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OREGON****International Student
and Scholar Services**

Bi-Weekly Newsletter from ISSS

"Let's take care of each other because we are all in the same boat"

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.

[Frequently Asked Questions!](#)

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 iconnect.uoregon.edu. Provide your departure date and expected return date and whether you plan to enroll in summer courses or not.

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.

[ISSS Emergency Financial Aid](#)

[Students in Crisis Fund](#)

Grading Options EXTENDED to July 16th for Spring Term 2020

The Office of the Registrar has extended the deadline to change grade options to graded or to pass/no pass to July 16th! This means that if you fail a graded course spring term, you can still change the grade option to P/NP up until July 16th. Likewise, if you passed a course which you took P/NP, you can change the grade option to graded to enhance your overall GPA. See [Academic Calendar Spring 2020](#).

Proposed Recommendations to Suspend OPT

ISSS is fully aware of recent recommendations proposed to the Department of Homeland Security and the White House to suspend the OPT program for international students. We are engaged with other colleges and universities, as well as professional and legal associations across the U.S., in advocating to maintain the OPT program. *Click on letter to U.S. Government Agencies from the American Council on Education.*

If you are an international senior completing your degree spring or summer

term, you can and should apply for OPT if you want to remain in the U.S. and try to find a job or internship in your field of study. OPT is a benefit you have earned. See below for how to apply for OPT.

Letter to U.S. Government Agencies

Optional Practical Training (OPT)

If you are graduating spring or summer term and want to apply for OPT work authorization to extend your F1 status for 12 months, now is the time to apply! Here are the steps to take: 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.

Denouncement of Anti-Asian Discrimination & COVID-19

ISSS endorses the recent [denouncement of Anti-Asian Discrimination](#) posted online by the Asian Desi Pacific Islander student group and others in solidarity. If you experience acts of discrimination, you can report incidents of hate and bias to the [Office of the Dean of Students](#) and to the [City of Eugene](#). You can also talk to an international student advisor in ISSS for additional support and advice.

Letter for Landlords

Below is an advocacy letter from ISSS to off-campus landlords to be as flexible and compassionate as possible given the impacts of COVID-19. Feel free to print and give this letter to your landlord, if needed.

Letter to Landlords

Letter for Airlines

Below is a letter from ISSS to airlines which require a letter from the university for travel reservations. Feel free to print and give this letter to your airline, if needed.

Letter to Airlines

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. Although the deadline has already passed, internship positions might be available in some locations. Please contact globalworks@uoregon.edu for more info.

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

#NoPassportNeeded

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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