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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.
Special Challenges for the 2019-2020 Academic Year

In January 2020 OGS began working with those in the NYU community impacted by the onset of the Coronavirus pandemic, first with students unable to travel back to the United States for the start of the Spring 2020 semester, and then later with students, faculty, and staff impacted across NYU’s global sites and by subsequent travel bans from both US and foreign governments associated with the pandemic. With the suspension of in-person services and classes as of March 2020 in New York and updated US government guidance regarding international student requirements during the pandemic, OGS made several adjustments to maintain quality services with our student and scholar populations. Highlighted here are some of the changes.

Travel Advisories and Their Impact

- With the March in-person closure, OGS had 687 document pickups and travel signatures on I-20s and DS-2019s for international students the week of March 16 alone.

- NYU temporarily suspended Study Away for the 2020-21 Academic Year. In its place, Go Local was created, designed for undergraduates who may not be able to travel to their home campus due to the pandemic. 3,606 students (2,748 undergraduate and 858 graduate) opted to participate in the Go Local option for Fall 2020. OGS involvement with Go Local included reviewing applications and adjusting 2,208 US immigration documents.

- Travel advisories related to COVID-19 were changing often both within the US and at the 11 NYU sites outside of the US. We created and continue to maintain a new web resource for the NYU community for the latest on these advisories.
One-on-One Advising

- In early March 2020 our in-person drop-in advising closed and was replaced by fully virtual appointments. As a result, our average number of monthly virtual advising appointments with international students jumped from 130 (September 2019 - February 2020) to 1,959 (March - September 2020) with a total number of 12,535 virtual advising appointments scheduled during the 2019–20 academic year.

Virtual Programming

- As of early March, all OGS programming also shifted from a mix of in-person and virtual to strictly online. OGS offered over 50 webinars between March and August 2020 to newly admitted and continuing students as well as alumni with over 3,500 students in attendance. These webinars ranged from newly developed FAQ sessions explaining US government updates, to ongoing employment, visa, and lawyer workshops.
  - OGS developed a new required US Immigration Requirements online module for newly admitted international students. Between August 10 (the module launch date) and August 31, 958 students completed the module. In addition to the required module, OGS moved in-person orientation meetings to Zoom. In August, OGS hosted 8 New International Student Meetings on Zoom with over 400 students in attendance.
Advocacy on Behalf of NYU International Students and Scholars

Our international students and scholars are an integral and cherished part of the NYU community. NYU believes in global engagement, global education, and the importance of letting its students pursue their studies and their dreams irrespective of where they are from. The pandemic of this past year, travel bans, and further restrictions on immigration notwithstanding, NYU has been working on numerous levels to advocate on behalf of international students and in the past year we’ve developed a webpage to highlight our advocacy work.
International Students

Demographics
F-1 and J-1 Students

NYU ranks first among US institutions hosting international students in the US, and has 3,602 more international students than the institution ranked second.*

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

Gender
11,085 Female
4 Undisclosed
10,004 Male

Academic Level
5,986 (23%) Undergraduate
348 Other
5,589 Post-Graduation Training
9,170 (34%) Graduate

Visa Type*
310 J-1
256 Other
20,527 F-1

Top 5 Areas of Study
Undergraduate
Business, Management, Marketing & Related Support Services
679
Visual & Performing Arts
541
Mathematics & Statistics
628
Computer & Information Sciences
952

Graduate
Visual & Performing Arts
1,153
Engineering
1,843
Mathematics & Statistics
728
Computer & Information Sciences
539
Business, Management, Marketing & Related Support Services
1,518

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

- 4.20% North America
- 4.60% Latin America and the Caribbean
- 8.68% Europe and Russia
- 2.07% Middle East and North Africa
- 1.04% Sub-Saharan Africa
- 16.27% Central and South Asia
- 62.14% East and Southeast Asia
- 0.94% Oceania

Top 3 Countries of Origin

- 10,363 China
- 3,187 India
- 989 South Korea
International Scholars

Demographics

Permanent Resident Application*

- Green Cards Approved: 23
- Labor Certifications: 5
- I-140s EB-1: 4
- I-140s EB-2: 5
- I-485 Facilitated: 15

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

**Gender**
- 494 Female
- 1 Undisclosed
- 715 Male

**Scholar Function**
- 2 Teaching & Research
- 13 Other
- 970 Research
- 225 Teaching

**Visa Types***
- 227 H-1B
- 20 O-1
- 7 E-3
- 936 J-1
- 13 Other

**Top 5 Schools**
- Faculty of Arts and Science (FAS): 496
- Tandon School of Engineering: 163
- Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences (CIMS): 103
- School of Law: 79
- College of Dentistry: 76

