June 11, 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**
- Current Students: ISSS Buddy Program-- Volunteers Needed to Help New Students in Fall 2021
- Looking for Housing? Try the UAlbany International Student Facebook Page + Roommate Posting
- Fraud Advisory – Scammers Using SEVP and HSI Phone Numbers to Target International Students
- Global Learning For All By All!- Guide and Videos on Global Learning at UAlbany
- Participants Needed: Research Project Focusing on Chinese Native Speakers

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Email us at [ISSS@albany.edu](mailto:ISSS@albany.edu)
Schedule a [Zoom appointment](https://calendly.com/ualbanyisss1/phoneadvisement) with us:
ISSS Buddy Program-- Volunteers Needed to Help New Students in Fall 2021

Are you a returning UAlbany student? 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
Looking for Housing? Try the UAlbany International Student Facebook Page

Looking for roommates or available off-campus housing? Try the UAlbany International Student Facebook group to see rentals available from other students and local landlords: https://www.facebook.com/groups/161720563847596

Roommate Posting

Hi! I am a fourth-year PhD male international student @UAlbany currently looking for 1-2 roommates to share a three-bedroom apartment that I have lived in for the past 2 years. Rent is $475/person (not including heat and network). Location is 531 Warren St on the first floor. Lease starts on 8/1. I have been enjoying living here for its convenient location (walking distance to downtown campus, 15 min drive to uptown campus, near Washington Park and AMC), nice living space, and safe neighborhood, and thus would like to continue. About me: I am quite easy going, accommodating, and usually busy with school/work. Prefer roommates who have healthy lifestyles (non-smokers please) and respect cultural differences. Feel free to contact me via text (347-882-8521), or email (szhou8@albany.edu).

More info:

Here are three reasons I love the apartment and would love to stay for another year: (1) Nice apartment: 1 living room, 1 dining room, 1 bathroom, 1 kitchen, with washing/drying machines *inside* the apartment. Parking lots included. Landlord is nice and easy to work with.

(2) Convenient location: [Drive] ~10 min drive to UAlbany uptown campus, ~4 min to Market 32 [Bus] <10 min walk to multiple bus stops (e.g., 114, 13, 100) [Walk] ~10 min walk to Madison Avenue (bars and restaurants), Washington State Park, Albany Medical Center, UAlbany downtown campus, etc.

(3) Safe neighborhood: the area is populated by many medical students and friendly neighbors.

Fraud Advisory – Scammers Using SEVP and HSI Phone Numbers to Target International Students

Please review the below Fraud Advisory from DHS/SEVP. If you have questions, you can also contact ISSS@albany.edu:

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) has been made aware of a spoofing scam involving individuals using an SEVP Response Center (SRC) phone number (703-603-
3400) or a Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) office phone number (757-441-6533) to target nonimmigrant students. Fraudulent callers are claiming to be SEVP representatives and asking students to provide their immigration information, such as their Alien Registration Number or Form I-94, “Arrival/Departure Record,” information, or face deportation.

SEVP encourages designated school officials to reach out to their students to make them aware of this scam. If you or one of your students encounter, or are a victim of this spoof call, you are encouraged to report the incident to the HSI tip line. If you are unsure about the validity of a call from an SEVP official, you can also reach out to your designated SEVP field representative or contact the SRC.

Tips and items to remember:
• NEVER divulge personal or financial information to unknown callers.
• SEVP officials will NEVER ask stakeholders to provide credit/debit card/gift card numbers, wire transfers, or bank routing numbers, or to make bitcoin deposits for any purpose.
• Report all suspicious calls to the HSI tip line and if you are unsure about the validity of a call from SEVP officials reach out to your designated SEVP field representative.

If you have any additional questions regarding this matter, please contact the SRC at 703-603-3400 or 800-892-4829, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, except federal holidays.

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Global Learning For All By All!- Guide and Videos on Global Learning at UAlbany
Global Learning For and By All!

Did you know that you can study abroad (again) as an international student and be recognized for your global excellence? If you love international travel, service, and/or languages, we want to help you to make these an integral part of your UAlbany degree and jump start your global career. All international undergraduate students pursuing any Major are invited to participate in UAlbany’s 3 interdisciplinary intercultural learning and global career readiness pathways: the Global Distinction, the Peace Corps Prep Certificate, and the International Studies Minor.

Please see the UAlbany Guide to Undergraduate International Opportunities and the videos on the University at Albany Global Excellence YouTube Channel.

Contact us at globaldistinction@albany.edu, peacecorpsprep@albany.edu, and internationalstudies@albany.edu

Start your unique global journey today! Everyone is welcome!
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.

Thank you so much for your consideration. I enclose a recruitment flyer for your reference.

Best wishes,
Hanh Dinh