Welcome Spring 2021 international students!

January, 19, 2021
YOUR HOME AWAY
FROM HOME
Meet the ISSO Staff

• Denise Medeiros, Associate Director
• Amy Mabery, Assistant Director
• Melaina Fraboni Wadlinger, Advisor
• Dillon Clausner, Advisor
• Chau Tran, SEVIS Coordinator
• Kadija Alkusaimi, Administrative Assistant
• Tarek Elshayeb, Director
Getting to know the ISSO staff

Getting to know ....YOU!
## Country Roll Call

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Who among you .....

(Use the “raise your hand” feature)

1. Traveled the most hours to get to North Carolina
2. Had the most layovers in your flight
3. Traveled via an unusual method
4. Have travel gear or travel tips to recommend
Getting to Know the ISSO Staff

Raise your hand if you also...

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CDC travel precautions after traveling by plane

Traveling by plane is considered a “higher risk activity”

- Centers for Disease Control (CDC), a U.S. government agency
- Stay home as much as possible for 10 days, or until tested
- Avoid being around people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
- Consider getting tested for COVID-19
  - (CVS, Walgreens, StarMed, WalMart (N. Tryon St, see QuestCOVID19.com)
  - On-campus re-entry testing starts in February, details TBD
Niner Cares Health & Safety guidelines

- Stay home if sick
- Maintain physical distancing
- Wear face coverings
- Wash/sanitize your hands regularly
- Daily health check email
- Covid-19 vaccine schedule
- Niner Notice emails

https://ninernationcares.uncc.edu/health-safety
ISSO Services & Reminders
How to reach us

1. Email - intlsso@uncc.edu
2. Our website isso.uncc.edu
3. Phone Advising
4. Phone - 1-704-687-7781

– Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays: 9:00AM - 12:00PM
– Choose one advising method and wait patiently for ISSO staff to respond.
– The office door will remain closed until further notice from the university
– Operating procedures will be re-evaluated as we approach Feb 22, 2021
Important reminders

- Last date to add/drop classes - January 27th, midnight
  - Must be enrolled full-time, or
  - Approved for a Reduced Course Load (RCL)
- Payment deadlines - Jan 13th, Jan 28th
- Health insurance requirements - Feb 1st, waiver deadline
- Immunization records - Submit online
- I-9 process - if you have an on-campus job
Ways to Get Involved

- **Speed Friending**
  - February 12th; sign up today!
- **Cultural Ambassador Speaker Panel**
  - Email invite coming in February
- **Charlotte Host Family**
  - Community based “friendship family” program
- **International Trivia Night**
  - April 16th; sign up today!
- **International Coffee Hours**
  - Bring Your Own Beverage (BYOB) meet up
In person welcome event

Tentatively scheduled for Feb 5th

Watch your email for details!
How do I know who to listen to?

Do

- Read **official** websites and emails (ISSO/UNC Charlotte, Niner Notices, USCIS, etc).
- Sign-up for an advising appointment or email the ISSO if in doubt.

Do Not

- Trust what other students tell you regarding your immigration status
  - everyone’s situation is a little bit different
- Trust what you read on social media
- Spread rumors if you don’t know the information is true
Questions?
Thank you!