



## **Immigration 101**

Introductory information about the Global Engagement Office and your F-1/J-1 immigration status.



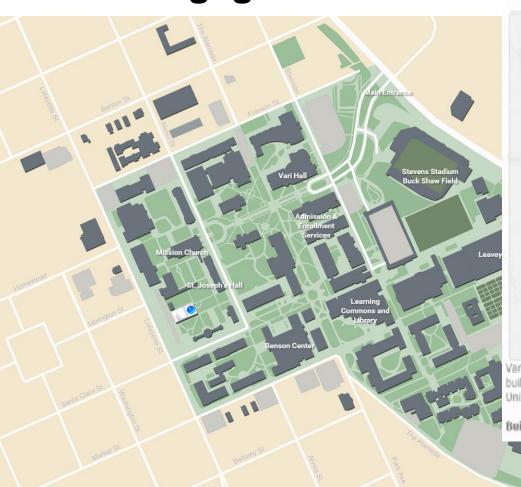
### What you can expect!

- Introduction to the International Students and Scholars team and the Global Engagement Office
- Important information to help you maintain your legal status.
- Your Questions, our Answers:
  - Write questions your down as we go. Hold on to them for now.
  - If we don't answer your question by the end of the presentation, submit them to our team.
  - Keep your questions general. We cannot answer questions about your specific case!



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### **Global Engagement Office**



The Aloysius Varsi Hall

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Varsi Hall was built in 1931 and served as the University Library until the 1960s. The building and the furnishing cost only \$52,000, which was all the president of the University had been authorized to spend.

**Building 106** 





### International Students & Scholars Team

- Director: Susan Peters
- Assistant Director: Chrissy Kalivitis
- Advisors: Sarah Brockmeyer, Lisa Fabiny
- Records Coordinator: Jenny Wong
- Student Assistants



### What do we do?

- Advise on immigration matters.
- Organize International Student Welcome (ISW), programming and continued assistance.
- Support intercultural and academic adjustment.
- Represent and voice your interests, needs and concerns.





### How can we help you?

What	When to Use	More Information
<u>Website</u>	Instructions, general information, FAQ's	scu.edu/iss: SSN, address & phone # updates, CPT, OPT, STEM OPT
Drop-in Advising	M-T: 2-4pm W-F: 10am-12pm No Friday hours July 1 to August 31	No appointment required for F-1 Students.
Appointments	J-1 students or F-1 students that have class during drop-in advising	Email <a href="ISS@scu.edu">ISS@scu.edu</a> with your availability to schedule an in-person or phone appointment
Workshops	For more information about F-1 topics such as CPT, OPT, US Healthcare	Offered every term of the academic year (also available online)
Email	General questions	Email preferred: ISS@scu.edu Response time: 2 business days Specify full name, SCU ID and immigration status
Emails from ISS	We will email you each term	Important reminders and/or updates



### The Very Basics of F-1 and J-1 Status

- F-1 = Student visa, the main point of being in the U.S. is to be a full-time student, studying.
- J-1 = Exchange Visitor, the main point of being in the US is to engage in cross-cultural exchange.
- It is your personal responsibility to maintain your legal status while in the United States.
- We are here to help you.
- Immigration regulations change so be on the look out for updates.



### The Keys to Maintaining Status

- Enroll in and attend classes full-time.
- Secure authorization <u>before</u> travelling or working.
- Update our office when required.
- Maintain valid documents.
- Students in J-1 status must also:
  - Participate in cross-cultural programming.
  - Purchase and maintain a specialized insurance plan.





### **Full Time Enrollment**

- Graduate students: minimum 8 units in your graduate school
- Undergraduate students: minimum 12 units
- Every term except summer, which is optional.
- Very few exceptions. Exceptions require approval from our office BEFORE reducing your course load.
- Even when approved, it can affect your eligibility for certain immigration benefits.
- Our office must report reduced course loads to the U.S. government.



