






SEPTEMBER 2018

<p>September 7th 3:00 PM</p> 	<p>International Student Orientation Summary During the week of August 13th, the ISSO welcomed over 500 new international students from 43 countries to UNC Charlotte! For those of you who attended, we hope it was beneficial to you and we'd like you to please complete a very brief survey HERE.</p> <p>For any new international students who did NOT attend the International Student Orientation or complete your immigration document check-in, you MUST attend a make-up session on Sept. 7th at 3:00pm in CHHS 122. Please take your I-20 or DS-2019, your passport, and your I-94 printout.</p>
<p>September 6th then 1st and 3rd Thursdays 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM</p> 	<p>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 September will be on September 6th and 20th! For a complete list of dates click HERE</p> <p><i>Prospector, Gold Room</i> Contact: intlss@uncc.edu</p>
<p>September 5th 4:00 PM September 19th 10:00 AM</p>	<p>Optional Practical Training Workshops The ISSO holds informational workshops each semester to explain the Optional Practical Training (OPT) employment benefit of an F-1 status.</p> <p>All F-1 students wishing to work off-campus MUST attend a workshop and MUST receive employment authorization PRIOR TO beginning work.</p>

	<p>Immigration regulations are extremely strict and there are important eligibility requirements that must be satisfied. Learn more at https://isso.uncc.edu/current-students/employment .</p>
<p>September 10th 2:00 PM</p> <p>October 10th 10:00 AM</p> 	<p>Curricular Practical Training Workshops</p> <p>The ISSO holds informational workshops each semester to explain the Curricular Practical Training (CPT) employment benefit of an F-1 status.</p> <p>Any F-1 student wishing to work off-campus MUST receive employment authorization by the ISSO <i>prior to</i> beginning work.</p> <p>Immigration regulations are extremely strict and there are important eligibility requirements that must be satisfied. Learn more at https://isso.uncc.edu/current-students/employment .</p>
<p>Deadline is September 9th</p>  <p>Friendship & Culture Exchange Program</p>	<p>Deadline to Submit Interest Form for Friendship & Culture Exchange!</p> <p>Would you like to make new friends? The International Friendship & Culture Exchange program (FACE) is an opportunity for U.S. American and International students to spend an hour together each week in interesting, small group conversation; sharing the ideas, customs and concerns of their own respective countries. Sign up HERE. Deadline is Sunday, September 9th. After the deadline passes, you will receive an email with more information and meeting times!</p> <p>Contact: Monte Green, mgree129@uncc.edu</p>
<p>September 8th 3:30 PM</p>	<p>Dean's Tailgate</p> <p>Don't miss out on the 3rd annual Dean's Tailgate event on Saturday September 8th before the UNC Charlotte vs. Appalachian football game!</p> <p>Free food (grilled on-site), funnel cakes, music, yard games, and a photo booth!</p> <p>Free t-shirt for the first 100 students (must show Student ID)!</p> <p>Enter the Raffle drawing for awesome prizes: invitation for a student and guest to attend a football game in the 2018 football season and join Chancellor Dubois and his wife in</p>

DEAN'S TAILGATE
SEPTEMBER 8, 2018

ALL ARE WELCOME!

FREE HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS, AND VEGGIE BURGERS!

FREE T-SHIRTS FOR THE FIRST 100 STUDENTS!

ALCOHOL-FREE EVENT
 We Are Recovery Friendly

FIELD BEHIND ALUMNI PAVILION | 3:30 - 5:30 PM | LOOK FOR SIGNS!




the Chancellor's box, a "swag bag" which includes a lunch invitation with Athletic Director Mike Hill, gift certificate to the campus salon, gift certificate to the campus bookstore, and a Bojangles Tailgate package!

This awesome tailgate event starts at 3:30pm and will be located at Tailgate Village (field behind Alumni Pavilion-look for signs).

Beginning of Semester Tips - You Can Do It!!



As you navigate the first few weeks of the semester, the ISSO wishes you well as you study hard and do your very best! See below for a few special reminders:

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.

Even if a professor or other advisor suggests that you drop a class due to grades which this leaves you enrolled less than full time, this will be a **violation of your F-1 status and repercussions are SEVERE.**

3. Remember that **rules and regulations** for violations of [Academic Integrity](#) are also **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!

Deadline is September 10th



Health Insurance

All students are required to have health insurance - you may choose to use your own insurance or buy the plan offered by UNC Charlotte, called 'Student Health Blue'.

In order to 'waive' the Student Health Blue plan, you must provide proof of insurance with an [on-line waiver](#) by September 10th. Students who miss the deadline will be automatically billed \$1,293.88 for the Student Blue Health Insurance Plan.

September 29th
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM



Join the International Festival (Ifest)!

Don't miss the oldest (and most wonderful) UNC Charlotte tradition, Ifest!

Many of you have already submitted your applications to represent your country at one of nearly 50 country/culture booths and that deadline has passed. We know that you are working hard on your preparations!

Others still have the opportunity to **perform a dance from your country and/or participate in the 'Parade of Nations'**, whereby you wear your native dress and participate in a fashion show. The registration deadline is September 12th. Click [HERE](#) to submit your registration!

We can't wait to celebrate with you!!

New advisor in the ISSO



Welcome Monte Green, new ISSO advisor!

Help the ISSO to warmly welcome Monte Green, the newest International Student/Scholar Advisor. He has previously worked as an analyst for the Student Exchange and Visitor Program (SEVP) under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). He holds a Master of Arts in Organizational Communication from Bowie State University and a Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communication from Morgan State University.

Monte enjoys fitness, reading, attending sporting events and listening to music. He is originally from Prince Georges County, Maryland.

September 13th
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Students!!! Join us at

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

FALL FESTIVAL

Free Food, Fun and Games!

When: Thursday, September 13th
4:00pm-6:00pm

Where: Price Center (Adjacent to the Student Health Center)

Contact 704-687-0311 for more information

Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) Fall Festival!

Please join us at Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) for our annual Fall Festival and Open House! All students are invited and we will have free food, games, other activities, and a chance to win prizes including Beats headphones.

Thursday, September 13

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Price Center (next to Student Health Center at corner of Cameron Blvd. and Mary Alexander Rd.)

Contact 704-687-0311 for more information

September 13th
September 26th
1:00 PM

International Graduate Student Workshop Series
In collaboration with ISSO, University Career Center and Counseling and Psychological Services

Professional Development	Wellness
When: August 30, Thursday 1-2pm Networking and Informational Interviewing	When: September 26, Wed 1-2pm Coping with Homesickness and Culture Shock
When: September 13, Thursday 1-2pm Creating an Elevator Pitch	When: October 10, Wed 1-2pm Managing Stress in Grad School
When: October 10, Thursday 1-2pm Professional Requests in the Job Search	When: November 14, Wed 1-2pm Forming Relationships Across Cultures
When: November 1, Thursday 1-2pm Interviewing Basics	Where: CGL/Como 288

Feel free to bring your lunch. Coffee and Dessert will be provided
Register and find more information at <http://gradlife.unc.edu/events>

CGL (Center for Graduate Life) Workshop Series

Check out the CGL for some important and helpful workshops available for International Graduate Students this semester, such as 'Perfecting Your Elevator Speech' and 'Coping with Homesickness and Culture Shock' among many others! Click [HERE](#) for a full description.

The ISSO highly suggests that you take advantage of all of the wonderful resources available to help you to not only succeed but also thrive at UNC Charlotte!