Global Services

Mission

The NYU Office of Global Services (OGS) ensures compliance with all immigration, visa, and mobility regulations for international students, faculty members, and researchers in the US, and all members of the University community going abroad for NYU study or work.

OGS strives to create an innovative and empathic environment, providing the highest quality, personalized immigration, visa, and intercultural programs and services that respond to the needs of students, scholars, and their families, and promote cross-cultural understanding.
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International Student Spotlight

Yifan (Brian) Li

- College of Arts and Science

As a student leader for the First Year International Student Transition Program, Brian Li helped to create a curriculum infused with a deep understanding of belonging and his passion to improve the University. He also provided a strong student voice in working toward the development of the International Student Center at NYU.
NYU ranks first among US institutions hosting international students in the US, and has 1,477 more international students than the institution ranked second.
**Gender**

- Female: 52%
- Male: 48%

†Data is limited to binary female male based on passport information. There are very few countries which allow transgender and gender non-conforming individuals to identify as such on their passports.

**Academic Level**

- Graduate: 5,288
- Undergraduate: 8,552
- Post-graduation training: 379
- Other: 5,386

**Visa Type**

- F-1: 310
- J-1: 275
- Other: 19,020

†See the glossary on page 22 for explanation on these visa types.

**Top 5 Areas of Study**

- Business, Management, Marketing & Related Support Services: 2,629
- Computer and Information Sciences & Support Services: 2,176
- Visual & Performing Arts: 1,135
- Engineering: 1,058
- Mathematics & Statistics: 981
International Student Regions of Origin

Top 5 Countries of Origin

- China: 8,764
- India: 3,188
- South Korea: 1,017
- Canada: 900
- Taiwan: 601
João Gabriel

• Graduate School of Arts and Science

João Gabriel is a historian and professor in the Laboratory School of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. His research focuses on the indigenous populations of Brazil and their organization against the threats of military dictatorship. As a visiting scholar at NYU, he has broadened the scope of his research, leading to comparative perspectives with the US and Latin America.
International Scholar Demographics

Scholars

1,398
+85% since 2008 (755)

Permanent Resident Application*

I-485 Advised Scholars
I-485 Advised Dependents
Labor Certifications
Green Cards Approved
I-140s EB-1
I-140s EB-2

*See the glossary on page 22 for explanation on these application and transaction types.
### Gender

- **Female**: 40%
- **Male**: 60%

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### Scholar Function

- **Research**: 164
- **Teaching**: 990
- **Teaching & Research**: 240
- **Other**: 4

### Visa Type*

- **J-1**: 1,135
- **H-1B**: 218
- **O-1**: 20
- **TN**: 7
- **E-3**: 18

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### Top 5 Schools

- **Faculty of Arts and Science (FAS)**: 549
- **Tandon School of Engineering (Tandon)**: 215
- **Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences (CIMS)**: 113
- **College of Dentistry**: 85
- **School of Law & Stern School of Business**: 80

### Top 5 Academic Departments

- **CIMS-Mathematics**: 75
- **FAS-Chemistry**: 74
- **Tandon-Electrical and Computer Engineering**: 64
- **FAS-Biology**: 61
- **Tandon-Computer Science and Engineering**: 61
International Scholar Regions of Origin

Top 5 Countries of Origin

- China: 241
- Germany: 109
- France: 109
- India: 103
- Italy: 98

Regions of Origin:
- Central and South Asia: 12.52%
- Latin America and the Caribbean: 5.94%
- East and Southeast Asia: 40.27%
- Sub-Saharan Africa: 24.03%
- Europe and Russia: 8.01%
- Middle East and North Africa: 2.36%

Top 5 Countries of Origin:
Outbound & Global Mobility Spotlight

Isabella (Isay) Acenas

- College of Arts and Science
- Dean’s Scholar

Taking full advantage of NYU’s global presence, Isay Acenas studied abroad in Sydney, Australia, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Madrid, Spain. She also pursued a summer research project in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

In each of the locations, Isay prioritized taking courses relevant to the experience of living in that country. While studying abroad, she has worked at the Sydney Fish Market, the Center for Global Sea Level Change, and US Foreign Aid.
Outbound & Global Mobility Demographics†

Employment Authorization

Visa and Mobility Guidance Cases*

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*See the glossary on page 22 for explanation on mobility guidance.

Top 5 Student Destinations

- London, UK
- Shanghai, China
- Florence, Italy
- Paris, France
- Berlin, Germany

Top 5 Faculty/Staff Destinations

- Florence, Italy
- London, UK
- Accra, Ghana
- Shanghai, China
- Paris, France

1All Outbound & Global Mobility demographic information is based on visa processing by OGS in New York, which does not handle visas for NYU Abu Dhabi and only works with NYU Shanghai for study away students.

Outbound & Global Mobility Tools

**World Trade Resource**

Providing country, regional, and neighborhood-specific information worldwide, it helps users identify cultural trends and provides comparisons with users’ own cultural preferences.