### **Working Only with Authorization**

- J-1 and F-1 rules are not the same.
- On-campus employment
  - You need a <u>Social Security Number</u> (SSN)
- Off-campus practical or academic training
  - F-1 Students before graduation (<u>CPT</u>)
  - F-1 Students after graduation (<u>OPT</u>)
  - J-1 Students (Academic Training "AT")
- Unpaid work is still work.
- Unauthorized work is serious.
  - Independent contracting





### **Immigration Record and Documents**

- Update changes to your address and phone number within 10 days via eCampus
- You must maintain valid and up-to-date documents at all times (except your visa).
- Your Immigration Documents
  - I-20 or DS-2019
  - Passport
  - Visa stamp (can expire while you are in the U.S.)
  - I-94 Admission Record





### What is SEVIS?

The Student Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) is a secure internet-based system, run by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

### **SEVIS allows our University to:**

- Provide certain authorizations to students.
- Convey required information to the U.S. government.
- SEVIS information can be seen by U.S.
   Embassies and Consulates, the school you are attending, and other U.S. federal agencies.



### Form I-20

- SEVIS ID Number
- Valid Program End Date
- Travel Endorsement (page 2)
- Employment Authorizations (page 2)
- Terms (page 3)

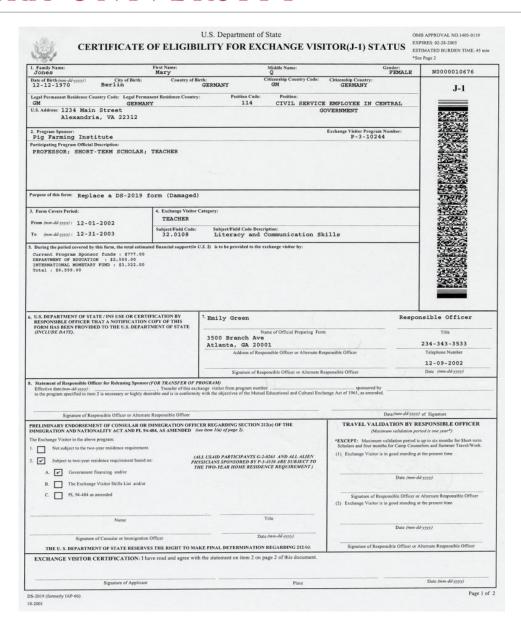
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### **Form DS-2019**

- SEVIS Number
- Valid Program End Date
- Terms (pg 2)
- Travel Endorsement
- Work Authorization
- 2 year Home Residency
   Requirement 212(e)







### **Passport**

- Cannot expire while you are in the U.S.
- Must be valid at least 6 months for every entry to the U.S.
- Contact your home country embassy or consulate in the U.S. to renew your passport at least 6 months before it expires





### Visa Stamp

- This is a <u>travel document</u> that allows you to enter the U.S.
- The visa must be valid when entering the U.S.
- It is okay for your J-1 visa stamp to expire while you are in the U.S.
- You cannot extend within the U.S.
- Based on diplomatic relations (Canadians eh!)









### I-94 Admission/Entry Record

- Typically an Electronic Admission Record
- Retrieve at <a href="https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/">https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/</a>
- Print after each entry
- Verify information
  - Most Recent Date of Entry
  - Class of Admission: F1 or J1
  - Admit Until Date: D/S
  - Name: matches passport
  - Date of Birth
- Valid for D/S no expiration





### **General Advice on Documents**

- Keep every I-20 and DS-2019 ever given to you. FOREVER.
- Make and keep copies of all your immigration and official documents:
  - I-20s/DS-2019s
  - Passport (biodata and visa pages)
  - I-94 arrival/departure record / cards
  - I-797 approval notices / EAD cards
  - Social Security card
  - California driver's license or ID
- Do not carry original documents with you, unless required.
- Keep originals in a safe place and copies in a separate and secured location.







### Quiz

### **Questions & Answers**