Office of International Services

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What We Do

• Manage NCSU’s F and J visa programs.
• Advise F/J students on visa rules and issue visa documents.
• Assist departments and university in supporting international students.
• Provide campus and community programming.
Operational Update: July 6 – Sept 3

• In-person visits limited to confirmed appointments only
• Phone hours
  — M, T, Th, F 8-12 and 1-5
  — Wednesday 8-12 and 2-5
• Most of our services (open advising or “drop-in hours,” appointments, and OPT info sessions) will remain virtual for July and August.
• We will update our website as we update our operations
Staffing Update

• As of Fall 2020, OIS has a new office manager, Felicia Harris.
• As of Summer 2021, OIS has a new intake specialist, Kathryn Behling.
• As of Summer 2021, OIS has 3 new international student and scholar advisors, Lexi Hyde, Ray Espinol, and Thor Duryea.
• We appreciate your patience as we train our new staff members. While we do this, our response times may be somewhat delayed.
Immigration Software Update

- About half of our student request processes are in our new system, “GlobalHome.”
- We will continue to migrate the rest of our processes over to GlobalHome in the coming months.
- One process – Curricular Practical Training – has second approver functionality (advisors and DGPs are second approvers on this process) and we are preparing to add additional processes with this functionality.
Arrival Requirements (New Admits)

- **Ideally** arrive in Raleigh on or before 8/12 (OIS orientation).
- **May** arrive in Raleigh by 8/16 (first day of class) without permission.
- **Must** arrive in Raleigh by 8/27 (Census Date) but only with permission from dept (must notify Grad Admissions and OIS if arriving this late).
- If a student cannot arrive in Raleigh by 8/27, they have these options:
  - **Option 1**: Defer the I-20/DS-2019 to a future semester but not their admission and begin courses online from abroad either part- or full-time. Note: Students from Crimea, Cuba, Iran, N. Korea, and Syria are not eligible to study from abroad. Also, students who begin from abroad are not eligible for GSSP.
  - **Option 2**: Defer the I-20/DS-2019 AND their admission and plan to begin in person in Spring 2022.
Enrollment Requirements (AY 2021-2022)

- Must be enrolled full-time (generally 9 credit hours) unless approved in writing by OIS for a reduced course load (RCL).
  - If student has a grad load waiver or have met minimum credit hours to enroll in only 3 research credits and are enrolled as such, no RCL is needed.
- Due to COVID-19, the government has made some exceptions to the online course enrollment limitations for F/J international students
  - Students whose F-1 status/SEVIS record began after March 9, 2020: Must enroll in at least 1 in-person course.
  - Students whose F-1 status/SEVIS record has been continuing since before March 9, 2020: No limit to online course enrollment.
- OIS monitors enrollment and will notify student if there are issues.
On-Campus Employment

- **GSSP changes:** Students are no longer allowed to engage in GSSP from abroad (includes continuing students and new admits).
- **Remote work:** OK for students to engage remotely from within the U.S. in their on-campus jobs from immigration regulatory perspective.
- **Hours Limit:** Max of 20 hrs/wk when classes are in session (Fall & Spring).
  - This is a regulatory limit. **No one** can make an exception or “approve” >20.
  - Each week is limited to 20 hrs; cannot average hours over 2 week pay period.
  - Students with .5 FTE assistantships are maxed out, cannot accept additional hrs.
  - Please review student’s current employment before adding more.
  - Fall 2021 20 hour/week limitation begins 8/14.
- **Last day of on-campus employment eligibility for Fall graduates (and Spring no-registration students) will be 12/14/2021.**
On-Campus Employment: Summer

- Maximum allowed hours depends on whether Summer is first or final semester of enrollment.

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<td>No hours limitation, OIS announces in student newsletter the dates of summer during which students may exceed 20 hours per week of employment.</td>
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Off-Campus Employment

- Off-campus employment is any employment not physically located on NCSU campus OR not paid by NCSU.
  - Still on-campus employment if paid by NCSU and normally occurs on campus but is currently conducted remotely from within the U.S. due to COVID.
- Off-campus employment always requires written authorization from OIS and sometimes USCIS.
- Encourage students to consult OIS re: any employment opportunity that takes place off-campus or is paid by an entity other than NCSU.
  - Most frequent situation we see unauthorized off-campus employment is when student is conducting research at another institution or working for a faculty member’s start-up.
As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to ask!

Thank you for all you do to support international students at NC State!