

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.

If Summer is...	On-campus employment
First semester of enrollment	Maximum 20 hours/week.
Final semester of enrollment	Maximum 20 hours/week. All appointments must end as of last day of final exams for Summer 2 (or potentially earlier if student applies for OPT based on defense date within the summer session).
Not first or final semester of enrollment	No hours limitation, OIS announces in student newsletter the dates of summer during which students may exceed 20 hours per week of employment.

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!