Fall OPT Reminder
F-1 students who will graduate in Fall (including thesis and dissertation students who defend before the no-registration deadline for Spring 2019) and who want to apply for OPT are eligible to send their applications to USCIS up to 90 days before their program completion date. Applying early is strongly encouraged due to long USCIS processing times. To apply for OPT, students must attend OIS’s OPT drop-off session with all required application materials. These sessions are held on Mondays and Thursdays at 9:30 am and last about 30-45 minutes. For more information about the OPT application process, please visit our website.

CPT Application Deadline
The Fall 2018 CPT application deadlines are quickly approaching. Requests for full-time CPT must be submitted to the Career Development Center by September 5, and part-time requests must be submitted by October 3. To learn more about the CPT application process and eligibility requirements, please visit our website. As a reminder, all international students must receive authorization prior to beginning work at an off-campus location.
Reminder about Enrollment Requirements

Are you thinking about dropping one or more of your courses or changing to an audit or online version of the course? If so, please be aware of these important requirements and deadlines:

F/J Enrollment Requirements:

- F/J international students must maintain full-time enrollment during the Fall and Spring semester and may not be over-enrolled in distance education credits. See our page on enrollment for more specific information on enrollment requirements.
- Students "may" be able to qualify for an exception to the full-time enrollment requirement based on medical, academic, or program completion reasons. To see if you may qualify, visit our page on Reduced Course Loads.
- Before dropping any courses or changing from credit to audit or in-person to distance education, consult your academic advisor and OIS. Do NOT drop below full-time or over-enroll in distance education courses unless and until you are approved by OIS in writing for a Reduced Course Load.

Important Deadlines:

- 9/5/2018 (Census Date): Last day to add a course with permission of instructor. Last day for tuition refunds due to dropping a course or changing from credit to audit. Last day for undergraduate students to drop below 12 hours or to drop a course without a W grade
- 10/19/2018 (Drop/Revision Deadline): MyPack Portal closes for student-initiated schedule revisions at 11:59 p.m. All schedule revisions made after this date will require a Schedule Revision form for processing. Last day to change to credit only at ALL levels. Last day for graduate and associate students to withdraw or drop a course, without a W grade, or to change from credit to audit.
- See the University Academic Calendar for more important academic deadlines and information

Scam ALERT!

Learn how to protect yourself from and respond to scams and frauds

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OIS wants to be sure that you are aware of a new scam that is targeting NC State students.

If you get a call from the main University telephone number (919-515-2011) or NCSU Police (919-515-3000) and the caller says there is a problem with your grades and asks you for money in order to restore your academic standing – hang up immediately. If you have suffered a monetary loss as a result of one of these calls and live on campus, call NC State Police at 919-515-3000. If you live off campus, call your local police department.

NC State Police has issued some tips when dealing with suspicious calls:

1. Never give out personal info over the phone or email.
2. Never give out bank/credit card info over the phone or email.
3. No legitimate agency is going to demand payment by gift cards.

- Please also see OIS' page about scams in general. Remember, please do not post your phone number on social media.

Academic Support

Attending a university in a new country represents a time of growth,
excitement, and transformation. It can also be challenging. Tony Shurer, Academic Coordinator for International Student Support, is available to work with you and help you achieve your goals. He will respond to questions or concerns you have about academics at NC State, and he can help you create a plan for academic success. You can reach Tony by email at ajshurer@ncsu.edu or by phone at 919-515-9162.

Tony's holds open office hours on Friday mornings, from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM on the second floor of University College Commons. Evening office hours are also available, by appointment, on Wednesdays from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

ISSERV - September 15, 2018
Join us to serve the community! By volunteering, internationals interact with Americans and learn more about American culture, while also sharing their own culture. We will begin the year with our first ISSERV event visiting NC State’s Agroecology Education Farm. Here will be volunteering on the farm alongside the Department of Crop Sciences. Sign up today!

Fall Break Alternative Service Break Trip
Join us for a powerful 4-day trip to the nation’s capital where we will see the sights, serve the hungry, and participate in social action. This fall break trip is a Leadership and Civic Engagement partnership with the Office of International Services to provide a service and cultural opportunity for NC State international students as well as our domestic students. Read More

Breaking Bread
Come share memories and a meal! Breaking Bread is a meal hosting program through OIS that creates the opportunity for international students to be hosted by a local American family. Selected community and campus volunteers are matched with interested international students to come together and share a meal together. This is a one-time commitment but meals occur all year round, so it’s never too late to apply! Please note that you submit an application for this program so that we can make the best match possible.

English Conversation Club
Students who are either interested in a relaxed place to practice their English or are native English speakers are welcome to join us during the English Conversation Club. Here, international students, scholars and native English speakers come together for a fun time of conversation. Read more

OIS Fall Social Media Campaign
Be apart of the online #wolfpackworld and share your experiences with your friends. All throughout the semester, OIS will be sharing
chances to win prizes, like the Amazon Echo, through our social media platforms. Check out our Facebook to see our latest one!

upcoming EVENTS

International Student Night Soccer - September 3 & 6, 2018
Join NC State Men's and Women's Soccer for International Student Nights the first week of September! The men's game is Monday, September 3rd at 7 P.M. against William & Mary and the women's team will take on George Washington at 7 P.M. on Thursday, September 6th. Both games will be held at Dail Soccer Field on Main Campus and entry is FREE with a valid NC State student ID. Both NC State teams are nationally ranked and had wins over top 10 teams last week. See you there to cheer on the Wolfpack!

Author Event: Dav Pilkey - September 8, 2018
The author of both bestselling Captain Underpants and Dog Man series will be here at NC State for a day of family fun! It will include a book signing of his latest work, Dog Man: Lord of the Fleas. The day will be filled with activities, giveaways, and so much more. Tickets can be ordered here!

Global Film Series: Harvest of Empire - September 18, 2018
The NC State Library, in collaboration with the Multicultural Student Affairs and the Office of Global Engagement, is presenting a documentary that sheds light on the long-standing, often tumultuous relationship between the US and Latin America. Come join as students, faculty, and the public come together to engage in a unique dialogue about the changing globalization of our developing world.

Brickyard 50th Anniversary Celebration - September 22, 2018
We've all rushed across The Brickyard trying to get somewhere fast, but how many of us have actually wondered when the bricks even got there? This year, join the rest of the Pack in The Brickyard to celebrate The Brickyard's 50th Anniversary Celebration!

Banned Books On Stage - September 25, 2018
In celebration of free speech and literary creativity, come join the fun as NC State students share selected sections of historically banned and challenged books. Students will perform a variety of scenes and monologues. Take a dive into history and gain a better understanding of how culture and acceptance changes over time.

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