# Spring 2025 **Grad Immigration** Essentials Part 1

Syracuse University

Center for International Services

# International Student Population at SU

#### 2023-2024

- Total Student Enrollment: 22,948
- Total International Students: 4,163
- Undergraduate Student Enrollment: 15,739
- International Undergraduate Students: 1,784
- Graduate & Law Student Enrollment: 7,209
- International Graduate Students: 2,379

In 2023/2024

CPT Applications Processed: 609

**OPT Applications Processed: 728** 

STEM OPT Applications Processed: 195



# Center for International Services

#### **310 Walnut Place**

- corner of Walnut Place and Waverly Avenue
- across the street from Bird Library and Schine Student Center

#### Hours:

- Monday-Friday
- 8:30 am 5:00 pm
- Summer: 8:00 am 4:30 pm

Phone: 315-443-2457

Email: international@syr.edu

#### Website:

https://experience.syracuse.edu/international



### Center for International Services Continued

#### Advisor on Call:

Monday-Friday, 11 am-3 pm
 In person, By Phone, via Zoom, Teams, or Skype

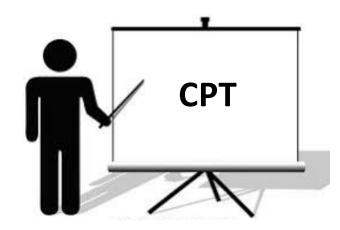
#### Informational Seminars:

- Curricular and Optional Practical Training
- 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 2nd Friday every month

Newsletter –every other week







#### Center for International Services - Intercultural Collective - Syracuse University



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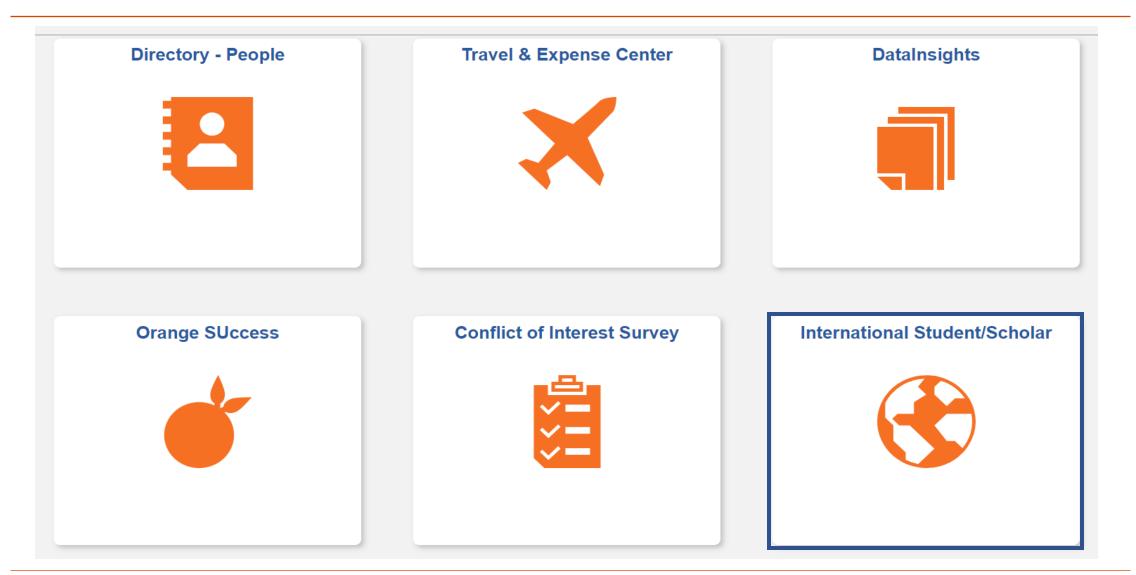


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# Requests will be done in MySlice



