



# **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SESSION**

**IMMIGRATION | TRAVEL | GETTING SETTLED | WORK**

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT & SCHOLAR SERVICES  
(ISSS)**

**CENTER FOR GLOBAL PROGRAMS & STUDIES**

# MEET THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT & SCHOLAR SERVICES TEAM



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# ABOUT US

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The International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) team within the Center for Global Programs & Studies (GPS) is your source for all information pertaining to your U.S. visa status. We work with you prior to arrival, during your career, and post-graduation to ensure you maintain valid U.S. non-immigrant status and have a seamless and successful experience in the U.S.

116 REYNOLDA HALL | M-F 8:30AM-5:00PM | [GLOBAL.WFU.EDU/ISS](https://global.wfu.edu/ISS)

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IMMIGRATION 101: UNDERSTANDING STUDENT VISA CATEGORIES (F & J VISAS)

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GETTING SETTLED: WORKING, DRIVING & NAVIGATING LIFE IN THE U.S.

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STUDENT TIMELINE: WHEN TO APPLY FOR CERTAIN IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

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CAMPUS LIFE & SAFETY: UNDERSTANDING YOUR NEW COMMUNITY

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# IMMIGRATION 101

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## MAINTAINING STATUS

- Stay enrolled FULL TIME!
- To drop below full time, you need PRIOR APPROVAL from an ISSS advisor. There are **limited circumstances** in which a drop below authorization can be made.
- Keep ISSS informed of any address, telephone, or contact information changes
  - Report within 10 days of change
- Refrain from UNAUTHORIZED EMPLOYMENT
- Keep immigration documents valid
- Know and understand your Grace Period



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# PASSPORT

Your name in your passport is how your name should appear for any **O F F I C I A L** purposes.

- School Records
- Professional Exams (CPA, GRE, LSAT, Bar Exam, etc.)
- Nicknames should only be used casually.

The expiration date of your passport should be 6 months into the future when entering the U.S.

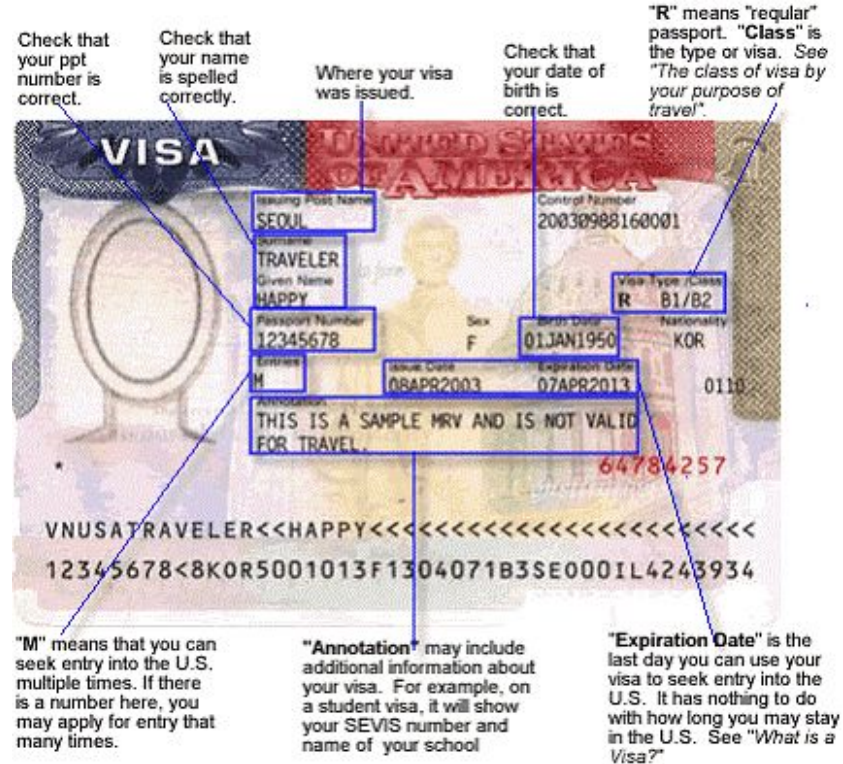


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## VISA (F/J)

Consider this your E N T R Y  
ticket to the U.S.

