

internationals

INTERNAL NEWSLETTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA

Congratulations, International Spartans!!!



This December 16, at the Expo Hall at the Florida State Fairgrounds, the December commencement ceremony will take place at 9:30 AM.

We are proud and happy for the graduation of 85 international student this Fall 2022. But is not a goodbye at least for 43 of them, because they are applying for OPT. Last day to do so will be February 3, 2023.

ISSS PORTAL



Change of Education Level

If you are finishing your Bachelor's Degree, or if you are doing your Bachelor's OPT, and you get admitted in a Master Program at UT, you must request a **Change of Education Level request** in your ISSS portal.

You completed the previous program so a new initial I-20 will be needed to stay in F-1 status. If you have any questions, contact your International Student Advisor.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA
Office of International Programs

Let's talk OPT

VIRTUAL Q & A SESSION

Zoom Meeting
Monday, December 5th, 2022.
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM



Register here

ISSS December 5th Event

We are going to host a Zoom Meeting this next Monday from 3PM to 4PM to answer all the questions, doubts and concerns that you may have about Optional Practical Training.

This is the best chance for those who chose to focus on graduation rather than on taking advantage of this benefit for F-1 students.

We will record the session and make it available in our portal. But if the question you have is not asked during this meeting, you will lose the chance to have it answered, so you'd better show up!



the tip of this month

TRAVEL ENDORSEMENT

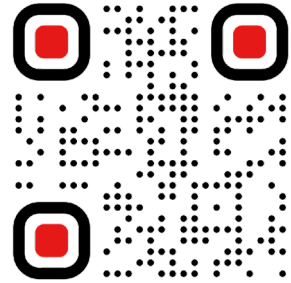
This page, when properly endorsed, may be used for re-entry of the student to attend the same school after a temporary absence from the United States. Each endorsement is valid for one year.

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Now for the Holidays and the Winter Break most of you are going to be traveling to spend some quality time with your families and celebrate achievements during this almost ended 2022. Be mindful that you will need a Travel Signature in your I-20's second page **not older than a year** at the time of your return, or 6 months if you are on OPT.

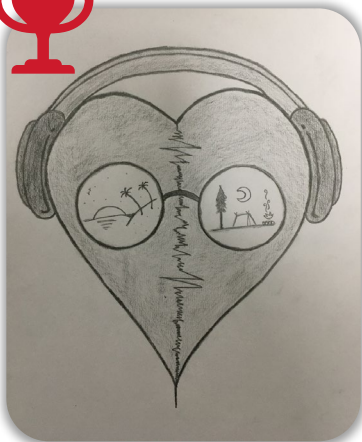
If you don't have it, submit the request on your ISSS portal and you will be able to download your new and signed I-20 when it gets processed. Just remember that **you don't need your I-20 to leave the US**. You will need it to come back. So, if you have the **Okta Verify app** in your phone you can access your ISSS portal anywhere in the world with internet access and download your new and signed I-20 **before your flight back to USA**.

If you are unsure of how to set it up, scan the code for instructions



International Education Week 2022

Bhushan Jayaram (INDIA)
Winner of the Intercultural Experiences Contest



International Sodas Blind Tasting
at the Experience Culture Event

Kudos to the Fish & Chips, Team 2 and BSA, who had so much fun in our International Trivia Event



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