGE COSTS FOR 9 MONTHS

Tuition and Fees

STUDENT FUNDING FOR 9 MONTHS

\$ 19,000

Living Expenses

STUDENT FUNDING FOR 9 MONTHS

\$ 19,000

Expenses of Dependents (if any)

STUDENT FUNDING FOR 9 MONTHS

\$ 19,000

Other

STUDENT FUNDING FOR 9 MONTHS

\$ 19,000

TOTAL

TOTAL

\$ 19,000

Program End Date

REMARKS

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 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 and the student will be required to pursue a full program of study as defined by 8 CFR 214.2(b)(6). I am a designated school official of the above named school and am authorized to issue this form.

X

SIGNATURE OF: ReLeone Robertson, PODO

DATE ISSUED: 04 May 2016

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 pertains 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 DSS pursuant to 8 CFR 214.3(g) to determine my nonimmigrant status. Parent or guardian, and student, must sign if student is under 18.

X

SIGNATURE OF: Student: Sample

DATE:

ADDRESS (city/state or province/country):

NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

SIGNATURE

DATE:





5.
**Work only with
authorization
and within
hourly limits.**

F1 Employment Options

- ✓ On-campus Employment
- ✓ Off-campus Employment during the program –
Curricular Practical Training
- ✓ Off-campus Employment after completing the program
Optional Practical Training

On-campus Employment

- Eligible in first semester if in valid F-1 status
- Does **not** need to be related to your major.
- **Limited to no more than 20 hours** per week during Fall and Spring semesters;
- Can work over 20 hours during school breaks and summer term

Tips for finding a job on campus:

- Visit [FAU Handshake](#) and create an application and search for on-campus "student positions"
- The [FAU Career Center](#) provides career advising to help prepare students for job search

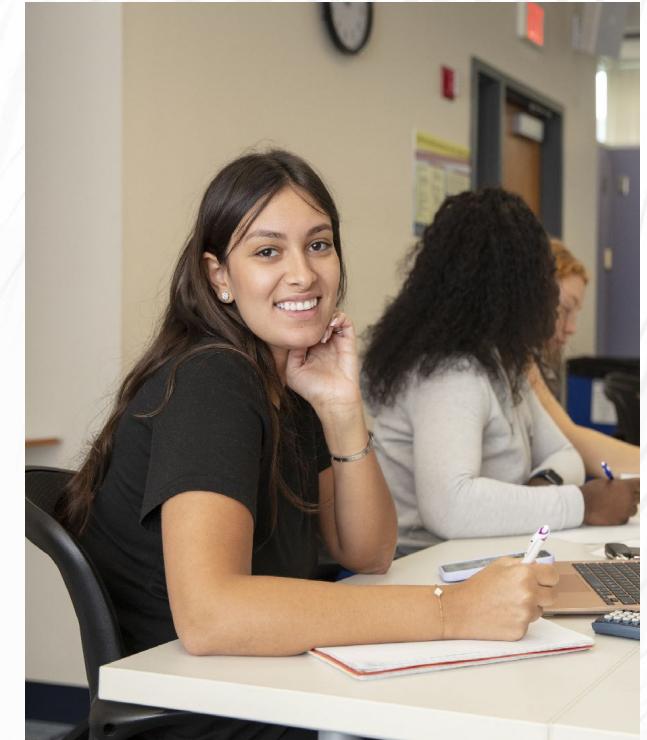


Off-campus Employment During the Program: **Curricular Practical Training (CPT)**

- Only eligible after completing one academic year with full-time enrollment (two consecutive semesters: **30 weeks total**) inside the US.
- Need a job offer letter for work related to major to start process
- Off-campus work authorization is **always** required for any work paid or unpaid!

CPT resource page:

https://www.fau.edu/international/employment_internship.php



Off-campus Job After Completing the Program: Optional Practical Training (OPT)

Apply no sooner than 3 months before the final semester end date (all courses finished) - must first apply for a new I-20 from ISS recommending you for OPT benefit.



Steps to apply:

<https://www.fau.edu/international/current/OPT.php>

Approved by USCIS after FAU International Student Services reviews the petition and issues OPT I-20 for the student.



STEM OPT Extension

- **24-month STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) OPT eligible majors only.
- **Apply 3 months before** existing 12-month post-completion OPT authorization expires.
- Check if your major is STEM OPT eligible **at the time of applying** for STEM OPT extension.
- More information: <https://www.fau.edu/international/current/OPT.php>



Social Security Number (SSN)

- Must have paid job position to apply
- Must be inside the US for 10 days minimum before applying.
- Submit your [Letter Request E-Form](#) to ISS
- Review our [Obtaining a U.S. Social Security Number Guide](#) on what documents to take to the SSA office.