2,026 average monthly users.

**GlobalChek Plus**

A self-service immigration tool available for NYU-related activities and programs, it helps users to understand immigration requirements to various destinations.

145 students used the tool.

**GoWorldWise**

A global readiness tool that includes a cultural awareness component and available to members of the NYU community.

126 users accessed the tool.
In the field of International Education

**OGS staff members presented at**

- 8 venues and conferences including:
  - NAFSA National, Regional, and Local Conferences,
  - Slate Innovation Summit,
  - Sunapsis User Conference, and
  - NYU trainings

**OGS staff members attended**

- 12 conferences and trainings including:
  - Forum Expatriate Management,
  - Klasko Annual Spring Seminar, and
  - NYU Zone Trainings
In-Person Advising

- 23,185 sessions
- 1,562 sessions with international students
- 1,545 sessions with students going abroad for NYU programs
- 955 OPT application review sessions
- 2 online sessions with international students
International Student Applications and Transactions*

Employment Authorization

- CPT: 2,904
- Post-Completion OPT: 3,611
- Pre-Completion OPT: 1,403
- STEM OPT: 177

Certificate of Eligibility

7,501
Total number of initial I-20s and DS-2019s issued

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OGS programs focus on clarifying the overall process of student and scholar visas, benefits, and restrictions, including orientation, travel, and employment information.

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<td><strong>In-person employment workshops for</strong></td>
<td>1,293</td>
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<td><strong>Visa workshops for</strong></td>
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<td><strong>School specific immigration workshops for</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Global Entry enrollment registrations helping</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Tax workshops for</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Employment webinars for</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Visa webinars for</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Other social outings and gatherings throughout the year included bus trips to Storm King Art Center and Philadelphia with structured tours, and opportunities to learn aspects of American pop culture through sporting, arts/cultural, and food-related events.</strong></td>
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OGS Provided Funds to...

Help support over 15 schools and departments contributing to international education efforts across campus.

Clubs in Partnership

The Clubs in Partnership program, envisioned and created by student interns, is a collaborative project between OGS and student cultural clubs serving as Club Partners, with the aim to provide greater opportunities for international student community and engagement.

OGS provided funding for:

29 different events for 23 clubs.

OGS Club Partners for the 2018-19 year included:

- African Students Union
- Asian Heritage Month
- Association for African Development
- Bella Quisqueya
- Bengali Student Association
- Black Student Union
- Caribbean Students Association
- Chinese Student Society
- Ethiopian Eritrean Students Association
- European Society at NYU
- Global China Connection
- Graduate Indian Student Association
- Haitian American Students Association
- Hong Kong Student Association
- International Filipino Association
- International Student Affairs Committee
- International Student Council
- Japanese Cultural Association
- Korean Graduate Students Association
- La Herencia Latina
- Latinos Unidos Con Honor y Amistad (LUCHA)
- Mexican Student Association (MexSA)
- Malaysian Students Association
- NYU Asian Pacific American Coalition
- NYU Hellenic Heritage Association
- NYU Indonesian Students Association
- NYU Singapore Students Association
- Pakistani Student’s Association
- Polish Club at NYU
- PorColumbia
- Russian Club
- South Slavic Club
- Taiwanese American Student Society
- Vietnamese Student Association
- ¡Viva Perú!

These groups included:

- Center for Multicultural Education and Programs (CMEP)
- Center for Student Life
- LGBTQ Center
- Office of Global Programs
- Residential International Student Engagement (RISE)
- Student Health Center
- Tisch School of the Arts
- Tandon School of Engineering
International Student Emails

Newsletters to All Current Students

Frequency: 4 times/month
List Size: 13,500

New Student Email Series to Newly Admitted Students

Frequency: 4 times/month
List Size: 5,528

Open rate

62%

84%
Social Media

Facebook

5,310 people followed the NYU Office of Global Services Facebook page. This is an increase of 16% from the 2017-18 academic year.

OGS moderates a Facebook group for NYU international students to provide a forum for students across campus to share information with each other, with a membership of 2,592.

Twitter

2,668 people followed the OGS Twitter account, NYU_OGS. This is an increase of 4.5% from the year before.

Instagram

In November 2018 OGS launched an Instagram account and gained nearly 1,000 followers during the 2018-2019 academic year.
Certificate of Eligibility  Non-US citizens who come to the US to pursue a degree, certificate program, exchange program, or scholar status must have a document issued by the US institution where they will participate in their program. For foreign nationals coming to the US in F-1 status, this certificate of eligibility is called an I-20. For foreign nationals coming to the US in J-1 status, this certificate of eligibility is called a DS-2019. Both I-20s and DS-2019s provide detailed information on the individual, including their name, date of birth, citizenship, program they are participating in, institution they are sponsored by, program expenses, and more. Individuals applying for an F-1 visa must present their I-20 as one supporting document for their F-1 visa application. Individuals applying for a J-1 visa must present their DS-2019 as one supporting document for their J-1 visa application.

