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Global Services

Mission

NYU’s Office of Global Services provides support to international students, faculty, and researchers in the United States, and all members of the University community going abroad for NYU study or work, while ensuring compliance with all applicable immigration, visa, and mobility regulations in the US and abroad. We aim to do so in an innovative and empathic environment that ensures inclusion, diversity, belonging, equity and access. We provide personalized services and programs, of the highest quality, that respond to the needs and goals of the NYU community, and promote cross-cultural understanding within the University and greater communities.
OGS continued working with those in the NYU community affected by the Coronavirus pandemic, including students unable to travel back to the United States for the start or continuation of their NYU academic programs, and with students, faculty, and staff affected across NYU’s global sites. OGS maintained quality services with our student and scholar populations despite the office operating strictly within a virtual environment. Here are some of the year’s highlights.

Travel Advisories and Their Impact

- NYU suspended Study Away for the 2020-21 Academic Year. In its place, Go Local was created, designed for undergraduates who were unable to travel to their home campus due to the pandemic. 4,927 students chose the Go Local option for Fall 2020 and 3,320 for Spring 2021. OGS involvement with Go Local included reviewing applications.
- OGS adjusted the immigration documents of 4,245 international students during the Fall 2020 semester and 3,514 during the Spring 2021 semester due to pandemic-related changes to their study plans.
Team Cooperation

Even though NYU suspended its traditional study away program for the 2020-21 academic year, the four OGS outbound immigration advisors helped to support the International Student advising team working with international students whose study plans in the United States needed to change based on complications surrounding the ongoing pandemic (807 entry plan forms). These advisors also assisted with international student updates, including processing 1,030 arrival forms (a mandatory check-in international students must do with their school upon arrival in the United States) and updates to 2,055 international students’ immigration forms based on students updating their academic major. Last, the team assisted the international student advising team by presenting 25 OPT employment authorization application review webinars.
NYU ranks first among US institutions hosting international students in the US, and has 1,170 more international students than the institution ranked second.

*As reported in the Institute of International Education’s 2019 Open Doors Report.

**The total number of international students (17,050) in addition to the 5,823 international students who participated in NYU’s Go Local program or studied remotely from abroad.
Gender:
- Female: 8,851
- Male: 8,199
- Other: 0

Academic Level:
- Undergraduate: 4,981 (29%)
- Graduate: 6,664 (39%)
- Post-Graduation Training: 50
- Other: 5,355

Visa Type*:
- J-1: 133
- F-1: 16,667
- Other: 250

Top 5 Areas of Study Undergraduate**:
2. College of Arts & Science, Global Liberal Studies Core: 317
3. College of Arts & Science, Global Liberal Studies: 411
4. College of Arts & Science, Business: 438
5. College of Arts & Science, Science & Technology: 415

Top 5 Areas of Study Graduate:
1. Tandon School of Engineering, Master’s in Computer Engineering: 509
2. Tandon School of Engineering, Master’s in Computer Science: 413
3. Tandon School of Engineering, Master’s in Management of Technology: 303
4. School of Professional Studies, Master’s in Integrated Marketing: 288
5. School of Professional Studies, Master’s in Business: 276

*See the glossary on page 20 for explanation of these visa types.
** Of those declaring a major.
Regions of Origin

4.49% North America (Canada and Mexico)
4.25% Latin America and the Caribbean
0.99% Sub-Saharan Africa
1.94% Middle East and North Africa
7.81% Europe and Russia
63.54% East and Southeast Asia
16.11% Central and South Asia
0.87% Oceania

Top 3 Countries of Origin

8,788 China
2,544 India
760 Canada
International Scholars

Demographics

Permanent Resident Application*

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*See the glossary on page 20 for explanation on these application and transaction types.
**International Scholars**

**Gender**
- 315 Female
- 485 Male

**Scholar Function**
- 179 Teaching
- 599 Research
- 18 Other
- 4 Teaching & Research

**Visa Types***
- 231 H-1B
- 19 O-1
- 15 TN
- 7 E-3

**Top 5 Schools**
- Faculty of Arts and Science (FAS) 326
- Tandon School of Engineering 97
- Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences (CIMS) 87
- College of Dentistry 59
- Steinhardt School 44

