

INTERNAL NEWSLETTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA

Celebrating Diversity

The month of October is usually very busy and it's the time when you get to adjust to the academic pace of the semester. But October it is also the month where in the United States we celebrate Diversity by emphasizing the Hispanic Heritage Cultures and retelling the History of the LGBTQ+ Community in their path to achieve Social Justice.

The Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion has organized many events and activities with this goal at UT. We hope we will keep on seeing you out there showing up and showing off.

Happy Hispanic Heritage Month and Happy LGBTQ History Month!!



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Whenever you receive an email from your International Student Advisor saying that they left a <u>message</u> for you, that means that you need to login into your **ISSS portal** profile and go to the 3rd page: **Requests & Document Center**.

You will need to click on the message located on the **Messages** section, right on top of the requests' icons. It usually indicates the request you just submitted in the title and it will contain a list of changes you need to correct in your ongoing request before it is approved and processed.

The longer you take to read this message the longer your request remains unprocessed.

ISSS Events



Participate in this raffle to get a free lunch and the priceless opportunity to get to know your International Student Advisor a little more personally.

Wednesday, 25 Oct. 12:00 PM @ Panache- Morsani Hall Enter your response for a chance to win



Understanding the Do's and Don'ts when you are international Student on F-1 status can be complicated. Learn it all here.

Monday, 6 Nov. 3:00 PM @ ADLC- TECH 155



Student & Exchange Visitor Information System





The main requirement and condition to maintain your F-1 status is to be **full time** enrolled in **every registered semester** for the duration of your academic program.

Sometimes, you will feel that it is too much and maybe talk to your Academic Advisor about <u>dropping one class</u> so you can keep up.

Warning: that decision will affect your course load which if it is less than **12 credits for undergrads**, or **8 credits for grads**, will result in termination of your F-1 status for **Unauthorized Withdrawal**.

Remember: always consult with your **International Student Advisor** before making any decision that may be irreversible.