# Through My Slice

Use the My Slice ISSS tile for most requests









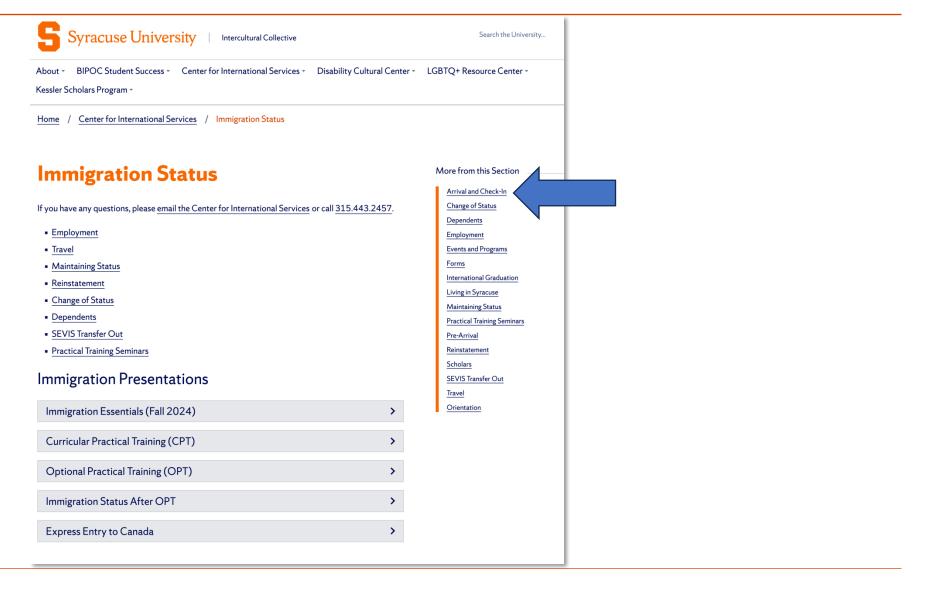
3 Student Request Center

Through this portal you will be able to submit requests for immigration benefits and access documents related to your immigration status. You will need to refer to the <u>Center for International Services website</u> for detailed information. Immigration related information is located under the immigration status tab.

To make a request for immigration benefits, click on the "Student Request Center" above and follow all instructions. Please allow at least 3-5 business days for processing of requests submitted through this portal. After submitting a request you may check on the status of that request in your Student Request Center. You may find the following statuses:

- PENDING: You have started a request but it has not been submitted to the Center for International Services.
- SUBMITTED: Your request has been submitted for review.
- **CLARIFICATION REQUESTED:** You need to make corrections to your request based on advisor remarks. You will need to re-submit your request.
- IN REVIEW: Needs approval from your academic advisor or instructor.
- APPROVED: Your request has been processed and further instructions will be provided.
- COMPLETED: Your request has been completed and if a new I-20 has been created, it is available under the

# Center for International Services Check-In



### Center for International Services Check-In

#### **Arrival and Check-In**

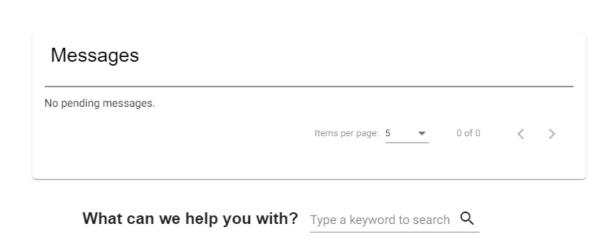
The Center for International Services looks forward to welcoming you on campus! Please complete the International Student Check-In Process by following the instructions below. If you have any questions, please email the Center for International Services or call 315.443.2457.

#### 1. Check in After Arriving in the U.S.

Step 1: Save electronic copies of your immigration documents. > Step 2: Update MySlice personal profile information. > Step 3: Complete the Check-In Request in MySlice. V Complete the Check-In Request in the International Student/Scholar Portal in MySlice. Log in to MySlice using your Syracuse University NetID and password. • On your "Student Home" page, select the "International Student/Scholar" tile. • Go to the Student Request Center at the top right of the page, then select the "Check-In" button and follow the instructions for completing the check-in process. Select "Next" to move through the Check-In Request, and then select "Submit" to submit your request after you have completed the questionnaire and uploaded copies of your documents. Step 4: Attend an Immigration Overview Session.

#### 2. Prepare for and Attend Orientation Sessions

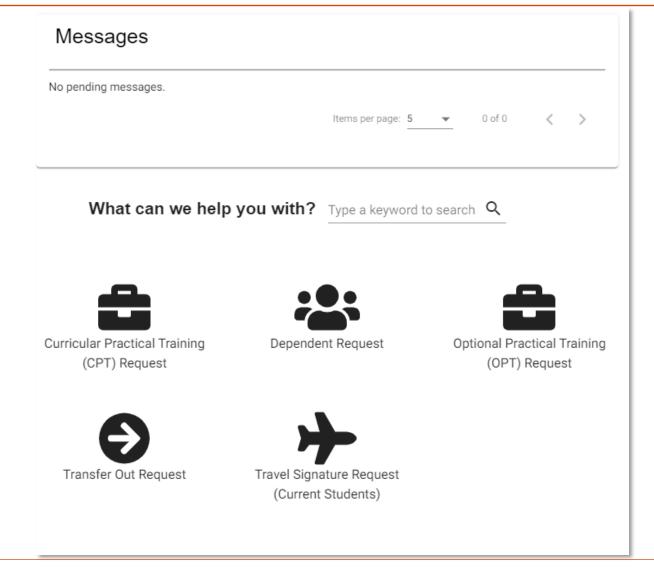
Learn more on the Orientation webpage.







