Dear International Students,

We are so glad you are here at UNT! International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) wants to ensure that you have a successful semester. To do this, PLEASE be aware of the immigration laws that will affect you during your time here.

Read carefully through the following information and contact our office if you have any questions. Remember, each situation is different and immigration regulations are complex. If you ever have questions, we are here to help! Have a wonderful semester and remember the FACTS!

Sincerely,
UNT ISSS

Full-Time Enrollment and Exemptions

You are required to maintain full-time enrollment. This is defined as 12 hours for undergraduates and 9 hours for graduates during long semesters. There are a few reasons you may be considered full-time while not enrolled in the minimum number of hours. If you will be below hours this semester and any of these reasons apply, approval from ISSS must be given by September 1st, 2023.

- **Final Semester**
  - This MUST be your LAST semester. Immigration allows only one final semester. A new I20 will be issued.
  - Applies when your remaining required enrollment to complete your degree is less than full time
  - Apply for permission to enroll less than full time in your final semester by submitting the corresponding e-form in iNorthTX.

- **Dissertation or Thesis Only**
  - Coursework is completed and only thesis or dissertation hours remain to complete degree
  - Submit the "Graduate Part Time Enrollment Request - Graduate School Approval" form in iNorthTX for Toulouse to review

- **CPT**
  - Full-time CPT students may waive the full-time enrollment requirement
  - Full-time CPT must be approved prior to working and prior to September 1st, 2023

- **Other**
  - Please refer to our Enrollment Requirements page for more information. Feel free to schedule an appointment or visit with an Immigration Advisor during drop in advising hours if you have questions.

F-2 Students

F-2 visa holders may only be enrolled part-time. It is your responsibility to monitor your enrollment. Please contact our office if you have any questions.

NOTE: Fall 2023 will require majority in-person and on-campus classes for your enrollment.
Online Courses

If you have additional questions regarding course format and availability, you can search for classes via my.unt.edu or discuss with an academic advisor within your college.

Graduating in December?

Congratulations! ISSS is very proud of you and your accomplishments! There’s a lot on your mind, but we would like to remind you of some important things that need to be done this semester:

- Submit a reduced course load request in iNorthTX if you will be below full-time in Fall 2023.
- File for graduation with UNT. The deadline is early. Check with the Registrar (Undergrads) or Toulouse (Grads) for instructions.
- If you want to apply for Optional Practical Training (OPT), plan to complete a mandatory workshop early in the semester. It can take up to 3 months for approval so get started early!
- If you will not apply for OPT, you have 60 days after your I-20 ends to figure out your next step. If you will begin a new program, you must receive a new I-20 within 60 days of completion. If you plan to return home, make reservations to leave before your grace period expires.
- Remember! Immigration considers your last day of enrollment, not your graduation ceremony, as the date to use for your OPT application. If you are no longer required to enroll by UNT after Fall 2023, your program completion date is December 15, 2023.

SCAM ALERT

Fraudulent Phishing Email

If you are contacted by someone claiming to be with a U.S. government agency, who asks for money to fix an immigration or tax issue, contact ISSS or the UNT police first!

DO NOT send money and DO NOT give them personal information!