



UNIVERSITY *of* WASHINGTON

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES



SUPPORTING F-1 AND J-1 STUDENTS FROM ARRIVAL TO GRADUATION AND BEYOND

A Snapshot

WELCOME



Kim Lovaas,
Director

International Student Services (ISS) provides F-1 and J-1 immigration guidance, advising, and support to over 10,000 students and alumni representing 130 countries on the Seattle campus. The Institute of International Education's 2023 Open Doors Report ranks UW #12 amongst all U.S. institutions for the number of international students hosted.

ISS supports F-1 and J-1 students engaged in academic degree programs from arrival in Seattle, throughout their enrollment and degree completion, and as alumni participating in authorized F-1 or J-1 employment benefits related to their earned UW degree. Our team strives to help international students take advantage of every educational opportunity and experience allowed to any other UW student while following the rules of their immigration status. While the student is responsible for maintaining their status, the role of an ISS advisor is to guide them in navigating institutional and federal policies to remain compliant with F or J regulations.

As the government authorized reporting office for F and J students in degree programs, our goal is to ensure institutional and individual compliance with federal regulations so that international students can succeed at UW. ISS staff use the Student & Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) to comply with government reporting requirements and maintain student immigration records on behalf of the institution. We work closely with academic units and campus partners, including admissions, academic advising, orientation programs, the registrar, the Graduate School, CIRCLE, Housing, and Career Services to not only help students but also the larger campus community navigate UW policy in compliance with federal F-1 and J-1 regulations.



OUR TEAM

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES COMPRISES PROFESSIONAL STAFF AUTHORIZED TO HELP F AND J INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS NAVIGATE UW POLICY TO REMAIN COMPLIANT WITH FEDERAL IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS

Advising Team

1 Assistant Director
6 Immigration Advisors

Student Services & Compliance

1 Assistant Director
1 SEVIS Coordinator
1 Program Coordinator
5-7 Student Assistants

International Student Health Insurance

1 Assistant Director
1-3 Student Assistants



Adam



Alisa



Brittany



Chris



Jennifer



Jo Anne Marie



Justin



Max



Megan



Sophia

Our team of 11 full-time staff and 5-7 student assistants supports the more than 10,000 international students and alumni with active F or J immigration records.



OUR WORK

ISS IMMIGRATION ADVISORS SUPPORT STUDENTS THROUGH ONE-ON-ONE VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON ADVISING, GROUP WORKSHOPS, IMMIGRATION REQUEST PROCESSING, AND ADVOCACY WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES.

1,800

Virtual and in-person **immigration advising** appointments held this year so far

Employment-related immigration requests processed within the last 12 months including CPT, OPT, STEM OPT, and SSN letters

8,819

2,852

Enrollment-related immigration requests processed within the last 12 months including reduced course load immigration authorizations and vacation quarter requests

Immigration Check-ins processed for new students in Autumn 2023

2,700



OUR STUDENTS

THE UW IS #12 OF ALL U.S. INSTITUTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT WITH 130 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES REPRESENTED. ISS STAFF PROVIDE IMMIGRATION SUPPORT FOR F-1 AND J-1 STUDENTS AND ALUMNI EARNING A DEGREE AT THE SEATTLE CAMPUS.



