

NEWSLETTER

International Student Services

Autumn Semester 2018



Spring Semester 2019 at a glance

October 15- Registration Opens

January 9 – Fee Payment Deadline

January 10 – Drop for Non-payment

January 14 – Term Begins (no late registration permitted)

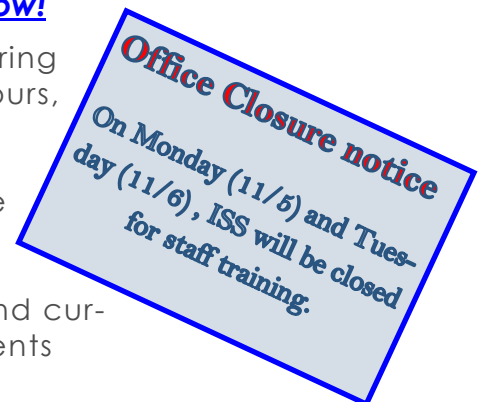
All F-1 students are expected to be registered in classes full-time for a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester. Additionally 9 of your total credits must be considered to be on-campus courses, not online courses.

Traveling outside the U.S. during the winter?

Don't wait until the last minute, have your I-20 signed now!

If you are planning to travel outside the United States during semester break, please come by ISS's walk-in advising hours, Monday thru Thursday from 10 am to 12 pm. No appointment needed. You should have your I-20 signed before traveling if your travel signature is before, or close to, the one-year mark on the previous signature.

During the visit, remember to bring your passport, I-94, and current I-20. Our office will review your immigration documents and endorse your I-20 for travel.



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Ask an ISS advisor:

Q: What is insurance and why do international students need health insurance?

A: In general, the purpose of insurance is to provide protection against financial risk and to keep costs down for those experiencing an "event." An "event" can be an illness or an injury. International students need health insurance because it is impossible to foresee if and when you will get sick or become injured. The cost of health insurance is small compared to U.S. medical care costs. And, while having health insurance does not cover all costs for care, it does avoid the burden of large medical bills if you do become ill or have an accident.

SPOTLIGHT ON.....

International student spotlight highlight current international students' time at Columbus State



My name is Brandon Bowe, and I am an international student from Northern Bahamas. I am an environmental science major at Columbus State. I plan to complete my Associate of Applied Science Degree and then transfer to Otterbein University in Spring 2020.

I love the fact that I can meet people here from diverse backgrounds and cultures. Meeting them has allowed me to experience different cultures through our friendship and conversations. My favorite class here has been Sociology that I took during my second semester. It gave me insight

into the experiences that I had since moving to America. The Bahamas is a beautiful place to visit year round. I strongly recommend you visit the Island of Exuma that is where my family is from. The warm water and clear sky will definitely make your vacation in paradise worthwhile.



My name is Sharon Odumu, and I am an international student from West Africa, Nigeria. I am a Computer science major, and I plan on transferring to Otterbein University in the fall of 2019.

I am currently working as a Diversity Peer Educator (DPE) on campus through the Global Diversity and Inclusion Center. I am working as the Intercultural Student Forum Coordinator, and I have the honor of working closely with other international students.

The Intercultural Student Forum (ISF) is a program that fosters intercultural diversity on the Columbus State campus.

Events through this program are hosted all academic year long.

We are located in Franklin Hall 224 if you would like to talk to me or any of the other Diversity Peer Educators about getting involved on campus. We would love to connect with you.



Preferred Pathway



Capital University



CCAD



Franklin University



Miami University



Ohio Dominican



Ohio University



Ohio Wesleyan



Otterbein



Ohio State

Contact your Columbus State Advisor or meet with University advisors in the transfer Center (Aquinas Hall, 126) to find out more about your Preferred Pathways and next steps.



ISS Postcard Wall was born!

