# April 2019

## 1st and 3rd Thursday

**International Coffee Hour**

Enjoy coffee and conversation at this informal gathering held on the first and third Thursday of the semester months. International Coffee Hours in April will be on April 4th & 18th! For a complete list of dates click [HERE](#).

**Prospector, Gold Room**

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## Last Immigration Workshop of the Semester

**Beyond OPT**

If you are nearing the end of your degree program, want to work in U.S. and wish to learn about 'next steps' beyond OPT (Optional Practical Training) please join us for the 'Beyond OPT' workshop hosted by ISSO.

This workshop will cover the basics of OPT, some tips and strategies for a successful job search as well as some information on H-1B and other longer-term visa options. We have invited an immigration attorney to participate in our presentation.

If interested in attending, arrive on time as workshops begin promptly.

This year’s workshop scheduled for Wednesday, April 10th 2019 at 2:00pm in CHHS 109
**Travel Signature Walk-In Clinic**

Summer break is approaching and if you are traveling outside the U.S. please remember the following tips to make sure everything is in order for your re-entry:

- For travel outside the U.S. take your valid passport and visa, your I-20 with signature on Page 2 within the last 12 months or DS-2019
- If you will be on Optional Practical Training, you must also have your EAD card and offer letter.

Students can stop by the travel signature clinic and have their documents signed while they wait. Travel signatures are valid 12 months for enrolled students; 6 months for students on OPT.

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**International Student Graduation Reception**

The International Student and Scholar Office will hold a reception to honor international students graduating from UNC Charlotte in Spring or Summer 2019.

The reception will take place on:

Wednesday, May 8th, 2019 from 5 pm - 7 pm

**RSVP by May 1st** if you will attend (we will based on our RSVPs, so only sign up if you will attend)

*Popp Martin Student Union Art Gallery, First Floor*
**Thursday, April 11**  
5:30pm - 6:30pm; 6:30pm - 8:00pm

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<th><strong>International Career Panel</strong></th>
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<td>The International Career Panel is an annual event sponsored by the Office of International Programs and The Magellan Society, the young professional branch of the World Affairs Council of Charlotte. It provides an opportunity to network and hear several early-career professionals discuss the international elements of their careers in law, business, government, not-for-profit and education. Panelists speak about their experiences and offer valuable advice to those about to enter the job market and pursue work in international fields. Advisors from UNC Charlotte's Career Center are also on-site to provide brief resume reviews.</td>
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To RSVP for this event, click [HERE](#)

**Date:** April 11, 2019  
**Time:** 5:30 - 6:30 - Resume Workshop, 6:30pm-8:00pm  
- Panel Presentation  
**Location:** Halton Reading Room, Atkins Library on the main UNC Charlotte campus in University City
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<th>End of the Semester is Approaching!</th>
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<td>MUST...MAKE IT... TO END OF SEMESTER</td>
<td>As the end of the semester approaches, the ISSO wishes you well as you study hard and do your very best! See below for a few special reminders:</td>
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1. Ask for help sooner rather than later. Look for tutors through the University Center for Academic Excellence; ask for help through the Writing Resources Center; attend a workshop through the Center for Graduate Life; or reach out to the staff at Counseling and Psychological Services if there are things in your life that are affecting your studies and your grades.

2. Do not drop below full-time enrollment before first talking with an advisor in the ISSO. Remember that F-1 and J-1 immigration regulations require you to be enrolled full-time every fall and spring semester.

3. Remember that rules and regulations for violations of Academic Integrity are extremely severe so make sure that you understand what is acceptable work and what is unacceptable. Check out the powerpoint that the ISSO used at International Student Orientation and ask your professor if you are unsure of the rules. Better to be safe than sorry!

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<td>Make sure to register for classes as soon as possible and schedule an appointment with your academic advisor if necessary! If you have any registration holds please read them carefully and take care of them as soon as possible.</td>
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<td><strong>Reminder!</strong></td>
<td><strong>You must notify the ISSO of your intent to transfer prior to the end of the current semester and make a decision of which school you intend to transfer to within 60 days of the last date of being registered. The ISSO will then “release” your SEVIS record to the new school and they will issue you a new I-20 / DS-2019. All students requesting to transfer out students are required to complete the <a href="#">Transfer Out Agreement</a> and submit requirements listed on the document.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>If you plan on traveling after the release of your record, you must use the I-20 from your new school to re-enter the US. Please allow the ISSO 10 business days to complete transfer requests.</strong></td>
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