Taxes for International Students

- F and J students will file one of the following with IRS - Internal Service Revenue:
 - **Form 8843** - no income earned
 - **Form 1040-NR or Form 1040** for those who work in prior year
- For more information, visit the [Taxes for International Students](#) page.
- International Student Taxes Workshop will be provided in the Spring semesters.



Failure to Maintain F1 Status



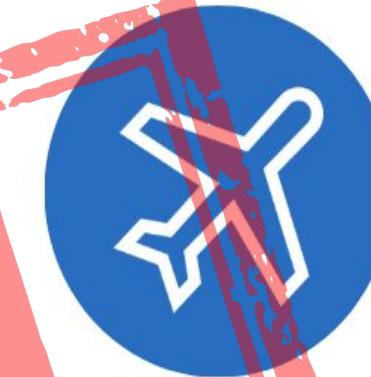
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- Report any changes to your I-20 such as major, U.S. address, and phone number.



- Be enrolled full-time every semester, except the Summer annual break.



- Timely depart the U.S. at the end of your F1 status.



- Work only with authorization and within hourly limits.



Consequences of Failure to Maintain Status

- No F-1 status benefits, such as employment.
- Termination of SEVIS record.
- No grace period.
- Must leave the U.S. immediately (or apply for reinstatement).



How to Get My Status Back?

→ Contact ISS immediately!

Option 1 - Reinstate

- ✓ Work with ISS to file for reinstatement with the U.S. Citizen and Immigration Service (USCIS) within 5 months of SEVIS termination date.
- ✓ Must maintain full-time course enrollment while reinstatement is pending.
- ✓ No F-1 benefits while reinstatement is pending (no employment, no travel).

Option 2 - Restart

- ✓ Reapply for a new I-20 and new SEVIS ID outside of the U.S.
- ✓ Re-enter the U.S. with a new SEVIS record (I-901 fee will be required).





International Student Health Insurance

- All F and J students in the U.S. are required to have health insurance that meets the Florida Board of Governors (BOG) requirements. **This is state-mandated.**
- As new students, **after completing the immigration check-in**, ISS will enroll you into the FAU insurance (unless otherwise exempt).
- Details about the FAU international student health insurance plan can be found at www.insuranceforstudents.com/FAU

International Student Insurance and Semester Survey

- **Each semester** you will be required to complete a **mandatory F-1 survey** sent via email one month prior to the semester start.

- **Students will have two options:**
 1. Be enrolled automatically into the FAU insurance
 2. Apply for an alternate insurance waiver – due when the waiver submission portal is open.
 - **Fall 2024 Waiver is accepting submissions until Tuesday, August 20, 2024 (11:59 pm ET)**
 - To submit a waiver, go to www.insuranceforstudents.com/FAU.





Academic Resources

- The ISS cannot answer academic-related questions such as program requirements.
- Find out who your academic advisor is at [Advising Resources](#).
- Full list of the academic and student support resources, visit <https://www.fau.edu/studentresources/>
- Attend **International Student Success Series!**



Student Life Engagement

- Discover 400+ student organizations and clubs at [Owl Central](#).
- Join [International Friends Program](#).
- Attend CGE/ISS events.
- Attend [Student Activities and Involvement](#) events.
- Find out what events are happening on campus at <https://calendar.fau.edu/student/>
- Attend [**International Student Success Series!**](#)



INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS PROGRAM (IFP)

Fostering cross-cultural friendships and easing the transition into college life at FAU for international students



Start here as an IFP Mentee



Connect Globally: Meet Students from round the world and form lasting friendships.
Get Guided Support: Transition smoothly into college life with the help of a mentor.
Enjoy Cultural Events: Participate in engaging activities and campus events.
Build Confidence and Community: Strengthen your sense of belonging and community among students.



Become an IFP Mentor



Lead by Example: Mentor international students and help them thrive.
Enhance Skills: Develop leadership and communication abilities.
Community Builder: Organize meet-ups and cultural exchange events.
Expand Horizons: Deepen your global perspective and professional network.



Achieve Excellence as a Global Ambassador



Represent FAU: Be the voice of the international student community.
Leadership Role: Engage in panels, outreach, and university events.
Receive a \$1,000 Scholarship: Rewarded for your commitment and excellence.
Grow your Network: Connect with peers, faculty, and global leaders.



Scan QR code or visit fau.edu/global/ifp for more details and to apply today!

Be Part of the International Friends Program!

As a new student, apply as a peer mentee to make connections and friendships!