**Top 5 Academic Departments**
- FAS-Center for Neural Science 55
- CIMS-Mathematics 52
- FAS-Biology 50
- FAS-Chemistry 43
- Dentistry-Basic Sciences & Craniofacial Biology 48

*See the glossary on page 20 for explanation of these visa types.*
Regions of Origin

- **5.25%** North America (Canada and Mexico)
- **8.63%** Latin America and the Caribbean
- **5.63%** Middle East and North Africa
- **1.25%** Sub-Saharan Africa
- **39.63%** Europe and Russia
- **9.25%** Central and South Asia
- **27.38%** East and Southeast Asia
- **3.00%** Oceania

Top 3 Countries of Origin

- **146** China
- **64** India
- **59** France
Outbound & Global Mobility

Demographics†
Employment Authorization

*Student Visa Cases (Fall and Spring were Go Local semesters*)

- 11 Active Mobility
- 12 Faculty/Staff Visa
- 4 New Mobility

†All 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.

*See the glossary on page 20 for explanation of these visa types.
Services & Programs

International Student Applications and Transactions

- Total number of initial I-20s and DS-2019s issued for newly admitted students or students returning to NYU from a Leave of Absence: 6,137
- Certificate of Eligibility
  - Fall 2020 Semester: 5,429
  - Spring 2021 Semester: 698
  - Summer 2021 Semester: 7
  - January 2021 Term: 3
- Employment Authorization
  - Post-Completion OPT: 2,634
  - Pre-Completion OPT: 45
- CPT: 1,464
- STEM OPT: 1,095

Virtual Advising

- Total sessions: 23,495
  - Virtual advising with international students (totalling 5,874 hours of advising): 23,495
- Sessions with students going abroad for NYU programs: 286

*See the glossary on page 20 for explanation on these application and transaction types.*
Programs

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

### Immigration, Employment & Orientation

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<td><strong>1,278</strong> new international students</td>
<td><strong>3,953</strong> international students</td>
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<td>Webinars with immigration attorneys with over <strong>206</strong> students in attendance</td>
<td>Know Your Rights webinars focused on travel and encounters with law enforcement with <strong>314</strong> students in attendance</td>
<td>Pre-Orientation webinars focused on giving incoming international students and their families an opportunity to become familiar with NYU with <strong>573</strong> students and family members in attendance</td>
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OGS also focuses on fostering international student leadership and community and creating opportunities for spouses and partners of international students and scholars to be involved at NYU. All events/activities were switched to a remote format to adhere to COVID prevention protocols.

Cross-Cultural and International Education

International Education Week celebrations and events with

328 students in attendance

English classes (conversation and American culture) for

36 spouses and partners of international students and scholars

Other social outings and gatherings throughout the year included opportunities to learn aspects of American pop culture through arts and cultural events.
Commitment to Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity

In Fall 2020 OGS, in collaboration with the International Student Center, formed the Antiracism Education Committee to provide a variety of learning and engagement opportunities for NYU’s international student community. The committee goal is to improve the community’s access to the complex conversations about race and racism in the United States and provide a foundational understanding of the US-specific context that takes into account students’ diverse backgrounds. Programs that emerged from the committee included a three-part webinar series for international students offered at the beginning of each semester:

- Racism and Social Justice in the United States
- History of Immigration and Xenophobia in the US
- Race and Identity in the US

Additionally, the committee organizes a panel event for international students each semester. In 2020-21 the panel events were:

- Global Perspectives on Race and Identity (Fall 2020)
- Diversity and Inclusion in the Global Workplace (Spring 2021)
Communications

International Student Emails

Newsletters to Students

4 times
Per month

70%
Average open rate

Frequency

Open Rate
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 3,594.
Glossary

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 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.

Mobility Guidance
Mobility Guidance 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.

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. The profession must appear on Appendix 1603.D.1.