# Student Request Center



Tour of Documents



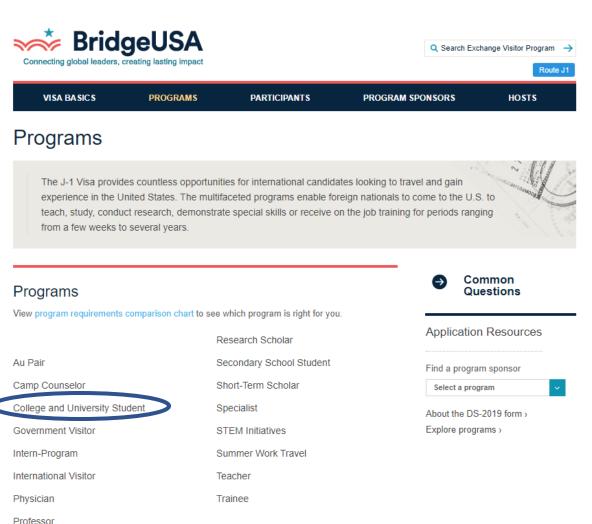
# **Passport**

- Know your passport expiration date
- Your passport needs to be valid for at least 6 months into the future when entering the U.S.
- Replace at your Consulate in New York City or Embassy in Washington, DC



# Are you an F or are you a J?

- F = the default visa for students
- J = an Exchange Visitor
  - many categories, not just stude
  - have to qualify by participating an exchange, be selected, received
     government funding



### Visa

- Know expiration date and Number of entries
- Needs to be valid when entering the U.S.
- Number of entries and length determined by diplomatic agreements
- Usually annotated with SEVIS Number
- Usually annotated with school Name
- Can only be renewed at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate-all located outside the U.S.
- Visa cannot be renewed inside the U.S.
- Can expire while in the U.S.





# Two Year Home Residency Requirement

Some people in J status are subject to a Two-Year Home Residency Requirement: the facts of your situation matter, not necessarily what it says on your visa

- 1. If you received government funding for your J program
- 2. If your country has your field of study on its Exchange Visitor Skills List
- 3. If your J program is for a Medical Residency Program





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# Two Year Home Residency Requirement

If you are subject to the Two-Year Home Residency Requirement:

- cannot change status within the U.S.
- are not eligible for an H, K or L visa
- are not eligible for permanent residence in the U.S.

**UNTIL** you have been physically present in your home country for two years

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR AND CERTIFICATION BY THE ALIEN BENEFICIARY NAMED ON PAGE 1 OF THIS FORM:

Read this page and sign the Exchange Visitor Certification block on the bottom of page 1 and prior to presentation to a United States Consular or Immigration Official.

- I understand that the following conditions are applicable to exchange visitors;
  - (a) TWO-YEAR HOME-COUNTRY PHYSICAL PRESENCE REQUIREMENT (SECTION 2/2(s) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT AND PL 94-484, AS AMENDED):

RULE: Exchange visitors whose programs are financed in whole or in part, directly or indirectly by either their government or by the U.S. Government, are required to reside in their home-country for 2 years following completion of their program before they are eligible for immigrant status, temporary worker (II) status, or intracompany transferee (L) status, Likewise, if exchange visitors are acquiring a skill that is in short supply in their home country (these skills appear on the "Exchange Visitor Skills List") they will be subject to the same two-year home-country residence requirement. The requirement also is applicable to alien physicians entering the United States to receive graduate medical education or training. The U.S. Department of State reserves the right to make the final determination regarding 212(e).

NOTE: MARRIAGE TO A U.S. CITIZEN OR LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENT. OR BIRTH OF A CHILD IN THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT REMOVE THIS REQUIREMENT.