Fall 2024 Deadline: **August 25**

Apply at
<https://www.fau.edu/global/ifp>





INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUCCESS SERIES

SEPTEMBER **2024**

**THURS
05**

CAREER PLANNING AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Majestic Room, Student Union
(Entrance is next to the Atlantic Dining Hall)

**TUES
10**

HEALTH, SAFETY, AND SELF-CARE

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Majestic Room, Student Union
(Entrance is next to the Atlantic Dining Hall)

**THURS
12**

UNLOCKING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Majestic Room, Student Union
(Entrance is next to the Atlantic Dining Hall)

- First 50 students who arrive in person will receive a **FREE T-Shirt**
- More opportunities to win a prize when joining the event in person!
- Seats are limited. RSVP now to reserve your spot!

Scan QR Code to RSVP →



ISS Fall 2024 Events



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

AUGUST

- 13-14 Immigration Orientation & Resources Fair
15-16 Immigration Check-In
23 Make-Up Orientation and Check-In

SEPTEMBER

- 4 International Welcome Event
5,10,12 International Student Success Series
10 OPT Workshop
11 CPT Workshop
11 SHS Open House for International Students
18 Global Coffee Hour

OCTOBER

- 4 OPT Workshop
5,10,12 CPT Workshop
10 Global Coffee Hour
11 Immigration Workshop

NOVEMBER

- 18-22 International Education Week
20 Global Coffee Hour

DECEMBER

- 10 International Graduation Celebration



Accept Invitation to Join the ISS Canvas Course

International

- Home
- Announcements
- Assignments
- Discussions
- Modules

View Course Stream

View Course Calendar

View Course Notifications

To Do

Nothing for now

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES



Virtual Advising Webex Days & Times - Current Schedule (any future changes will be announced in advance - please check Canvas announcements for any changes).

*Please note that if the adviser is already advising a student that you will be moved to the lobby and moved to the main room when it is your turn :)

First come first served - 30 minutes max. per student

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Immigration Check-in (Via Zoom) Reminder

Thursday, August 15, 2024

10 a.m. – 12 noon (ET)

1 p.m. – 3 p.m. (ET)

Friday, August 16, 2024

10 a.m. – 12 noon (ET)

1 p.m. – 3 p.m. (ET)

Via Zoom:

<https://fau-edu.zoom.us/j/88954348526?pwd=YWQ1eVFhREd4dGlub1Y1T1pXZVpHdz09>

You MUST check in so ISS can register your record in SEVIS!

Before the session, have all your immigration documents scanned and ready to upload:

- Valid Passport with your valid F1/J1 visa stamp
- SEVIS Fee Receipt - retrieved online from <https://www.fmjfee.com>
- Signed I-20 (must sign with ink pen; electronic signature is not acceptable)
- I-94 form - retrieved online from <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/>
- Most recent DS-160 application (optional)



Important University Deadlines Reminder

Tuesday, August 20, 2024	Last Day to Submit Alternate Insurance Waiver	https://www.fau.edu/shs/insurance/international/
Friday, August 23, 2024	Last Day to Drop/Add	<p>How to register for classes: https://www.fau.edu/registrar/registration/</p> <p>Students who voluntarily withdraw from courses after the last day to drop and add to the term are held liable for tuition fees.</p>
Monday, August 26, 2024	Last Day to Pay without Late Fees by 5 p.m. (ET)	<p>Tuition Payment Methods</p> <p>Pay at least 3-5 business days early if paying by Flywire</p>





Q&A

Any questions?





Giveaway Time/Q&A

How many hours per week can international students work on campus when classes are in session?

Maximum 20 hours per week





Giveaway Time/Q&A

When will international students be eligible for off-campus employment?

After enrolled full-time and completed one academic year (two consecutive semesters: 30 weeks total) inside the US before applying





Giveaway Time/Q&A

What is required to work off-campus (paid or unpaid)?

CPT – For current/continuing students
(after one year of study in the U.S.)

OPT – For graduate students





Giveaway Time/Q&A

It is your responsibility to maintain your status. Could you list two ways to do so?

- Stay informed!
- Do not let your I-20/DS-2019 expired
- Do not work without ISS authorization
- Always enroll full time
- No more than 3 credit fully online class





Break/Giveaway Time

What are the consequences if you fall out of status?

- No F-1 status benefits, such as employment
- Termination of SEVIS record
- No grace period
- Must leave the U.S. immediately
- (or apply for reinstatement)



Post-Orientation Quiz

<https://bit.ly/3Ga9PH1>



Evaluation

<https://bit.ly/3dAB0Pz>





Enjoy the Resources Fair and Have a Wonderful Semester!