July 9, 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**
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Schedule a [Zoom appointment](https://calendly.com/ualbanyisss1/phoneadvisement) with us:
Questions and Concerns about COVID-19 Vaccines, Quarantining, and Related Protocols

Currently, UAlbany/SUNY does not have a COVID-19 vaccination mandate, though the University does encourage students to receive a vaccine; this 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. 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 W.H.O. approved vaccines but 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/.

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

Notice to Students Flying by Air India

Our office has heard reports that the Air India airline is requesting additional documentation from student travelers related to the National Interest Exception waiver, including requesting a letter from the school. If you have a flight booked through Air India please reach out to them to confirm in writing what documentation they will request from you, and forward that information to ISSS. We will accommodate a letter request when appropriate and if required by the airline.
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/MUqk7p9afsj3gipN9

*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