- It can expire after you have been admitted to the U.S.
- Stamp must be valid in order to enter the U.S. (limited exceptions)
- Not possible to obtain a new visa stamp from within the U.S.



# IMMIGRATION 101

## FORM I-20

This document affirms your program of study in the U.S. and dates of study.

- The dates on this form dictate the length of your stay in the U.S.
- 60 day grace period post-program end date
- Travel validation signature on second page is required for re-entry

Department of Homeland Security U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement		I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status OMB NO. 1553-0038	
<b>SEVIS ID: N000</b>			
<b>GIVEN NAME</b>		<b>CLASS</b>	
<b>PREFERRED NAME</b>		<b>F-1</b>	
<b>COUNTRY OF BIRTH</b>		<b>ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE</b>	
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>			
<b>FORM ISSUE REASON</b>			
Transfer Pending - Language Systems International			
<b>SCHOOL INFORMATION</b>			
<b>SCHOOL NAME</b>		<b>SCHOOL ADDRESS</b>	
Fullerton College		323 East Chapman Avenue, Fullerton, CA 92832	
<b>SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL</b>		<b>SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE</b>	
Naimi Querubin Abenaria Student Services Specialist		508214F0117P000 22 JANUARY 2018	
<b>PROGRAM OF STUDY</b>			
<b>EDUCATION LEVEL</b>		<b>MAJOR 1</b>	
Bachelor's		Accounting 12-0903	
<b>NORMAL PROGRAM LENGTH</b>		<b>PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY</b>	
18 Months		Required	
<b>PROGRAM START DATE</b>		<b>ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES</b>	
14 AUGUST 2018		Student is proficient	
<b>FINANCIALS</b>			
<b>ESTIMATED AVERAGE COSTS FOR 1 MONTH</b>		<b>STUDENT'S FUNDING FOR 1 MONTH</b>	
Tuition and Fees \$ 7,448		Personal Funds \$ 0	
Living Expenses \$ 10,463		Funds From This School \$ 0	
Expenses of Dependents (0) \$ 0		Father: Vietnam \$ 24,279	
Health/Accident Insurance \$ 1,240		On-Campus Employment \$ 0	
<b>TOTAL \$ 19,151</b>		<b>TOTAL \$ 24,279</b>	
<b>REMARKS</b>			
New Student Orientation on 08/24/2018. Health/Accident Insurance is mandatory and must be purchased from Fullerton College.			
<b>SCHOOL ATTESTATION</b>			
I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above was accurate before I signed this form and is true and correct. I executed this form in the United States after review and verification in the United States by me or other officials of the school of the student's application, transcripts, or other records of academic achievement and proof of financial responsibility which were received at the school prior to the execution of this form. The school has determined that the above named student's application meets all standards for admission to the school and the student will be required to pursue a full program of study as defined by 8 CFR 214.2(b)(5). I am a designated school official of the above named school and was authorized to issue this form.			
<b>SIGNATURE OF:</b> Naimi Querubin Abenaria, Student Services Specialist		<b>DATE ISSUED</b>	<b>PLACE ISSUED</b>
28 July 2015		Fullerton, CA	
<b>STUDENT ATTESTATION</b>			
I have read and agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of my admission and those of any extensions of stay. I certify that all information provided on this form after specifically to me and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I seek to enter or remain in the United States lawfully, and solely for the purpose of pursuing a full program of study at the school named above. I also authorize the named school to release any information from any records needed by DHS pursuant to 8 CFR 214.2(a)(3)(i) to determine my nonimmigrant status. Parent or guardian, and student, must sign if student is under 18.			
<b>SIGNATURE OF:</b>		<b>DATE</b>	
NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN		<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<b>DATE</b>

# IMMIGRATION 101

## FORM DS-2019

This document affirms your program of study in the U.S. and dates of study.