### Travel

- Need a valid passport
- F-1/J-1 Visa needs to be valid to enter the U.S.
  - Exception:
    - Returning to the U.S. after a trip to Canada, Mexico, or the adjacent islands
      - Trip of less than 30 days
      - Trip solely to Canada, Mexico, or the adjacent islands
      - Cannot apply for U.S. Visa while there
      - Not a citizen of Iran, Syria,
         Sudan, or North Korea
      - But need to determine if you need a visa to travel to those countries



### **I-20**

- Issued by Syracuse University
- Biographic Information about you
- Degree Level
- Program of Study
- Program Start and End Date
- Financial Information

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Noninmigrant Student Status

SEVISID: NOOOT/LOOS

SURNAME/PRIMARY NAME GIVEN NAME Class of Admission PREFERRED NAME PASSPORT NAME Student Sample, II COUNTRY OF BIRTH COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP DATE OF BIRTH ADMISSION NUMBER 04 MAY 1995 ACADEMIC AND FORM ISSUE REASON LEGACY NAME LANGUAGE CONTINUED ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL INFORMATION

SCHOOL NAME
SCHOOL ADDRESS
SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies
SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL
Belens Robertson
POSO
03 APRIL 2015

PROGRAM OF STUDY

EDUCATION LEVEL MAJOR:
BACHELOR'S History and Philosophy of Science and Technology 54.0104

PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES
Squired Student is proficient 04 APRIL 2016

START OF CLASSES PROGRAM START/END DATE

FINANCIALS					
ESTIMATED AVERAGE COSTS FOR: 9 MONTHS			STUDENT'S FUNDING FOR: 9 MONTHS		
Tuition and Fees	\$	15,000	Personal Funds	\$	19,000
Living Expenses	\$	4,000	Funds From This School	\$	
Expenses of Dependents (0)	\$	0	Funds From Another Source	\$	
Other	\$	0	On-Campus Employment	\$	
TOTAL	\$	19,000	TOTAL	\$	19,000

#### REMARKS

#### CHOOL ATTESTATION

I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above was entered before I signed this form and is true and correct. I executed this form in the United States after review and evaluation in the United States by me or other officials of the school of the student's application, transcripts, or other records of courses taken and proof of firmancial responsibility, which were recorded at the achool prior to the execution of this form. The school has determined that the above remarks student's qualifications meet all standards for admission to the school and the student will be required to pursue a full program of study as defined by 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6). I am a designated achool official of the above named school and am authorized to issue this form.

DATE ISSUED

PLACE ISSUED

PLACE ISSUED

SEGNATURE OF: Helene Robertson, PDSO 04 May 2016 Ft. Washington, M

#### STUDENT ATTESTATION

I have read and agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of my admission and those of any extension of stay. I certify that all information provided on this form retires specifically to me and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I seek to enter or remain in the United States temporarily, and solely for the pumpose of pursuing a full program of study at the school named above. I also authorize the named school to release any information from my records needed by D' pursuant to 8 CPR 216.3(g) to determine my necessary intermediate. Pursuit or guardian, and student, must sign if student is under 18.

X
SIGNATURE OF: Student Sample

X
NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN
SIGNATURE
ADDRESS (city/state or province/country)
DATE

ICE Form I-20 A-B (3/31/2018)

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# I-20 - Page 2

- Employment Authorizationsshould be blank, only used for off-campus employment authorization
- Travel Endorsement-needed to re-enter the U.S.
  - Travel Signatures-valid for one year/12 months
  - Advisor on Call, Monday –
     Friday, 11 am 3 pm
  - Through MySlice ISSS Portal
  - Express Travel Signatures

OMB NO. 1653-0038 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcemen SEVISID: NOUU4/USSIZ (F-I) NAME: JOHN DOE SMILLI EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION EMPLOYMENT STATUS EMPLOYMENT START DATE EMPLOYMENT END DATE EMPLOYER NAME EMPLOYER LOCATION CHANGE OF STATUS/CAP-GAP EXTENSION REQUESTED VISA TYPE REQUEST/PETITION STATUS RECEIPT NUMBER RENEFIT START DATE/REQUEST DATE EVENT NAME EVENT DATE OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS AUTHORIZATION TRAVEL ENDORSEMENT This page when properly endorsed, may be used for reentry of the student to attend the same school after a temporary absence from the United States. Each ertification signature is valid for one year. nn Dieven dorf Internation al Student Adviso 07/30/2021 Syracuse,NY **Express Travel Signatures** February 20 - February 21 9 am-4 pm 310 Walnut Place

