

J-1 Immigration Orientation

ISS: International Student and Scholar Services

Location: 9300 DePaul Center Building

Hours: 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday to Friday

Phone: 312-362-8376

Web: http://iss.depaul.edu

Email: iss@depaul.edu

Student Advising

 Visit or call ISS front desk at 312-362-8376 to schedule an appointment

 Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm is open (walk-in) advising for brief Q&A sessions

 Students are assigned to ISS advisors based on their family name

Important Terms

- Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS): electronic government database that universities, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of State (DOS) use to exchange data on the immigration status of international students and exchange visitors
- Alternate/Responsible Officer (A/RO): advisors who are able to update your information in SEVIS and offer guidance on J-1 status issues

Your Immigration Documents

- J-1 Visa Stamp: issued by the U.S. DOS
 - ☐ Your "key" to entering the United States
- I-94 Card: issued by the U.S. DHS
 - ☐ Indicates type and duration of status
- DS-2019 Form: issued by DePaul University
 - ☐ Shows program objective, length

Maintaining Lawful J-1 Status

Several rules for J-1 students

It is very important to follow J-1 rules!

Maintain Contact Information

- Update Campus Connection (DePaul website):
 Home Address: where you live in Chicago
 Mailing Address: where you get mail
 Permanent Address: address overseas (parents' address?)
 E-mail address and phone number (set up voicemail)

Maintain Valid Documents

Passport

• DS-2019 Form

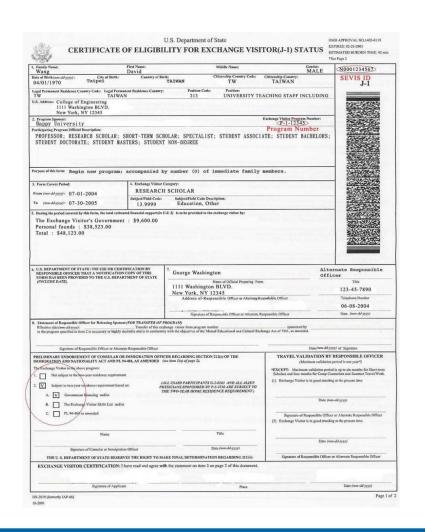
• I-94 card

Renew Passport Before It Expires



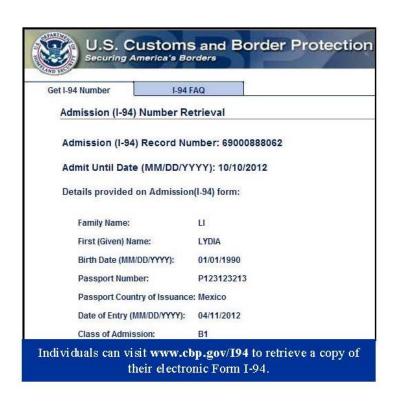
Renew DS-2019 Before It Expires

- Note program start and end date in item #3
- Submit extension request to ISS one month BEFORE expiration date
- Submit departure form to ISS if program ends early → changes grace period
- DS-2019 should be stamped and signed by DePaul A/RO, U.S. Consular Officer and student
- Keep form(s) for your records





Print and Check I-94 Card





Enroll in Full-Time Course Load

Undergraduate: 12 credits / quarter

Graduate: 8 credits / quarter

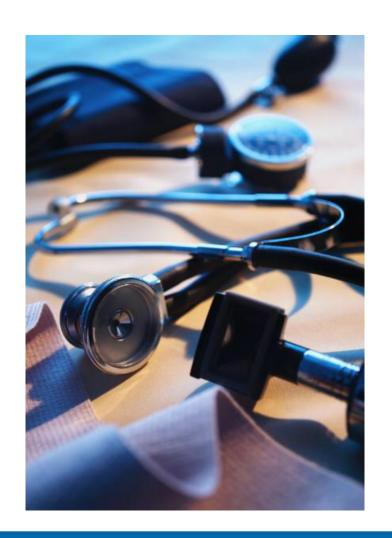
Graduate Music: 6 credits / quarter

Law: 12 credits / semester

- Online classes <u>cannot</u> count towards full course of study
- Note your J-1 program objective (field of study) on DS-2019
- DePaul has strict attendance policy → FX grades may jeopardize your J-1 status
- See ISS advisor <u>BEFORE</u> dropping any classes! RCL options are limited

