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INTERNAL NEWSLETTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA

## Welcome, International Spartans!!!

A little late but our newsletter is back!!


Fall 2023 started with 225 new international students!! We had a fun and hectic Week-Of-Welcome and Hurricane Idalia shook things off for a couple of days. But it's been a great start overall, of what we know is going to be a great academic year.

We are very busy finishing the registration of the attendance of all initial and continuing students in SEVIS, in compliance with the regulations. And setting everything up for the last week of September (25-29), when our International Student Advisors will be away attending a conference abroad.



## ISSS PORTAL




### Ongoing Requests

Request type	Request Status
 New International Student Check-In	Clarification Requested

When your international student advisor reaches out to you to correct a request, you don't need to start a new request and do it all over again. You work on it by clicking the name of the request in *Clarification Requested* status listed under the **Ongoing Requests**. And click **submit** at the end so it goes to the processing queue.

## ISSS Events

### On-Campus Employment Workshop

 Tuesday, Sept. 19  3:30 PM-5 PM  ADLC, TECH 155

Learn about the process that follows after you get hired on-campus for the first time and need to apply for an SSN.

### Immigration Options for Foreign Students Following Graduation

 Monday, Oct. 2  5 PM-7 PM  SFB 145

Join Immigration Attorney Jennifer Roeper, as she shares the latest information on employment visas and sponsorships

### OPT & STEM OPT Workshop

 Wednesday, Oct. 11  3:00 PM-4:30 PM  ADLC, TECH 155

Applying for a work permit after graduation with the USCIS and receiving the proper UT endorsement.



## the tip of this month

To receive a diploma and have degree conferral reflected on their transcript, students must apply for graduation through Workday. It is also a requirement for **OPT** and **Graduation Invitation Letters**.

Students must apply for graduation regardless of whether or not they plan to participate in the commencement ceremony. In order to ensure that students' names appear in the commencement program, they must apply on or before the priority graduation deadline date. After the priority deadline date, students must still apply to graduate in order to be included in the list of graduation candidates for graduation. Degree auditing begins once all final grades are posted.

**The Deadlines to Apply** are as follows:

**Spring:** March 24 — Last day to apply to graduate to have your name printed in the commencement program

**Fall:** Oct. 26 — Last day to apply to graduate to have your name printed in the commencement program

Participation in the commencement ceremony requires a separate application, which can be completed after students officially apply for graduation. Refer to the commencement page for more information and visit the official commencement webpage, [ut.edu/commencement](http://ut.edu/commencement), for additional information and ceremony dates.



Kudos to the Executive Board and members of the International Student Association (ISA) for the great job done during the Week Of Welcome, helping out new international spartans to settle and welcoming them to UT.



ISA also actively participated in the UT-INVOLVE student organizations fair.

We are looking forward to their next events this semester.

internationals newsletter welcomes any contribution from international students. If you would like to share your writing talent about a topic of interest to all international spartans, please reach out to our office.

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