



ISSO Announcements

Immigration Policy/Regulation Changes

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Dear UNC Charlotte International Community,

Periodically the International Student and Scholar Office (ISSO) shares communication with our campus constituents to keep everyone apprised of developments regarding certain immigration matters. UNC Charlotte is proud to be home to over 2,000 international students, visiting scholars, and their families, which represent more than 90 countries.

The present update is provided to address and clarify some issues that may be of concern to the UNC Charlotte international population regarding possible future immigration policy or regulation changes.

1. International Student and Scholar Office (ISSO) actively monitors immigration policy and regulation changes. The ISSO will post information about any potential changes that would have an impact on international students and scholars at UNC Charlotte via email and/or on the ISSO website [Announcements](#).

Please remember that there is an extraordinary amount of information—on the Internet, social media, and other sources—both in the U.S. and around the world, that may or may not be accurate. It is easy to come quickly to your own conclusions. Please understand that immigration is a very complex area although it can appear to be very simple and straightforward. We ask that you try to rely on *multiple official sources of information*, including messages from the ISSO to give you the most accurate information pertaining to your immigration status.

2. As we hear about many different legal immigration terminologies in the media, the ISSO would like to remind our community that **the United States is a law-based society. As such, legal actions can take considerable time.** Visit the “[Practical Immigration Concepts in a Time of Change: Taxonomy of Immigration Topics to Consider](#)” for an overview of the U.S. legal system, how immigration regulations are formed, and how change takes place. Please share it widely with your friends and family members who may be concerned so that you can be well informed.

3. The recent Presidential Executive Order related to visa issuance, screening procedures, and refugees upon implementation, would "suspend" immigrant and nonimmigrant entry of nationals from certain designated countries for 30 days from the date of the order. Countries would include Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen. **For this reason, it's advised those individuals who could be affected against traveling outside of the United States. If you are already abroad, we recommend trying to return to the United States as soon as possible (tonight).**

4. The ISSO also encourages the international population to **be extra vigilant about immigration scams.** Scammers take advantage of people during times of uncertainty. For information about protecting yourself from immigration-based scams, please visit the “[Avoid Scams](#)” resources on the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services website.

5. Finally, we want to remind the international population that **the ISSO is your 'home away from home'** so we encourage you to please come and talk with us about any concerns that you may have.

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The International Student and Scholar Office Staff