3,987

UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS



3,569

GRADUATE
STUDENTS



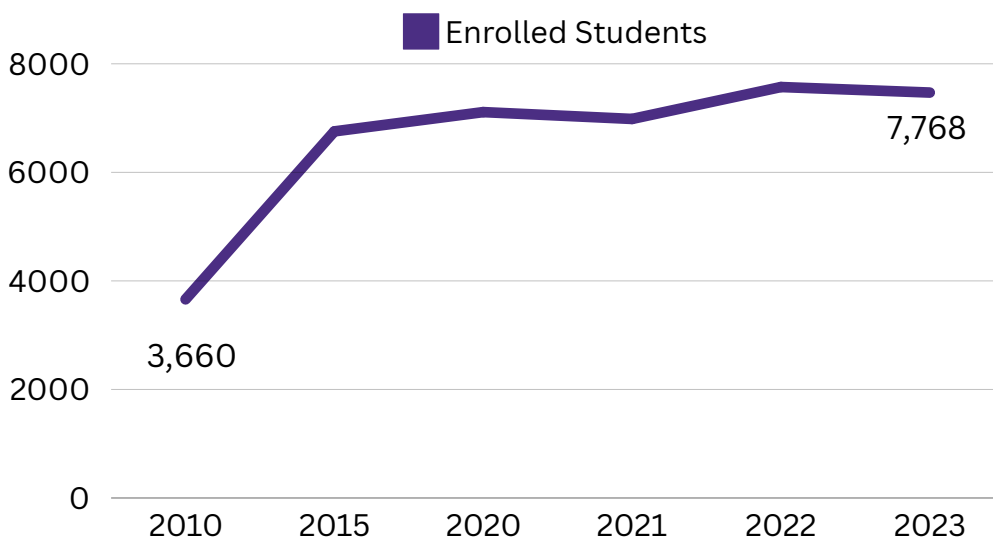
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EXCHANGE
STUDENTS



2,397

ALUMNI ON
EMPLOYMENT
AUTHORIZATION



12

Ranked Nationally

Number of
international students
with **7,768 enrolled
students** and nearly
2,397 on OPT



OUR STUDENTS

ISS CONTINUES TO SERVE ALUMNI AUTHORIZED TO STAY IN THE U.S. FOR THE INITIAL 12-MONTH POST-COMPLETION OPT AS WELL AS THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR THE ADDITIONAL 24-MONTH STEM EXTENSION OPT

Nearly 2,300

F and J international students graduated in the 22-23 AY



1,433

Alumni on
12-month OPT

964

Alumni on
24-month STEM OPT



Top 8 Employers of International Alumni

1. University of Washington
2. Amazon
3. Microsoft
4. Google
5. Meta
6. Apple
7. Tesla
8. Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center



OUR PARTNERS

ISS PARTNERS WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES TO ENSURE INSTITUTIONAL COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS WHICH ALLOWS UW TO ENROLL F-1 AND J-1 STUDENTS IN OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS. ADDITIONALLY, COLLABORATING AND WORKING TOGETHER WITH CAMPUS PARTNERS ENSURES A POSITIVE STUDENT EXPERIENCE.



ISS works closely with the **Admissions, First Year Programs, CIRCLE, and academic advising** to help students prepare for their life as a UW student and arrival in Seattle.

Once a student begins their studies, we continue to collaborate with campus partners such as **academic advising, CIRCLE, counseling, the University Registrar, and Student Fiscal Services** to guide them to resources on enrollment, mental health, taxes, and connections.

ISS reports required immigration information and advocates for international student cases with the **Department of Homeland Security** including Customs and Border Protection (**CBP**), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (**USCIS**) and the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (**SEVP**).



**Homeland
Security**

GLOSSARY



CURRICULAR PRACTICAL TRAINING (CPT)

A work authorization that allows work/study, internship, co-op or other type of practical training that is integral to an F-1 student's program of study.

DESIGNATED SCHOOL OFFICIAL (DSO)/ALTERNATE RESPONSIBLE OFFICER (ARO)

Officials at the university who are authorized by the government to update and maintain records in SEVIS and advise on regulations.

IMMIGRATION CHECK-IN

A government-required process where an F or J international student reports to ISS as they begin their program at the university.

I-20/DS-2019

An immigration document issued by the university certifying admission to the school. The document reflects a student's academic program as well as work authorization.

OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (OPT)

An authorization that allows F-1 students to work in their field of study post-graduation.

STUDENT AND EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM (SEVP)

Federal program that manages F-1 and J-1 students and exchange visitors in the through the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System



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