International Students have been sending us postcards from all over the world, and we have had the best time adding them to our Wall. Thanks for sharing your countries and travel memories the old fashioned way.... And **keep them coming!**

Asian Student Association

Founded in 2011, the Asian Student Association (ASA) serves as the largest Asian culture affinity group at Columbus State. We welcome students of all races and nationalities, as we aim to spread awareness of Asian culture for the benefit of the student community. Join ASA through CourgarConnect to learn more about what ASA hopes to accomplish this year, what events ASA will have, and how you can get involved! Here are some fun pics from the past events,

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Amazing Volunteer Experiences

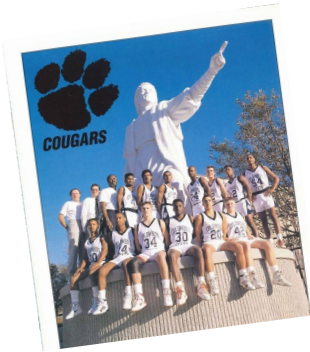
The 26th Annual Family Day at the Peace Garden

ISS staff and ASA members volunteered for the Annual Family Day at the Peace Garden held at the Franklin Park Conservatory. This event, organized by International Voluntary Organizations (IVO) of Columbus, was on Sep. 22nd. This event has become an annual tradition in which CSCC students and ASA members come together to engage in community service. It provided students with opportunities to meet new people and experience new cultures.

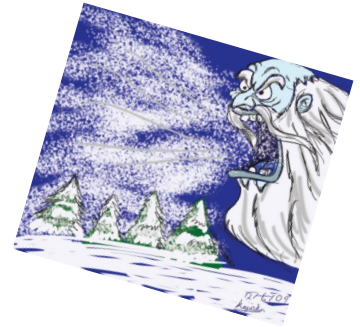


Don't Let Old Man Winter Keep You Inside!!!

Bundle up and Head Out For Some Fun!!!



CSCC WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
CSCC MEN'S BASKETBALL
FREE W/CSCC ID



[http://cscgccougars.com/visitors/
ticket_information](http://cscgccougars.com/visitors/ticket_information)

WILDLIGHTS at the COLUMBUS ZOO
November 17th—January 6th
www.columbuszoo.org



CHILLER ICE SKATING RINKS
FRIDAY NIGHT MELTDOWN
8-10:30 PM

\$10 INCLUDES SKATE RENTAL
<https://www.thechiller.com>

OSU MEN'S or WOMEN'S HOCKEY
WOMEN'S GAMES FREE
MENS' NON-CONFERENCE
GAMES



\$8.00 W/STUDENT ID
MEN'S CONFERENCE GAMES

\$10.00 W/STUDENT ID
<http://ohiostatebuckeyes.com/tickets/>

Maintaining Your F-1 student status:

Full-time Enrollment

Please be aware that your [academic advisor](#) and representatives of other college offices may not know about the F-1 full-time requirement. Be sure to make them aware of the requirement when discussing course registration options.

F-1 Student Employment

If you are interested in finding more information regarding regulations related to employment while studying in the United States, go to ICE.gov.

Please note: Do not work without authorization. Unauthorized employment is a violation of your F1 status leading to termination of SEVIS record. If your I-20 is terminated for "Unauthorized Employment," you must depart the country immediately. For an on-campus job search, go to www.csc.edu, click on "ABOUT", then scroll down to the Employment field.

If you have any questions regarding employment opportunities or work authorizations, please schedule an appointment to see me (JoYin Tang) by calling 614-287-2074.

Graduating F1 Students

If you are a graduating student, file a "petition to graduate" form by the "petition to graduate" deadline date. Submit a photocopy of the petition to the International Student Services office, Madison Hall, Lower Level and schedule an appointment to meet with the P/DSO (Principal/Designated School Official) to discuss F1 student options upon graduation. Your options upon completion of your studies at CSCC are:

- Depart the U.S. within 60 days of completing the course of study or apply for OPT.
- Continue in F-1 status by pursuing further F-1 studies at another school.
- Apply for standard post-completion optional practical training 90 days before graduation date or program end date and no later than 60 days after completing your course of study.
- Apply to change status to another non-immigration classification no later than 60 days after completing the course of study.

Travel outside the U.S

If you are planning to travel outside the United States during semester break, you must have page 2 of your SEVIS I-20 Form signed by one of the College's DSOs. The signatures are good for one year (except during OPT). Bring with you to the appointment your passport, I-94, and current I-20. Our office will review your immigration documents and endorse your I-20 for travel.

Upon return to the U.S., please report to ISS and bring with you photocopies of the following documents:

- New visa stamp if you recently applied for or renewed your F1 visa
- If you recently renewed your passport, copy of the first 3 pages of the new passport including the expiration date page
- Form I-94: to access your electronic I-94 admission document, go to www.cbp.gov/i94

For more information on student travel: <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/2014/06/know-before-you-go-international-students-and-summer-travel>