Maintain Health Insurance

- Health insurance is required for the duration of your program / stay
- Insurance policy must meet U.S. DOS requirements



Travel Documents

- Valid passport;
- Valid J-1 visa in your passport;
- Valid DS-2019 form with recent travel signature;
- Receipt for I-901 SEVIS Fee Payment;
- Recommended: transcripts, financials, and student ID.
- BEFORE you travel, obtain travel signature from A/RO on your DS-2019 form



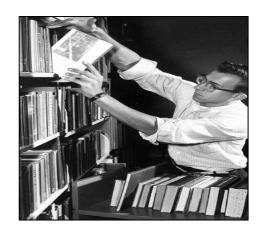
J-1 Visa Stamp

- BEFORE you travel abroad, check your J-1 visa stamp:
 - ☐ Visa category?
 - ☐ Visa expiration date?
 - ☐ Number of entries? M for multiple entry?
- If you leave U.S. and want to reenter in J-1 status, you must have valid J-1 visa
- It is okay for your visa to expire when you are *inside* the U.S.



Employment

- You cannot work without <u>prior written</u> authorization from your A/RO
- J-1 students need prior authorization for on-campus and off-campus jobs
- Working without authorization is ILLEGAL and serious violation of J-1 status!
- Make appointment with ISS advisor for more information





File Income Taxes



- You must file tax form(s) with IRS every year before April 15
- You must file even if you did not work or earn money in U.S.
- Access Glacier Tax Prep software on ISS website

Failing to Maintain Status

- It is your responsibility to maintain your non-immigrant student status while studying in the United States
- If you fail to maintain your status there may be serious consequences such as arrest, detainment, and removal
- The ISS may be able to assist you in regaining lawful status
 - Reinstatement
 - Traveling outside of the United States and returning with a new DS-2019 form



Final Reminders

- Please sign your J-1 rules sheet
- Remember to update your information in Campus Connection <u>and</u> notify your ISS advisor
- Remember to obtain authorization from A/RO before you start working

QUESTIONS?



- The Department of Modern Languages at DePaul University offers you an on-campus job as a language tutor. What do you do next? What will you need before you start working?
- You are interested in finding an off-campus internship. Where do you start your search? What should you consider in your job search?
- You are offered an internship and the employer wants you to start working soon. Who should you talk to first? What will you need before you start working?
- You are offered an internship to start after the completion of your studies at DPU. What should you consider? What will you need? Who should you talk to about it?

- You are sick and you have missed some class time. What do you do? What will you need? Who should you talk to about it?
- You are experiencing some academic problems in one of your classes and you're thinking about dropping this class. What do you do? What should you consider? Who should you talk to about it?
- You do not like one of your classes and you are thinking about dropping it or switching it for a different class. What do you do? What should you consider? Who should you talk to about it?

- You are planning a trip to NYC for the weekend. What documents will you need to carry? What should you consider?
- You are planning a trip to your home country over the holiday break. What documents will you need to carry? What should you consider?
- You are planning a trip to Canada after completing your studies at DPU. What documents will you need to carry? What should you consider?

- You want/need to see your ISS advisor. When/how can you meet with your ISS advisor?
- You accidently spilled coffee on your passport and it's in a bad shape. What do you do? Who do you contact?
- You renew your passport and notice that the spelling of your name is now different. Perhaps one of your given or last names was removed. What do you need to do?

- You do not like your current roommate or living situation and decide to move to a different dorm/apartment in Chicago. What do you need to do?
- It is getting close to April 15th and you still have not filed a tax form with the IRS for the previous calendar year. What do you do?
- You're subject to the 212(e) two-year home country residence requirement, and your prospective employer wants to sponsor you for an H-1B work visa. What do you do? Who can you talk to about it? What should you consider?