June 4, 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**
- Fraud Advisory – Scammers Using SEVP and HSI Phone Numbers to Target International Students
- Grace Period Reminder for Graduated Students
- ISSS Buddy Program-- Volunteers Needed to Help New Students in Fall 2021
- Guide and Videos on Global Learning at UAlbany
- Contribute Your Voice: What does it mean to be Asian in America?
- Participants Needed: Research Project Focusing on Chinese Native Speakers

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**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](mailto: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.

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.

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

Guide and Videos on Global Learning at UAlbany

Check out the Fall 2021 Guide to Undergraduate International Opportunities at UAlbany, available here:
https://www.albany.edu/isss/assets/Fall%202021%20Guide%20to%20Undergraduate%20International%20Opportunities%20at%20UAlbany.pdf

Learn more about Education Abroad, Global Distinction Transcript Milestones, or the International Studies minor!

You can also check out the Global Excellence Youtube channel here:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJFV3UMyYSyquLu5uqTBfXQ/featured

Contribute Your Voice: What does it mean to be Asian in America?

UAlbany's Racial Justice Committee is gathering creative expressions — in the form of written reflections, photos, artwork, or videos — from campus community members that answer this question: What does it mean to be Asian in America?

Submit your creative expression online anytime over the summer, or check out other submissions on their website here: https://www.albany.edu/diversity-and-inclusion/racial-justice-committee/what-does-it-mean-be-asian-america

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

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