International Student Services

• Visit them for ALL questions about visas, working on/off campus, travel, and for resources getting adjusted
• Have advisors and walk-in hours, appointments
ISS Advising

ADVISING

International Student Services provides services to over 3,000 international students at the UA, as well as international visitors, sponsored student organizations, and prospective students and their parents. Therefore, in order to provide the best possible service and ensure you have adequate access to meet with advisors, please come to ISS during quick advising hours or call the front desk at (520) 621-4627 to schedule a 30-minute appointment if you need advising. Our front desk staff can provide forms and schedule appointments, but immigration advice is provided by advisors during advising hours.

Spring Advising Schedule

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Quick Advising is available to all international students on a first-come, first-serve basis during the times above. Each quick advising session is limited to 10-15 minutes. If your question requires more time, we will be happy to schedule a 30-minute follow-up appointment for you at our next availability. If you know in advance that you will need more than 15 minutes with an advisor, then please schedule an appointment with the ISS front desk.
Involvement & Events

- **Global Ambassadors** program gets you 100% engagement credit, a stipend and great leadership training!
- **Buddy Program** – pair up with a group to get involved and do fun activities
- **International Friends** – Tucson community
- **Let’s Talk About...** discussion series, upcoming topics on resumes & job searching. Attend all semester sessions and get a certificate & free think tank tutoring session
- **Totally Tucson** – trips to cool places near the city, March 24th visit San Xavier, Tohono O’odham Co-op, and A Mountain
- **Global Wildcat Sports Series** – attend UA sporting events
- **International Students Got Talent** Show
- **Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)** series – visit local middle schools & work with students
- **Student Resource Manual** online
ISS Upcoming Events

Visit [https://global.arizona.edu/upcoming-events](https://global.arizona.edu/upcoming-events) for calendar

- OPT Workshop 2/14/18 at USB 214, 1:30 – 2:30pm
- Tax Filing Info Session 2/16/18 and 3/16/18 at USB 214, 2-3:30pm
F-1 Visa Issues

- Changing your major? Request a new I-20 within 10 days of the change
- Changing from undergrad to grad – meet with ISS to get continuing/transfer status, update your records, and stay over summer
- Employment: work up to 20 hours per week on campus fall/spring (35 hours over break)
- Students with exceptional financial hardship can apply to be work-eligible outside of campus if they meet with an ISS advisor and meet certain criteria
- A work visa requires a change of status...talk to ISS. If you find something to do during your studies you may be eligible for Curricular Practical Training (CPT)
J-1 Visa Issues

• Meet with ISS to talk one-on-one about any changes or issues you have!
• J-1 students are typically not eligible for a change of major...
• If you’re admitted to a graduate program meet with ISS for your options
• Can apply for academic training in order to work off campus – must be pre-approved
ISS

All that to say...ASK!
Optional Practical Training

- After your undergrad degree ends you can apply for Optional Practical Training (OPT) in order to work in your field (for J-1 visa students)
  - A STEM extension is available
- Can be utilized before you graduate or after (pre or post-completion)
- Up to 12 months of standard OPT + extension
- Must be continuously enrolled before you start OPT
- Must be in good academic standing (2.0+)
- Earliest application accepted 90 days or less before your program is complete – start early!!
- For detailed information on criteria and applications visit [https://global.arizona.edu/international-students/f-1-student-employment](https://global.arizona.edu/international-students/f-1-student-employment)
USCIS CAN RECEIVE YOUR APPLICATION

- 104 DAYS - 90 DAYS

THE EARLIEST YOU CAN APPLY TO ISS

PROGRAM END DATE

+ 60 DAYS

YOUR REQUESTED OPT START DATE

OPT MUST END

+ 14 MONTHS
Financial Aid through UA

International Tuition Award - [http://admissions.arizona.edu/cost-aid/international/international-tuition-award](http://admissions.arizona.edu/cost-aid/international/international-tuition-award)

• Must verify your lawful presence as described under Arizona's Proposition 300. Semesters without lawful presence verified will be lost and counted against the scholarship's total eight semesters.

• Awards are for undergraduate studies only.

• Meet the criteria from the website (GPA/ACT/SAT/TOEFL scores)

• In addition to the criteria above, submit a complete application and all required documents for admission by April 1 for Fall 2018.

• Scholarship recipients must accept their award by paying their enrollment fee by May 1 for freshmen and by June 1 for transfer students.

• Sponsored students are not eligible. However, if sponsorship is for years two - four only, a one time award may be applied per the charts above.

• Non-degree seeking, exchange, and conditionally admitted students are not eligible.
International Scholarships & Awards

• A limited number of tuition waivers are available to students from Sonora, Mexico through an agreement between the Arizona-Mexico Commission and the Comisión Sonora-Arizona. Qualifying students from Sonora who are studying in Arizona may pay in-state tuition for a maximum of two years. [http://www.sec.gob.mx/portal/](http://www.sec.gob.mx/portal/)

• The Google Anita Borg Memorial Scholarship supports women from across the world interested in pursuing a career in Technology. Recipients each receive a $10,000 award and will be invited to attend the Annual Google Scholar’s Retreat in California. [https://www.womentechmakers.com/scholars](https://www.womentechmakers.com/scholars)

• The Society of Women Engineers provides scholarship opportunities for students interested in Engineering. The website contains a database of potential scholarship opportunities. While many require US Citizenship, there are some that are open to international students. [http://societyofwomenengineers.swe.org/scholarships](http://societyofwomenengineers.swe.org/scholarships)
International Scholarships & Awards

• Other Scholarships:
  • Check with your Department on internal offerings! For majors/minors
    • Physics & Astronomy offer departmental scholarships – applications open up in early March
  • There are databases of international student aid and scholarship opportunities, for example, educationusa.state.gov, internationalscholarships.com, or fastweb.com. You should never have to pay to use these sites.
  • Scholarship Universe is the UA’s national/international scholarship database
    https://scholarshipuniverse.arizona.edu/SUHA