ALERT!

Your FIRST stop after settling in from your travel should be the International Student Services Program office, located in the Division of Student Affairs in the Miles Conner Administration Building – 1st Floor. Here, the Designated School Official (DSO) you will report to the US Government that you have arrived and are maintaining your F-1 status. You may not enter the country more than 30 days prior to the program start date and you must report to the ISSP within 30 days of the program start date. An appointment is necessary to be seen. Please call 410.951.3933.

THINGS TO BRING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT:

- Your passport
- Your I-20 form
- Your I-94 form (the small white card you completed when you entered the US)
- Any other immigration documents received for dependents in F-2 status

ADVICE FROM THE OFFICE

Consult ISSP first for all immigration concerns and questions. Often, students will obtain information from friends, family, various websites, and newspapers. While convenient, it is likely that the information obtained may not apply to your specific situation. Always consult ISSP first.

- It is the responsibility of international students and scholars to maintain their immigration status in the US. Keep informed by taking advantage of ISSP advising, workshops, brochures, online materials, and email notifications. It is vital to stay updated on relevant changes via the ISSP website and through updates sent to your CSU E-mail account.

- Make and safeguard photocopies of your immigration-related documents in case the originals get damaged, stolen, or lost. ISSP does not keep photocopies of all your documents.

- If you have questions or concerns, please meet with an ISSP advisor during walk-in hours or make an appointment. Make sure to bring your passport, I-94 card, and I-20 or DS-2019.

- Plan ahead! Do not wait until the last minute to apply for permission to work or to obtain a travel signature. Processing of applications may take time.

WALK-INS

Tuesday’s 10am - 3pm / Wednesday’s 1pm - 3pm
Walk-in hours are generally reserved for individuals who have short 15-minute questions. The ISSP coordinator is available to meet with you during this time to answer questions and provide general information. No appointment is needed for walk-ins.

APPOINTMENTS

If you want to meet with the coordinator for a longer time, please call (410) 951-3933 or stop in the Division of Student Affairs to make an appointment.

Office Hours are from Monday through Friday: 9am - 5:30pm, except holidays.
MISSION

The mission of the International Student Services Program (ISSP) is to provide international students with the resources necessary to successfully navigate both Coppin State University and the United States. The program seeks to accomplish these goals through maintaining relationships with federal agencies, providing a support toward attainment of educational goals, assisting with obtaining employment, fostering healthy transitions from their country of origin, and assisting with acculturation and adjustment needs.

INTRODUCTION

The International Student Services Program (ISSP) serves as the primary support unit for F-1 students who are studying or conducting research at Coppin State University (CSU).

CSU has a rich tradition of hosting academic visitors from abroad and they comprise an important part of the CSU campus culture.

The ISSP brings a wealth of experience to the issues that international students commonly encounter. It is a privilege for the ISSP to serve CSU’s international community. The services that ISSP provides include:

- Advising and interpreting U.S. government regulations pertaining to immigration and visas.
- Conducting orientations and other special programming that help international students and scholars integrate into and adjust to the academic, cultural and social life of CSU.
- Serving as a liaison with foreign embassies, sponsoring agencies and educational foundations that support international students.
- Contributing to the internationalization of CSU by coordinating programs that bring students from diverse backgrounds into contact with each other, promoting the use of cultural differences as an educational resource.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CSU strives to advance knowledge and transform lives. Friendship across cultures can be transformational and ISSP connects the world to our community in several ways. For a full list of activities, please visit the ISSP Calendar of Events at www.coppin.edu/iss