May 28, 2021

ISSS Summer Hours
During the summer, ISSS’s virtual office hours will be Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm. Advisement will continue on Zoom and email. Zoom appointments are available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am-3pm.

Important ISSS Announcements
- ISSS Closed Monday for Memorial Day
- Sprintax OPT Webinar
- Grace Period Reminder for Graduated Students
- EducationUSA Seeking Current Students from Northeast Asia and the Pacific (NEAP) Region for Voices/Faces of NEAP Series
- ISSS Buddy Program-- Volunteers Needed to Help New Students in Fall 2021
- Participants Needed: Research Project Focusing on Chinese Native Speakers
- Dissertation Research Recruitment Request

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Email us at ISSS@albany.edu
Schedule a Zoom appointment with us:
https://calendly.com/ualbanyisss1/phoneadvisement
ISSS Closed Monday for Memorial Day

The ISSS Office will be closed on Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day. Most other University offices and some local businesses will be closed as well. In case of emergency, University Police may be reached at 518-442-3131.

Sprintax OPT Webinar

As we come close to students starting OPT, Sprintax will provide a number of support webinars to assist both international offices and students.

Sprintax has teamed up with Dr. Vivi Hua, an experienced psychologist and international student success coach, to discuss key skills international students need to acquire in order to develop a successful career in the U.S.

The webinar will also focus on providing information on the steps that students should follow prior to employment in order to be taxed correctly from the start.

To register for the ISSO webinar follow the below link:

Thursday, June 3rd at 5PM
https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3465687454252692750

Don't forget to also watch the OPT Workshop on ISSS’s website and review all instructions before applying! See our website here: https://www.albany.edu/iss/87855.php

Grace Period Reminder for Graduated Students

Congratulations, graduates!

If you graduated this Spring, your I-20 or DS-2019 program end date has been shortened to 5/15/21 to mark the completion of your academic program.

F-1 students have 60 days to depart the U.S.; apply for OPT; or obtain a new I-20 to begin study at a new level.

J-1 students have a 30 day grace period to depart the U.S. if they have not been authorized for academic training following their study or obtained a DS-2019 to continue study at another level.
ISSS Buddy Program-- Volunteers Needed to Help New Students in Fall 2021

Want to help welcome new international students to the University, learn about a new culture, and participate in fun events and activities?

ISSS is seeking current students to volunteer as "Buddies" to welcome new international students in Fall 2021. This program pairs current students with new students to promote cultural exchange and help welcome new students to UAlbany.

To volunteer, please register here: https://forms.gle/MUqk7p9afsj3gipN9
EducationUSA Seeking Current Students from Northeast Asia and the Pacific (NEAP) Region for Voices/Faces of NEAP Series

EducationUSA in the Northeast Asia and the Pacific (NEAP) region, which covers Japan, Korea, Mongolia, Taiwan, and the Pacific Islands, has undertaken a project to promote U.S. higher education by identifying student and alumni groups in colleges, universities, local communities in the United States, and home countries. Students from NEAP respond positively to seeing faces of people from their country, hearing native language, and being able to speak to students from their country that have experienced a U.S. education.

If you are a current student from Japan, Korea, Mongolia, Taiwan or the Pacific Islands who is interested in helping with this project, please contact ISSS@albany.edu

Participants Needed: Research Project Focusing on Chinese Native Speakers

Are you a Chinese native speakers who are studying in the United States for more than 3 years? Have you ever wondered if the Chinese language affects your English writing and vice versa? Let’s explore how your brain works with two languages in your bilingual mind by joining my research!

My name is Hanh Dinh. I am a PhD student at the Department of Educational Theory and Practice, School of Education at SUNY Albany. I am reaching out to you for my dissertation research because your input can help me to investigate how Chinese undergraduate and graduate students learn vocabulary and use two languages in their academic study. If you are interested in participating in this study, please contact me at mdinh@albany.edu to schedule a one-time 50- minute meeting via Zoom at your most convenient time. You will be given a questionnaire to complete within the meeting. Your identity and contact information will always be kept confidential, so a Zoom meeting does not require video or any recording. The compensation for your time is $15 Amazon e-giftcard.
Dear International Students:

My name is Urvi Paralkar and I am conducting a faculty-supervised study on undergraduate and graduate international students’ career concerns. Your participation in this study is voluntary. If you choose to participate in the study, it will take approximately 15-20 minutes of your time.

Please find attached to this email an anonymous link to the study. All results of the survey will be confidential, and no identifying information will be collected on the survey.

https://siucpsyc.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_etZ03x5grBudKrb

Questions about this study can be directed to Urvi Paralkar at urvi.paralkar@siu.edu. Further questions can also be directed to the faculty supervisors for this study, Dr. Kathleen Chwalisz (chwalisz@siu.edu) and Dr. Douglas Knutson (douglas.knutson@okstate.edu).

Thank you for taking the time to assist me in this research project.

This project has been reviewed and approved by the SIUC Institutional Review Board. Questions concerning your rights as a participant in this research may be addressed to the committee chairperson, Office of Research Compliance, SIUC, Carbondale, IL 62901- 4344. Phone (618)-453-4533. E-mail: siuhsc@siu.edu
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