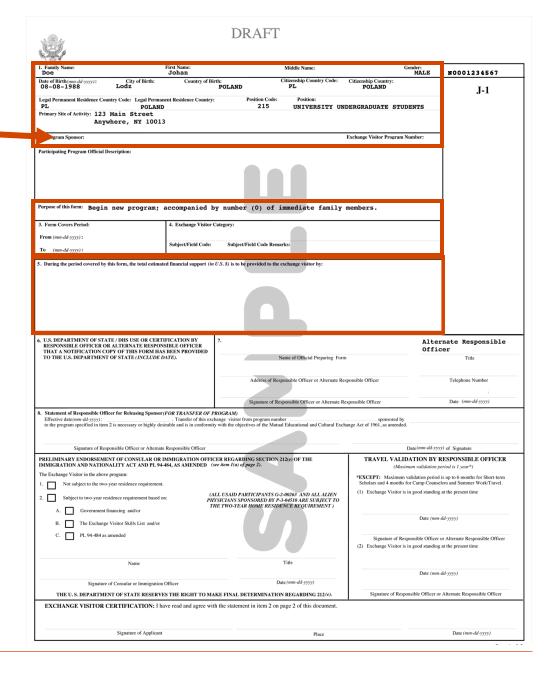
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Department of Homeland Security

Form I-20 A-B (x2/2016) Page 2 of 3

### DS-2019

- Issued by Syracuse University or J-1 Program Sponsor (Fulbright, IIE, LASPAU, Amideast, etc.)
- Biographic Information about you
- Degree Level
- Program of Study
- Program Start and End Date
- Financial Information



# **Travel Endorsement**

- Travel Signatures-needed to reenter the U.S.
  - valid for one year/12 months
- J students sponsored by other than Syracuse University must obtain travel signatures from their J Sponsor-IIE, LASPAU Amideast, etc.

Signatures
February 20 February 21
9 am-4 pm
310 Walnut Place

#### N0001234567 J-1 UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS Primary Site of Activity: 123 Main Street Participating Program Official Description turpose of this form: Begin new program; accompanied by number (0) of immediate family members. Subject/Field Code Remarks: During the period covered by this form, the total estimated financial support (in U.S. \$) is to be provided to the exchange visitor b U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE / DHS USE OR CERTIFICATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE RESPONSIBLE OFFICER Alternate Responsible THAT A NOTIFICATION COPY OF THIS FORM HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (INCLUDE DATE). Name of Official Preparing Form Address of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Office SEMENT OF CONSULAR OR IMMIGRATION OFFICER REGARDING SECTION 212(e) OF THE TRAVEL VALIDATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER \*EXCEPT: Maximum validation period is up to 6 months for Short-term (1) Exchange Visitor is in good standing at the present tim (ALL USAID PARTICIPANTS G-2-00263 AND ALL ALIE PHYSICIANS SPONSORED BY P-3-04510 ARE SURJECT 07/30/2021 Signature of Consular or Immigration Officer THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING 21: EXCHANGE VISITOR CERTIFICATION: I have read and agree with the statement in item 2 on page 2 of this doct

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# I-94 Arrival Record/Travel History

- www.cbp.gov/I-94
- Updated every time you travel out of the U.S. and enter
- Check every time to be sure you were admitted to the US in F-1/J-1 status and for D/S
- D/S = Duration of Status
  - F-1 = I=20 Program End Date +
     60-day grace period
  - J-1 = DS-2019 Program End
     Date + 30-day grace period

1/94-0/ficial Weeks - Get Mast Recent I-14 Response
For:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection
Securing America's Borders

#### Most Recent I-94

#### Note to employers, local, state or federal agency granting benefits:

Please visit the CBP I-94 Public Website and click on the tab for "Get Most Recent I-94" to perform a search for the applicant to confirm that the biographic and travel information displayed on this I-94 printout matches the "Get Most Recent I-94" returned results for this applicant. I-94 FAOs: (https://j94.cbp.dhs.gov/j94/#/fac)

Admission I-94 Record Number: 7

Arrival/Issued Date: 2024 January 11

Class of Admission: F1 Admit Until Date: D/S

Details provided on the I-94 Information form:

Last/Surname:

First (Given) Name:

Birth Date: 1995 February 27

Document Number:

Country of Citizenship:

- Effective April 26, 2013, DHS began automating the admission process. An alien lawfully admitted or paroled into the U.S. is no longer required to be in possession of a preprinted Form I-94. A record of admission printed from the CBP website constitutes a lawful record of admission. See 8 CFR § 1.4(d).
- If an employer, local, state or federal agency requests admission information, present your admission (I-94) number along with any additional required documents requested by that employer or agency.
- Note: For security reasons, we recommend that you close your browser after you have finished retrieving your I-94 number.

DMB No. 1661-0111 Expension Date: 01/31/3526

https://84.chp.dbs.gov/search/results

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