- The dates on this form dictate the length of your stay in the U.S.
- 30 day grace period post-program end date
- Travel validation signature on page one is required for re-entry

U.S. Department of State CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCHANGE VISITOR STATUS (J-NONIMMIGRANT)				OMB APPROVAL NO. 1405-0119 09/30/2017 ESTIMATED BURDEN TIME: 45 min See Page 2	
1. Sponsoring/Primary Name:		Given Name:		Gender:	
Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy)	City of Birth:	Country of Birth:	Citizenship Country Code:	Citizenship Country:	HHS ID: <b>J-1</b>
Legal Permanent Residence Country Code: Legal Permanent Residence Country:		Passport Code:		Passport:	
Primary Site of Activity: <b>Central Connecticut State University, CIB 1615 STANLEY ST NEW BRITAIN, CT 06050-2439</b>					
3. Program Sponsor: <b>Central Connecticut State University</b>				Program Number: <b>D-1-04603</b>	
Participating Program Official Description:					
Purpose of this form:					
3. Form Center Period:		4. Exchange Visitor Category:			
From (mm-dd-yyyy): Program Start Date		Subject/Field Code:			
To (mm-dd-yyyy): Program End Date		Subject/Field Code Remarks:			
5. During the period covered by this form, the total estimated financial support (in U.S. \$) is to be provided in the exchange visitor fee: Current Program Sponsor Funds : \$2,200.00 Personal Funds : \$3,275.00 Total : \$5,475.00					
6. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE/ DHS USE OR CERTIFICATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE RESPONSIBLE OFFICER THAT A NOTIFICATION COPY OF THIS FORM HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (SEE INSTRUCTIONS).				7. Country of Origin: <b>Armenia</b> Name of Official Reporting From: <b>Central Connecticut State University</b> <b>1615 Stanley Street</b> <b>New Britain, CT 06050-2439</b> Director or Alternate Responsible Officer: _____ Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____	
8. Statement of Responsible Officer for Relinquishing Sponsor (FOR TRANSFER OF PROGRAM). Effective date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____ Transfer of this exchange visitor from program number _____ sponsored by _____ to the program specified in item 2 is necessary or highly desirable and is in conformity with the objectives of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended.					
Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____				Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____	
PRELIMINARY ENDORSEMENT OF CONSULAR OR IMMIGRATION OFFICER REGARDING SECTION 101(b)(3) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT AND PL 94-484, AS AMENDED (See item 10) of page 2. The Exchange Visitor is in the above program: 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Not subject to the two-year residence requirement. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Subject to two-year residence requirement based on: A. <input type="checkbox"/> Government financing, and/or B. <input type="checkbox"/> The Exchange Visitor (E-1)(B) List, and/or C. <input type="checkbox"/> PL 94-484 as amended.				TRAVEL VALIDATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER (Maximum validation period is 1 year) *EXCEPT: Maximum validation period is up to 6 months for Short-term Scholar and 6 months for Camp Counselors and Summer Work Travel. (1) Exchange Visitor is in good standing at the present time. Date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____ Travel Signature: _____ Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: _____ (2) Exchange Visitor is in good standing at the present time. Date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____ Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: _____	
Name: _____ Title: _____ Signature of Consular or Immigration Officer: _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____				Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____	
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING 101(b). EXCHANGE VISITOR CERTIFICATION: I have read and agree with the statement in item 2 on page 2 of this document.					
Signature of Applicant: _____				Place: _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____	



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## FORM I-94

This is your RECORD OF ENTRY to the U.S. It should note:

