



## UNC Charlotte Immigration Matters

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte celebrates our rich diversity. As noted by Chancellor Dubois, the institution is committed to the advancement of "a robust intellectual environment that values social and cultural diversity, free expression, collegiality, integrity, and mutual respect". Our international community is a critical component in helping the Niner Nation achieve our goals to strengthen global perspectives and cultural awareness. With the recent developments regarding immigration matters, the UNC Charlotte administration continues to monitor developments and work directly with our impacted community members. Please visit the International Student and Scholar Office "[Important Immigration Information](#)" site for updates, resources, and support strategies for international students. Questions can be directed to ISSO at [intlssso@uncc.edu](mailto:intlssso@uncc.edu) or [704.687.7781](tel:704.687.7781).

**SYNOPSIS:** On Friday, January 27, 2017 President Trump issued [Executive Order: Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States](#). The Executive Order requires the suspension of the immigrant and nonimmigrant (H-1B, TN, F-1, O-1, J-1, etc.) entry into the U.S. of foreign nationals from Iraq, Syria, Iran, Sudan, Somalia, Libya, and Yemen for 90 days from the date of the order. Government officials indicated that additional countries may be added and that the prohibition may be extended beyond 90 days. At this time, those individuals from countries affected by this prohibition are advised not to travel abroad and should consult with private immigration counsel. UNC Charlotte is home to more than 100 students, visiting scholars and faculty members from the above-identified countries.

## UNC CHARLOTTE COMMUNICATION EFFORTS (as of 02.09.17)

**Table 1: Directed Communication Efforts to Inform Individuals from Banned Countries and the UNC Charlotte At-Large Community About the Executive Order**

Communication Topic	Audience	2017 Date of Issuance
Communicated via email re: draft of the Executive Order in general terms (copy available online via ISSO website: <a href="#">Immigration Policy &amp; Regulation Changes</a> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All enrolled F1/J1 students</li> <li>J1 and H1 faculty and researchers</li> <li>F1 students who graduated and are on 12-36 months of Optional Practical Training employment authorization</li> </ul>	Thurs. Jan 26
Updated information online re: travel ban for students and scholars from the seven (7) identified countries (copy available online via ISSO website: <a href="#">Immigration Update: January 27, 2017 Executive Order</a> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All enrolled F1/J1 students</li> <li>J1 and H1 faculty and researchers</li> <li>F1 students who graduated and are on 12-36 months of Optional Practical Training employment authorization</li> </ul>	Fri. Jan 27
Re-communicated message from Friday (01.27.17) with further emphasis on travel restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All enrolled F1/J1 students</li> <li>F1/J1 students from impacted countries</li> </ul>	Sun. Jan 29
Updates to campus partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dean of Students</li> <li>Multicultural Resource Center</li> <li>Graduate Admissions</li> <li>Graduate School/Graduate Life</li> <li>Legal Affairs</li> </ul>	Sun. Jan 29 & Mon. Jan 30

ISSO landing page created for message archive: <a href="#">Important Immigration Information</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All</li> </ul>	Mon. Jan 30
Chancellor's Message to the UNC Charlotte Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All UNC Charlotte Community Members</li> </ul>	Mon. Jan 30
Scheduling ISSO 'Listening Session'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All enrolled F1/J1 students</li> <li>Any interested faculty or staff</li> </ul>	Wed. Feb. 1 @ 2pm CHHS 281
Attend Arts + Architecture 'Listening Session'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Four (4) banned country students enrolled in CoAA</li> <li>Open to CoAA international community and concerned members (faculty, staff)</li> </ul>	Fri. Feb. 3 @ 10:30am Storrs 101-CoAA Conference Room
Coordination with Iranian Student Organization re: upcoming stakeholder meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Iranian and other affected enrolled students (n = 80/Iran) and Charlotte Iranian community members</li> <li>Restricted session, invite only</li> </ul>	Fri. Feb. 3 @ 6pm Location: Fretwell 113
Communicated via email re: An appeals court has rejected the New Executive Order with further emphasis on travel restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>F1/J1 students from impacted countries</li> </ul>	Mon. Feb. 6
Coordination with ELTI re: future students' travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All ELTI enrolled F1/J1 students</li> </ul>	Tue. Feb. 7 @ 2:30pm Location: CHHS 380
Coordination with College of Engineering: 'Listening Session' and future students' travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All College of Engineering enrolled F1/J1 students</li> </ul>	Fri. Feb. 10 @ 2pm Location: Duke 345

### Tips faculty and staff can share with UNC Charlotte students who may be impacted by Executive Order

- Recommend students update their social media account(s) and call home to inform their family and friends that their day-to-day activities remain "normal" as long as they do not travel outside the USA.
- Visit or contact the [International Student and Scholar Office](#) to consult with the ISSO staff. The ISSO has held an open meeting to gather our community for updates and will schedule more as the need arises.
- Notify the ISSO if the student has family who are supposed to be in the USA but are presently restricted from entry under the Executive Order by emailing [intlssso@uncc.edu](mailto:intlssso@uncc.edu).
- Students should monitor their UNC Charlotte e-mail for further communication from the ISSO with information related to the present situation.
- Only read news from reliable and reputable sources and refrain from spreading untrue rumors.
  - [isso.uncc.edu/home/important-immigration-information](https://isso.uncc.edu/home/important-immigration-information)
  - [www.dhs.gov/news-releases/press-releases](https://www.dhs.gov/news-releases/press-releases)
  - [www.cbp.gov/border-security/protecting-nation-foreign-terrorist-entry-united-states](https://www.cbp.gov/border-security/protecting-nation-foreign-terrorist-entry-united-states)
- Be aware of scams directed at international students and report them to ISSO.
- Carry copies of immigration documents at all time.
- Communicate with the academic advisor/supervisor or the Dean of Students Office if they are distracted from studies.
- Professional support is available through the [University Counseling Center](#) for those who wish to process their personal impact associated with the policy change.
- If there is a concern about students' safety, or to report any incidents of harassment/discrimination, contact campus police department [704-687-2200](tel:704-687-2200) and/or submit an online [incident report](#) to Dean of Students Office.