WHAT IS OISS?

OISS is the designated office at UD for immigration advising and support services for UD’s international community.

OISS serves international students and scholars on non-immigrant visas including:

• F-1 students
• J-1 students and scholars
• H-1B employees
• and all their dependents (F-2, J-2 and H4)
WHAT DOES OISS DO?

- Provide immigration advising and answer your U.S. visa and immigration questions
- Help maintain your visa status in the U.S. and in SEVIS (stay tuned for more on this today)
- Provide immigration workshops (employment)
- Provide Career readiness advising
- Host Student engagement and cross-cultural activities (also more on this later in the program)
HOW DO I CONTACT OISS?

General Contact:
Phone: (302) 831-2115
Fax: (302) 831-2123
oiss@udel.edu
www.udel.edu/oiss

Emergency Contact:
If you have an emergency during non-business hours, please call (302) 831-2222

Hours:
Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Document Processing and Government Check-in

Elly Barczak, Document Processing Specialist
Government Check In

In the U.S. or plan to arrive in the U.S. this fall semester?

• complete our online government check in form **as soon as possible** upon arrival
• an email was sent to you
• required for the activation of your F-1/J-1 status this semester

If you will not be in the U.S. this fall, you do not need to worry about the process at this time. You will complete it in the semester in which you arrive.
F-1/J-1 Immigration Regulations

Anne McCullin, Immigration Services Coordinator
Brenda Foraker, Immigration Services Coordinator
Dan Malin, International Student Advisor
Ashley Sausman, International Student Advisor
Government Check In & Fall Survey Reminders

Students in the U.S. this fall:
Remember to complete the OISS online government check in application

All students:
Complete our fall student survey
• Check your inbox for this survey
• Report your fall semester plans to OISS through the survey
• OISS must have this information to determine your immigration status for the fall
Getting to know your F-1/J-1 documents

Your F-1/J-1 visa

- Your visa is a permission (like a ticket or key) to enter the U.S.
- Your visa (in your passport) can expire while you are in the U.S. and this won’t affect your F-1 or J-1 status
- If your visa expires and you exit the U.S., a new visa is required to reenter
Getting to know your F-1/J-1 documents

Your I-20/DS-2019

• proves you are in status
  – must be valid at all times
  – Extend it before it expires!
• Complete degree requirements & I-20/DS-2019 ends = grace period
  – you can remain in the U.S., but not work or study.
  – I-20 holders have a 60 day grace period
  – DS-2019 holders have a 30 day grace period
F-1 and J-1 Status

• In the U.S. this fall with a full-course load/in-person course = active F-1/J-1 status
• Outside of the U.S. this fall = not active F-1/J-1 status
• If you are not yet in the U.S. but still plan to come this fall, you MUST contact our office.
Full-time course enrollment requirements (FALL 2020)

If you are IN the U.S.

Register full-time for the semester

• Undergraduates: 12 credits
• Graduate students:
  – 6 credits with a graduate contract.
  – 9 credits without a contract.

Must be enrolled in at least one course that requires your physical attendance

If you are NOT in the U.S.

Your F-1/J-1 status will not be activated until you arrive in the U.S.

If you’re unable to be in the U.S. this fall semester, pursuing a full course of study is not required from an immigration standpoint.
Employment in F-1/J-1 Status

If you are IN the U.S.

On Campus Employment:

• You may work up to 20 hours/week during the fall and spring semesters
• You may work more than 20 hours/week in the summer and winter
• J-1 students must get prior authorization from OISS

Off-campus Employment:

• Special permission (OPT, CPT) is required before any employment can begin
• This may include volunteering!

If you are NOT in the U.S.

UD payroll cannot compensate students who are working for UD while outside of the U.S.

If you have questions about UD employment for the fall semester, please contact UD Payroll and/or your academic department.
Travel

If you are IN the U.S.

Be careful traveling during semester breaks.

- Check your F-1/J-1 visa
- Beware of flight cancellations/border closures/quarantine requirements
- Get your I-20/DS-2019 signed for travel

If you are NOT in the U.S.

- Still coming this fall semester?
  - Check with your academic department/professors for entry deadline
  - For your F-1/J-1 status, you must be here by 9/30/20
- Coming in spring 2021?
  - Your I-20/DS-2019 must have a spring semester start date.
  - Enter the U.S. up to 30 days prior to your I-20/DS-2019 program start date.
UDSIS Phone & Address Information

If you are IN the U.S.

• UDSIS Mailing Address = Current U.S. Home Address
  – Update within 10 days of a change
• Update your UDSIS phone number

If you are NOT in the U.S.

No action needs to be taken.

If you plan to still enter the U.S. for this fall semester, you will need to update the UDSIS Mailing Address and phone number within 10 days of your arrival.
Students in the US: Driver’s License/State ID

Your SEVIS record must be registered in the SEVIS system before you can apply for a state driver’s license or State ID at the DMV.

Steps:
1. If you have a job, get a Social Security Number (SSN) at SS Office.
   - If you do not have a job, get SSN Letter of Ineligibility at SS Office.

2. Go to the DMV with your documents
   - Passport
   - I-20/DS-2019
   - I-94
   - SSN or SSN Letter of Ineligibility
J-1 Students

J-1 students in the U.S. must have health insurance coverage at all times.

Please attend our upcoming J-1 webinar to learn about specific J-1 regulations.
Contact OISS with any questions

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