- The date you entered the U.S.
  - Ex: August 1, 2017
- The length of time you have been admitted to the U.S.: "D/S"
- ***TIP: Locate this number online and print it out each time you re-enter the U.S. for your records.***



U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
Securing America's Borders

Get I-94 Number I-94 FAQ

Admission (I-94) Number Retrieval

Admission (I-94) Record Number **69000888062**

Admit Until Date (MM/DD/YYYY): 10/10/2012

Details provided on Admission(I-94) form:

Family Name:	LI
First (Given) Name:	LYDIA
Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY):	01/01/1990
Passport Number:	P123123213
Passport Country of Issuance:	Mexico
Date of Entry (MM/DD/YYYY):	04/11/2012
Class of Admission:	B1

Individuals can visit [www.cbp.gov/I94](http://www.cbp.gov/I94) to retrieve a copy of their electronic Form I-94.

LOCATE YOUR I-94 NUMBER: [CBP.GOV/I94](http://CBP.GOV/I94)

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# IMMIGRATION 101

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## RE-ENTRY TO THE UNITED STATES

You will need 3 key documents to re-enter the U.S. successfully:

PASSPORT



VISA STAMP (F/J)



FORM I-20 or DS-2019  
WITH TRAVEL SIGNATURE



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# WORKING IN THE U.S., OFF CAMPUS

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## INTERNSHIPS

Curricular Practical Training (CPT, F or Academic Training, J)

- Must be PRE-APPROVED by ISSS advisor
- For academically integral internships only - must receive academic credit and be enrolled full-time while on approved CPT
- Can only be authorized after 9 months of enrollment has been completed

## POST-GRADUATION EMPLOYMENT

Optional Practical Training (F) or Academic Training (J)

- Applications must be vetted by ISSS advisor, but USCIS makes final decision
- Encouraged to apply early (90 days prior to graduation)
- All employment must be directly related back to degree

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# WORKING IN THE U.S., ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT

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- On campus employment is allowed if:
  - The work is performed on the campus of Wake Forest University and paid by Wake Forest University
    - Such as the ZSR Library, LAC (tutoring), Reynolds Gym
  - The work is performed for on location commercial firms that provide services for students on campus
    - Such as food services (Aramark, Starbucks, Einstein Bagels)
- You can engage in ON CAMPUS employment
  - 20 hours/week during semester - maximum
  - 40 hours/week during winter/summer break
  - You may have multiple on campus jobs, but you should be careful to monitor your work hours
- *Not all programs of study allow their students to pursue employment while pursuing their program of study due to the rigor of the studies.*

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## WHAT IS UNAUTHORIZED EMPLOYMENT?

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- Employment that is not able to be authorized under the F-1 or J-1 visa status and is therefore not allowed under immigration regulations. Such as:
  - Not being paid for work that is normally paid
    - If you are going to be a volunteer please get a letter confirming your volunteer status and job description
  - Receiving payment for:
    - Tutoring “on the side”
      - Tutoring is allowed only if you are an employee of the WFU Learning Assistance Center as this would be considered to be on campus employment
    - Babysitting
    - Providing domestic services such as; yard work, painting, cooking, pet sitting/walking etc...
- Always ask ISSS because unauthorized employment will result in the termination of your visa status



