INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SESSION

IMMIGRATION | TRAVEL | GETTING SETTLED | WORK

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT & SCHOLAR SERVICES (ISSS)

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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
CONTENT OVERVIEW

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

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

STUDENT TIMELINE: WHEN TO APPLY FOR CERTAIN IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

CAMPUS LIFE & SAFETY: UNDERSTANDING YOUR NEW COMMUNITY
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
Your name in your passport is how your name should appear for any OFFICIAL 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 ENTRY 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.
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
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
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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.**

LOCATE YOUR I-94 NUMBER: CBP.GOV/I94
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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
WORKING IN THE U.S., OFF CAMPUS

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

● 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.
WHAT IS UNAUTHORIZED EMPLOYMENT?

- 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
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

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
N.C. DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES (DMV)

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/
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
HEALTH & SAFETY

• 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 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 🙅‍♀️ 😷

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
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
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/](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.
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
UNIVERSITY COUNSELING CENTER

• 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/
IMMUNIZATIONS

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.

https://shs.wfu.edu/
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/