**Top 5 Academic Departments**
- CIMS-Mathematics: 66
- FAS-Chemistry: 62
- FAS-Center for Neural Science: 57
- FAS-Biology: 55
- FAS-Psychology: 48

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Regions of Origin

- **5.68%**
  North America

- **42.81%**
  Europe and Russia

- **25.21%**
  East and Southeast Asia

- **4.71%**
  Middle East and North Africa

- **7.52%**
  Central and South Asia

- **1.98%**
  Sub-Saharan Africa

- **2.40%**
  Oceania

**Top 3 Countries of Origin**

- **209**
  China

- **102**
  Germany

- **86**
  France
Outbound & Global Mobility

Demographics†
Employment Authorization

- **82** Faculty/Staff Visa
- **10** New Mobility
- **16** Active Mobility
- **4,203** Student Visa

*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.

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Top 5 Destinations Fall 2019

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Services & Programs

International Student Applications and Transactions*

- **Certificate of Eligibility**
  - 5,885 Fall 2019 Semester
  - 694 Spring 2020 Semester
  - 63 January Term

- **Employment Authorization**
  - 3,825 Post-Completion OPT
  - 1,974 CPT
  - 84 Pre-Completion OPT
  - 1,246 STEM OPT

- **Advising**
  - 12,985 In-person advising sessions (through March 9, 2020)
  - 12,535 Virtual advising sessions
  - 80 Virtual advising sessions with students going abroad (through March 9, 2020)
  - 801 In-person sessions with students going abroad (through March 9, 2020)
  - 40 OPT application review sessions

- **Total number of initial I-20s and DS-2019s issued for newly admitted students or students returning to NYU from a Leave of Absence:** 6,858

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# 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>Orientation for</td>
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<td>Visa workshops for</td>
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<td>Employment webinars for</td>
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<td>Tax workshops for</td>
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<td>Employment webinars for</td>
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<td>In-person employment workshops for</td>
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<td>Workshops with immigration attorneys with over</td>
<td>100 students in attendance</td>
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<td>US passport drives helping</td>
<td>112 US citizens get or renew their US passports</td>
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<td>Global Entry enrollment registrations helping NYU community members get expedited clearance when traveling in and through US airports</td>
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*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as of the second week of March 2020 OGS moved all of its programs and workshops to a remote format.
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.

**Cross-Cultural and International Education**

- **International Education Week** celebrations and events with **270** students in attendance
- **English classes** (conversation and American culture) for **33** spouses and partners of international students and scholars
- **Welcome breakfast with orientation and weekly support group** for **65** spouses and partners of international students and scholars
- **Scholar reception** for **120** international scholars and their family members, providing an opportunity to network with each other and meet the OGS team
- **Discover New York outings** for over **100** international students and scholars, providing the opportunity to learn about the history, people, and food of New York City’s diverse neighborhoods.

Other social outings and gatherings throughout the year included opportunities to learn aspects of American pop culture through sporting, arts/cultural, and food-related events.
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.

Our Club Partners for the 2019-20 year included:

- African Student Union
- Asian Heritage Month
- Association for African Development
- Bella Quisqueya
- Bengali Student Association
- Black Student Union
- Caribbean Students Association
- Chinese Student Society
- Ethiopian Eritrean Student Association
  - European Society at NYU
- Global China Connection
- Graduate Indian Student Association
- Haitian American Student Association
- Hong Kong Student Association
- International Filipino Association
- International Student Affairs Committee (ISAC)
- International Student Council (ISC)
- 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 Students Association
- Polish Club at NYU
- PorColombia
- Russian Club
- South Slavic Club
- Taiwanese American Student Society
- Vietnamese Student Association
- ¡Viva Perú!
Communications

International Student Emails

Newsletters to Students

- Frequency: 4 times per month
- Open Rate: 68.5% average open rate
Facebook

5,410 followed the NYU Office of Global Services Facebook page.

This is an increase of 7% from the 2018-19 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 3,000.

Instagram

2,456 followed the NYU Office of Global Services Instagram account.

This is an increase of 146% from the 2018-19 academic year.

Twitter

2,777 followed the NYU Office of Global Services Twitter account.

This is an increase of 4% from the 2018-19 academic year.
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.

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
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.

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