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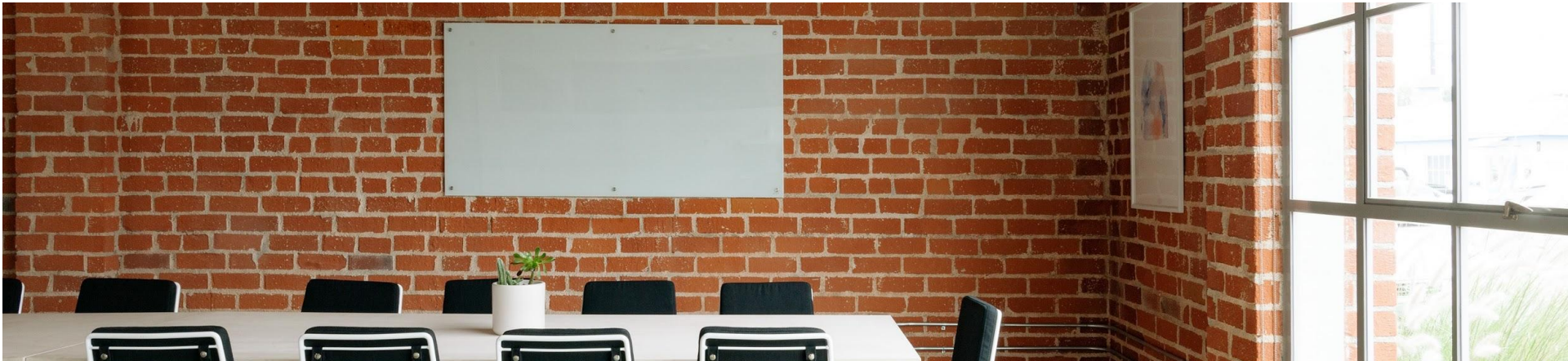
# SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

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As an F or J student, you are only eligible for an SSN if you qualify for employment. If/when you do qualify, you will receive instructions from a ISSS advisor on how to apply for one.

Important notes:

- It is NOT required to receive any service/product
- If you are being told a service/product cannot be provided to you without an SSN, ask to speak to a manager/supervisor



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# N.C. DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES (DMV)

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## STATE ID CARD

Serves as a valid FORM OF IDENTIFICATION

It is *strongly recommended* to obtain one (instead of your passport) as a form of identification to carry with you

- Can currently be used for domestic flights/travel\*
- Does not allow you to drive

\*Not valid for Domestic Flights starting October 2020

## DRIVER'S LICENSE

Allows you to drive and serves as a valid form of identification..

- Requires LIABILITY INSURANCE
  - Required regardless of whether you own a car or not
- You will have to take a vision, sign, written, and road test to be approved, unless you hold a valid driver's license from another U.S. state (in which case you may exempt certain tests)

<https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/>

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# ALTERNATIVES TO DRIVING IN WINSTON SALEM

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WINSTON SALEM is a wonderful place to live, but public transportation is not great.

There are some alternative options available if you do not drive.

## UBER/LOCAL TAXIS



## WFU SHUTTLES

TransLoc Rider



## AIRPORT SHUTTLES

BENSON & PART SHUTTLES



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# HEALTH & SAFETY

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- The legal drinking age in the U.S. is 21
- Do not drink and drive!
  - Your visa will be revoked by the U.S. Department of State if you are arrested for a DUI, even if the charges are later dismissed
- Marijuana use
  - Legal in some states, but is still a federal offense, visa holders can be deported or inadmissible if found to have used marijuana
- Sexual Consent
  - (Tea) video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fGoWLWS4-kU>
  - WFU Safe Office: <https://safeoffice.wfu.edu/>
  - WFU Title IX Office: <https://titleix.wfu.edu/>

# CAMPUS SAFETY

WFU and the surrounding area is fairly safe, but as with any city, it is best to be cautious.

- Beware of your surroundings, walk with a buddy at night
- Be careful crossing University Parkway & Silas Creek Parkway
- Do not leave valuable personal items unattended



# CAMPUS LIFE

Student life is vibrant at WFU and you will hardly go a weekend without finding some activity or event to attend.

- Athletics - football and basketball are most popular to attend
- Event emails will go out on the regular from a multiplicity of sources - be on the lookout 🧐🧐







# BIG TAKEAWAYS

- Maintain status (stay enrolled full-time)
- Communicate with ISSS and keep us informed of any changes
- Set up appointments by calling the front desk: 336-758-5938
- Keep track of your immigration documents; store in a safe place
- Look out for communications from ISSS team

# SEVIS REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT

YOUR SEVIS RECORD MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BY AN ISSS ADVISOR WITHIN 2 WEEKS OF YOUR PROGRAM START DATE. CHECK IN IS A MANDATORY COMPONENT OF SEVIS REGISTRATION. IF YOU PLAN TO VISIT THE DMV OR SSA, YOUR SEVIS RECORD MUST BE REGISTERED.

