

# Information for International Students (F & J Visa Holders)

The Center for International Education (CIE) International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) office provides visa and immigration status advising for UWM's community of international students, visiting scholars, foreign national employees, and academic departments. ISSS also serves the campus through International Admissions for UWM's academic degrees and non-degree programs. CIE also provides programming opportunities for both international and globally minded students.

## International Student Orientation and Arrival Check In

The U.S. Government requires that students who have a visa for the purpose of studying in the U.S. attend a new student orientation that includes important information about maintaining your visa status. Please contact Center for International Education following the contact information below for any questions regarding International student orientation.

Upon arrival to UWM all new international students must complete a mandatory SEVIS check in. This process verifies all of your F1 documents and the information ISSS needs to report your arrival in SEVIS. Due to COVID-19, check in for fall 2020 will be done virtually and by appointment only. Please call 414-229-4846 to schedule your check in appointment. Check in must be completed by the start of the fall term.

## Health Insurance

Health insurance is mandatory to all International students, and students may not substitute another insurance policy for the UWM approved insurance policy. Students will be billed for this insurance on their PAWS accounts.

Graduate students with assistantships and are enrolled in the UWM employee health insurance provided through the UWM benefits office can have the health insurance charge removed from their PAWS account. There will, however, be a charge for medical evacuation and repatriation insurance.

## Center for International Education International Student and Scholar Services

Office Location: Garland Hall, Room 138

Office Hours: Monday and Thursday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm (to drop off materials only)

Immigration Advising (virtual and phone appointments only):

Mondays - Fridays 10:00 am - 11:40 am; 2:00 pm - 3:40 pm Central Standard Time

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 pm - 9:40 pm Central Standard Time

20 minute appointments each

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