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
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Schedule a Zoom appointment with us: https://calendly.com/ualbanyissss1/phoneadvisement
Celebrating Juneteenth
(June 19th)

"Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States.

From its Galveston, Texas origin in 1865, the observance of June 19th as the African American Emancipation Day has spread across the United States and beyond.

Today Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a day, a week, and in some areas a month marked with celebrations, guest speakers, picnics and family gatherings. It is a time for reflection and rejoicing. It is a time for assessment, self-improvement and for planning the future. Its growing popularity signifies a level of maturity and dignity in America long over due. In cities across the country, people of all races, nationalities and religions are joining hands to truthfully acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to influence our society today. Sensitized to the conditions and experiences of others, only then can we make significant and lasting improvements in our society." You can learn more about Juneteenth here: [https://juneteenth.com/](https://juneteenth.com/)

This week, the U.S. Congress officially declared Juneteenth a federal holiday.

ISSS Buddy Program-- Current Students 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/MUqk7p9afsij3qipN9](https://forms.gle/MUqk7p9afsij3qipN9)

*If you are a new student requesting a buddy please do not use the link above. You can request a buddy while registering for International Orientation*
Housing Information & New Resource for Off Campus Housing Search

Living on campus has many benefits for students, including meeting new people; closer access to everything; safe and secure 24/7 access; WiFi, fitness centers, laundry, meeting spaces and more. If you are interested in living on campus you can find more information on Residential Life's website here: https://www.albany.edu/housing/index.shtml.

Looking for roommates or available off-campus housing? Try the UAlbany Off Campus Housing Marketplace, available here: https://offcampushousing.albany.edu/listing

The platform allows local landlords to list properties that have been granted Residential Occupancy Permits (declaring them up to code) via the City of Albany. The platform also allows users to create roommate profiles, search for subleases and has educational videos on leases, security, deposits, etc. Additionally, the entire site can be translated in various languages with click of a button.

The UAlbany International Student Facebook group also features rentals available from other students and local landlords: https://www.facebook.com/groups/161720563847596

As a reminder, freshmen and transfer undergraduate students with first or second year standing are required to live on-campus. Exchange students should confirm with the Education Abroad office whether or not they are eligible for off-campus housing.

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.

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,
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