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Lots of good information and updates for international students!

How to Contact an International Student Advisor

ISSS advisors are available to advise you remotely on all immigration matters including OPT, CPT, I-20 extensions, travel signatures, reduced course loads, registration issues, emergency financial aid and more.

Phone: Monday – Friday, 9am to 5pm (Pacific time), 541-346-3206

Email: intl@uoregon.edu (we will respond within 24-48 hours)

WeChat: wjamerson. When you add wjamerson, she will put you in a group called ISS Front Desk Online.

[Contact an International Student Advisor](#)

How to Contact an Academic Advisor

If you need to contact an Academic Advisor for academic advising, degree audits, I-20 extensions or other business matters required by the ISSS office, you can schedule remote online appointments and do online drop-in advising through Tykeson College and Career Advising. Click on the link below.

[Contact an Academic Advisor](#)

Leaving the U.S. for Summer Term

Remote instruction will continue through the 2020 summer term. If you are in the U.S. and plan to leave to take summer term from your home country, you need to notify ISSS of your departure. Please submit the "Temporary Leave from U.S. Request" eform at icconnect.uoregon.edu. Provide your departure date and expected return date and whether you plan to enroll in summer courses or not.

Returning to the U.S.

Unless ISSS has notified you via email that your SEVIS record has been terminated, your I-20 is still active for re-entry to the U.S. once travel and visa services have resumed. If your F1 visa has expired and you need to renew your visa, you should continue to contact your local U.S. embassy/consulate for any updates on when visa services will re-open.

[I-20 & VISA Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[U.S. Department of State Visa Services Update](#)

Fall Term Update

UO leaders are working on plans to offer in-person, on-campus instruction for fall term, while seeking to safeguard the community and limit the spread of coronavirus outbreaks. In an announcement on Monday, April 27, President Michael H. Schill said plans will be coordinated with local, state, and national leaders as well as with other West Coast public universities to open campus for in-person instruction with a focus on health and safety, quality teaching, research, and positive student experiences. The university will explore a variety of methods to safeguard the community, including reducing density in offices, residence halls, and dining facilities; intensive cleaning of all facilities; testing and contact tracing for students and employees; and coordination with public health officials.

Emergency Financial Aid

If you have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and are in serious financial need, there are two resources below that might be able to provide you with emergency financial aid.

NOTE: International students are not eligible for the federal Emergency CARES grant.

[ISSS Emergency Financial Aid](#)

[Students in Crisis Fund](#)

WARNING: International and Domestic Summer Sessions

If you have been targeted to sign up for an international summer session or through a platform that claims you can transfer summer credit to the UO, the UO does not accept transfer credits for “international summer sessions” offered at Chinese universities or through platforms such as ONPS. Exception can be made for summer programs that are open for that university’s current degree-seeking students but you must first contact the Office of the Registrar to determine the transferability of that summer program's credits. You can contact the Office of the Registrar via email at registrar@uoregon.edu.

WARNING: Passport Scams on International Students

There is a scam targeting Chinese international students. Scammers are calling students and claiming to be from the Chinese Embassy. They are telling students that the Chinese police have found someone using their passport for a crime and that they need your name and copy of your passport sent to them. THIS IS A SCAM! Never give your personal information to someone over the phone or send copies of your immigration documents and passport to anyone claiming to be from a government agency or embassy, unless you have received an official request by mail. Please hang up and report the call to the ISSS office at intl@uoregon.edu.

ATTENTION: IRS deposits/checks for \$1200

If you received a \$1,200 check or bank deposit from the IRS, do NOT spend

this money until you verify with the ISSS office whether you are eligible to keep this money or not. You may have received the payment mistakenly if you do not meet the IRS definition of “[resident alien](#)” and incorrectly filed Form 1040 instead of 1040NR or NR-EZ. Send an email to intl@uoregon.edu and include your full name and UO ID.

Optional Practical Training (OPT)

If you are graduating spring term and plan to apply for OPT work authorization to extend your F1 status for 12 months, now is the time to apply! USCIS is NOT closed to OPT application processing. 1) attend a Zoom OPT workshop; 2) download the OPT application packet; 3) schedule a remote OPT advising session with an ISSS advisor by calling 541-346-3206. Zoom workshop times and OPT packet can be found at <https://issu.uoregon.edu/optional-practical-training-opt>.

Curricular Practical Training (CPT)

If you are applying for jobs or internships this summer, you can apply for work authorization from ISSS as long as the job or internship is in your major field of study and you will receive credit for the work experience. For details, go to <https://issu.uoregon.edu/curricular-practical-training-cpt>.

GlobalWorks Virtual Internship Opportunity

The University of Oregon's Global Studies Institute is providing the GlobalWorks [Virtual Internship](#) opportunity for international students. Program highlights:

- credit-bearing, 12 UO credits
- reasonable cost, \$2,600 includes program fee and tuition for the 12 UO credits
- professional experience in the career field of your choice
- flexibility to do it anywhere in the world

Program Time (8 weeks):

late-July to mid-September

Contact info:

globalworks@uoregon.edu

541-346-5088

NOTE: Students who will be physically in the following countries may be able to add an **on-site** component:

Argentina, China (Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Hong Kong), Dublin, India, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Vietnam, UK

GlobalWorks Internships

GEO #NoPassportNeeded Experiences

The UO study abroad office also has [remote opportunities for students](#). Choose from over 25 learning experiences and earn UO credit this summer. Program highlights:

- credit-bearing
- same cost (in most cases) as a UO summer course
- taught by faculty from around the world
- mix and match multiple courses based out of multiple international locations

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Global Leadership Challenge

Want to make an impact in Eugene while you're away? Check out the [Global Leadership Challenge](#) and take on sustainability challenges facing community partners in Oregon. Program highlights:

Program dates: July 19 – August 1

Cost: \$400

Contact info: shoneyw6@uoregon.edu

Global Leadership Challenge

Free Food Services

For a list of services and programs that offer free food, meals and support for accessing resources, go to <https://dos.uoregon.edu/food>.

Remote Resources for Students

Information for students including support, guidance and tips is available at <https://remote.uoregon.edu/students>. Students who have concerns about remote instruction in a course can now share those via email to courseconcern@uoregon.edu. This email account will be monitored during business hours to assist students.

UOPD Vacation Watch Program

The UOPD's [Vacation Watch Program](#) has been extended until Friday, June 12. The free service allows students to [sign up](#) and have UOPD officers do regular patrol checks on their off-campus homes.

Required U.S. Address and Telephone Number

If you have moved to a new address or changed your telephone number, you are required to update your contact information in Duckweb under "Personal Information."



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