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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Follow us on Instagram @ualbanyisss
Email us at ISSS@albany.edu
Schedule a Zoom appointment with us: https://calendly.com/ualbanyisss1/phoneadvisement

COVID-19 Vaccine Information for International Students*

The COVID vaccine is expected to be made mandatory by SUNY/New York State (NYS) in the future based on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approvals and therefore all students are encouraged to get fully vaccinated prior to arrival if a WHO/CDC approved COVID-19 vaccine is available in their current country of residence. Please visit the UAlbany COVID-19 Information and Resources webpage at https://www.albany.edu/covid-19/information-students for more details about current safety protocols and plans for Fall 2021. The SUNY University System is likely to adopt CDC (U.S.-wide) and NYS Department of Health (NYS specific) standards which accept both C.D.C. and
W.H.O. approved vaccines, but it has not yet officially published such a policy.

You may view the latest NYS Department of Health guidance on these standards for vaccination here: https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/06/guidance_for_facilities_receiving_vaccine_6-24-21.pdf


For more information on obtaining a vaccine once in NYS, visit the state website here: https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/

In regard to providing vaccine evidence, students may upload their proof of COVID-19 vaccination in the Student Health Portal Document Upload. Students who are not fully vaccinated and/or will not have their COVID-19 vaccination documentation approved through the Portal should expect to be required by the University to quarantine and/or test negative for COVID upon arrival to Albany. Additional details will be released by the University about these quarantine and testing requirements soon. Students who have not or cannot yet upload evidence of full vaccination should be prepared to make quarantine arrangements upon arrival. On-campus students who cannot get fully vaccinated for COVID-19 prior to arrival to Albany due to lack of availability in their home country should reach out if they need case-by-case assistance with quarantine related questions and arrangements.

For more information about COVID-19 vaccination availability in NYS and the Albany area, along with other policies relevant international students, please visit our webpage at https://www.albany.edu/isss/93904.php. UAlbany will provide further details as information changes.

*On July 16, 2021, International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) provided this information, which is preliminary and subject to change without notice. When SUNY/The University at Albany publishes its official policy regarding COVID-19 vaccination protocols, ISSS will update its information.

Scam/Fraud Prevention Reminders

Below are some resources to help students protect themselves from being a victim of a scam. Remember, ICE officials will never offer immigration services in exchange for payment using the internet or phone. Nor will they use a third-party to solicit or collect a fee. Stakeholders should report any fraudulent schemes to the ICE Tip Line at 1-866-347-2423. Please see the following additional resources that contain reminders and best practices to avoid scams targeting international students:

- ICE OPR’s Beware of ICE Imposters public safety alert
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services’ Common Scams and Tips on Avoiding Common Scams
- Study in the States: Students: Read These Tips to Avoid Scams
- Students: Watch Out For Scammers Using SEVP Phone Numbers
- Students: Read These Tips to Avoid Scams

Read More
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/MUqk7p9afsjs3gipN9

*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*

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

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The GSA is Hiring!

The GSA is hiring one Lead Office Manager, with a start date the week of August 2nd or August 9th. The pay is $15/hour. Duties typically include, but are not limited to:

- Support and assist graduate students: field questions, concerns, and problems from students in the form of providing in-depth and timely responses, and/or providing contact information for the GSA E-Board members best suited to the issues as hand
- Be able to meet monthly with fellow office managers and the GSA President to share upcoming events, celebrate successes, discuss concerns, questions, and problems, and provide updates on evolving policies and procedures
- Maintain an organized and clean office environment
- Accept Grant and RGSO paperwork
- Answer Skype phone and check voicemail
- Register students to print as needed
- Oversee other Office Managers
- Preparing payroll
- Completing hiring and termination paperwork
- Other duties as needed

This job is located in the GSA office at the Uptown campus. To apply, please include your CV and resume in one PDF and send an application to gsapresident@albany.edu and gsavp@albany.edu by July 22nd.

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Join the GSA Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

The Graduate Student Association Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee is excited to announce that it is looking for interested members and subcommittee leaders! We are eager and excited to work with you this upcoming year! If you are interested in joining the GSA DEI Committee, please fill out the interest form here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSempYhEqrhEzrfohWQJxXcAjCShemluXmE6HbH2qWjl2bdImw/viewform

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