



# Immigration Lifecycle of an International Student:

*Presented by International Student Affairs and Programs*

# ISAP: What do we do?



Provide pre-arrival, arrival, ongoing engagement, and post-graduation support for international students in F-1 status at California College of the Arts

**Support \* Advocacy \* Compliance**

# Immigration Timeline

- Pre - arrival
- Arrival
- Ongoing - Maintaining Status and Engagement
- Working while being a student
- Post-graduation

# Pre-arrival

There is a good deal of work in just getting a student here.

- Accepted → submission of documents
- Visa application (permission to request entry to the US)
  - This is not always approved - support from ISAP
- Travel to the US
- Request entry at the border with documents
- Arrival at CCA

# Arrival



- Housing move in
- Orientation
  - Fully integrated now
  - Special immigration sessions for F-1 and J-1 visa holders only
  - Introduction to the services available to them as international students
- SEVIS Registration (immigration)

# Ongoing - Maintaining Status



- Reporting requirements to ISAP
- Maintaining full time enrollment
- Work authorization for any and all off campus work

# Ongoing - Engagement



- Orientation - Chimerapalooza
- Ongoing events and activities
- Working with student clubs
- Workstudy staff (ISAP Ambassadors)

# Working while a student

- On campus work
  - SSN (Social Security Number)
- Internships
  - CPT (Curricular Practical Training)
    - Internship Learning Agreement
    - Must have curricular connection
    - Restrictive
- Professional practice entry points
  - We want to come to your class!



# Post - graduation

- OPT (Optional Practical Training)
  - 12 months of work authorization post - graduation
  - Must have curricular connection
  - Timeline
  - Flexible (freelance / self employment, etc)

# Main takeaways

- International students make 42% of the student population
- Students **MUST** get authorization from the ISAP office in order to drop below full time (rare)
- Students must get work authorization from ISAP for all off campus work
- The ISAP office is here as a resource
  - Email, call, come by. We are happy to come to your classrooms and/or meet with you.

# ISAP is here.



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