Curricular Practical Training (CPT)  Temporary employment authorization that is also part of the curriculum of an international student’s (in F-1 status) degree program. CPT must also therefore be directly related to the student’s major area of study.

E-3  Non-immigrant employment visa classification for qualified citizens of Australia.

EB-1  Employment-based first preference immigrant visa; this classification is further broken down into EB-1A, Extraordinary Ability, EB-1B, Outstanding Professor or Researcher and EB-1C, Multinational Manager or Executive. NYU offers sponsorship for EB-1A and EB-1B. This is generally the first part of a two part permanent residency process.

EB-2  Employment-based second preference immigrant visa; this classification is further broken down into Advanced Degree, Exceptional Ability and National Interest Waiver. This is generally the second part of a three part permanent residency process except for the National Interest Waiver which requires 2 parts.

F-1 Visa  The most common type of visa used by students who are non-US citizens to study in the US. This visa is for full-time academic and language students who are pursuing a degree program or certificate.

Green Card  Permanent Resident document, also known as the “green card”. Employer sponsorship of permanent residency applications is contingent upon an offer of indefinite full-time employment. NYU generally files said applications for foreign nationals holding academic appointments.

I-140  Employment-based immigrant visa petition. There are currently 5 classifications (EB-1, EB-2, EB-3, EB-4, EB-5) and numerous subclassifications. See EB-1 and EB-2 above.

I-485  Adjustment of status to permanent residency application. This is the last step in the permanent residency process. Capacity to file is dependent on the foreign national’s priority date (place in line) and the Department of State’s monthly visa bulletin.

J-1 Visa  A visa category that is used by different groups of students and scholars as part of the US Department of State’s Exchange Visitor Program to promote international education and cultural exchange in order to develop a mutual understanding between the people of the US and other countries. This visa includes the following categories for non-US citizens:

- Degree-seeking students to study in the US and who have a significant portion of their funding that comes from a resource other than personal or family friends;
- Exchange students coming to the US on an exchange program with their home institution for the duration of one or two semesters;
- Research scholars coming to the US for research, teaching, consulting, or observation in education settings;
- Professors teaching/lecturing in the US;
- Specialists coming to observe, consult, or demonstrate their knowledge or skills in a specific field; and
- Short-term scholars researching, teaching, or observing for a duration of 6 months or less.

H-1B Visa  The H-1B is a non-immigrant visa, under the Immigration and Nationality Act, section 101(a)(15) (H), that allows United States employers (petitioners) to temporarily employ non-US workers (beneficiaries) in specialty occupations. The regulations define a “specialty occupation” as requiring theoretical and practical application of a body of highly specialized knowledge in a field of human endeavor including but not limited to biotechnology, chemistry, architecture, engineering, mathematics, physical sciences, social sciences, medicine and health, education, law, accounting, business specialties, theology, and the arts. It requires the attainment of a US bachelor’s degree or its equivalent, at a minimum, in a field of study, directly related to the proffered employment.

Labor Certification  Permanent Labor Certification issued by the Department of Labor (DOL) allows an employer to hire a foreign national to work permanently in the United States. In most instances, before the US employer can submit an immigrant visa petition to the Department of Homeland Security’s US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), the employer must obtain a certified labor certification application from the DOL’s Employment and Training Administration (ETA). The DOL must certify to the USCIS that there are not sufficient US workers able, willing, qualified and available to accept the job opportunity in the area of intended employment and that employment of the foreign worker will not adversely affect the wages and working conditions of similarly employed US workers.

Mobility Guidance  A mobility case includes pre-departure preparation and orientation for any NYU faculty or staff member going outside of the US for NYU purposes. This includes information on work and residence permits, permit renewals, visas, homefinding, cost estimates, taxes, benefits, safety, payment management, moving and shipping, travel, compensation accumulation, lease breaks, etc. Mobility cases typically close 1-2 years after an individual returns to the US from assignment abroad.
O-1 Visa  Non-immigrant visa classification for individuals with extraordinary ability in the sciences, arts, education, business, or athletics (O-1A) or extraordinary ability in the arts or extraordinary achievement in motion picture or television industry.

Optional Practical Training (OPT)  Temporary employment authorization directly related to an international student's (in F-1 status) major field of study. The student in F-1 status must apply directly to the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to be granted this benefit. A student has a potential of 12 months of OPT per academic level of study.

Post-Completion Optional Practical Training (Post-Completion OPT)  Optional Practical Training that an international student in F-1 status could potentially use after finishing their program of study.

Pre-Completion Optional Practical Training (Pre-Completion OPT)  Optional Practical Training that an international student in F-1 status could potentially use before finishing their program of study.

STEM Optional Practical Training (STEM OPT)  A potential 24-month extension of post-completion OPT that is possible for international students in F-1 status studying within certain fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics and employed by employers registered in the US government’s E-Verify system.

TN Visa  Trade NAFTA is a non-immigrant employment visa classification for qualified citizens of Canada and Mexico.