- MAKE SURE TO COMPLETE YOUR ONLINE CHECK IN
- IF YOU DID NOT BRING YOUR VISA DOCUMENTS TO TODAY'S SESSION PLEASE CONTACT ISSS AT 336-758-5938 TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT AND COMPLETE YOUR CHECK IN

**DEADLINE FOR Online CHECK IN IS September 9**

# OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

<https://diversity.wfu.edu/>

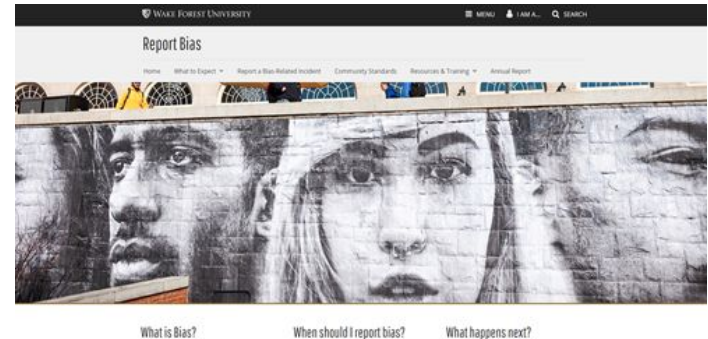
Recognize the multiple voices, identities, perspectives, and experiences of students, faculty, and staff at Wake Forest University... Provide support for underrepresented groups through a network of campus partners and resources, and more!



## Biased Incident Reporting System

<https://reportbias.wfu.edu/>

A **bias incident** is an act or behavior motivated by the offender's bias against facets of another's identity. Bias occurs whether the act is intentional or unintentional. Bias may be directed toward an individual or group.



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# UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT HANDBOOK

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<https://studentconduct.wfu.edu/>

## **Wake Forest University Honor Code**

***“a student pledges in all phases of life not to **cheat, plagiarize, engage in other forms of academic or social misconduct, deceive, or steal**”***

- In-Class: Cheating, plagiarism, working in groups when you should be working alone
  - Out-of-Class: Stealing, lying or deceiving a University faculty/staff member
  - Outcomes: Could result in an F in the class, suspension, or expulsion
- Academic Resources
- Centers: Learning Assistance, Writing, Math, Computer Science, Chemistry and Biology
  - Ask your faculty for clarification about assignments AND ask them for help

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# UNIVERSITY COUNSELING CENTER

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- Reynolda 117 (around the corner from ISSS)
- Open Monday-Friday from 8:30am-5:00pm/Crisis services open 24/7/365
- Free and Confidential
- Individual and Group Counseling and Psychotherapy; Consultation to Faculty/Staff/Students/Parents; Outreach
- 336-758-5273 to schedule an appointment

<https://counselingcenter.wfu.edu/>



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# UNIVERSITY COUNSELING CENTER

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# IMMUNIZATIONS

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IMMUNIZATIONS: All incoming students **must have a complete Health and Immunization Form ON FILE OR RISK BEING BLOCKED FROM REGISTRATION** and removed from class.

Please email your health history and immunization form to [hiif@wfu.edu](mailto:hiif@wfu.edu).

<https://shs.wfu.edu/>



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# STUDENT BLUE HEALTH INSURANCE

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ALL F-1 and J-1 students are REQUIRED to enroll in the Blue Cross Blue Shield Student Blue Health Insurance Plan.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES (SFS) is your Medical Home at Wake Forest University.

<https://shi.wfu.edu/>

