

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT & SCHOLAR SERVICES

International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS), a unit within the Capstone International Center, provides specialized services for international students, professors, research scholars, visitors, and their families.

ISSS's primary function is to provide visa support for these international members of the UA community. The office is responsible for the creation and ongoing maintenance and verification of visa support documents within the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) for both F-1 student visas and J-1 student and scholar visas. These are ongoing services that monitor individual progress according to federal regulations. The office is also responsible for filing H-1B and other types of work-visa support documentation on behalf of international faculty and staff at UA.

ISSS conducts comprehensive orientation programs and provides vital information regarding U.S. immigration compliance as well as multicultural guidance and counseling. Great emphasis is placed on international student programming. ISSS coordinates a wide variety of student activities such as a weekly multicultural coffee hour, an international spouse support group, and an annual welcome reception for international students at the President's Mansion.

Professional staff members advise and assist the International Student Association, which represents all international students, and the many nationality organizations on campus. Professional staff work closely with community groups such as Tuscaloosa's International Friends (TIF), which sponsors a friendship family program for international students.

International Student & Scholar Services may be contacted by telephone at 205-348-5402; by fax at 205-348-5406; by email at international@ua.edu, and by mail at Box 870254, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0254, USA. More information about office services, visa regulations, and processing of visa support is available on the website: <http://international.ua.edu/iss/>. International Student & Scholar Services is located in 105 B.B. Comer Hall.