



ISSS

International Student & Scholar Services

Immigration and Integration Resources for Penn International Students



Welcome to Penn



What does ISSS do?

- **Immigration Services**

- Immigration Application/Document Processing
- Immigration Advising

- **Integration Services**

- Intercultural and Partnership Programs
- Orientation, Social and Academic Programs



Immigration Services



Travel



Employment



Visas



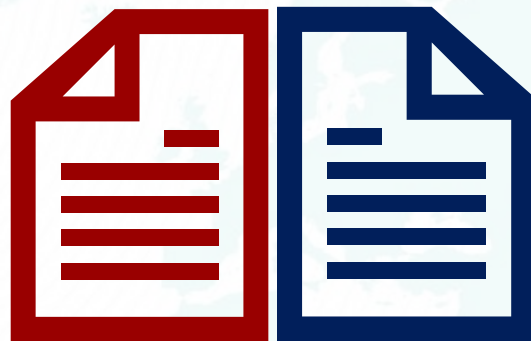
Maintaining
your **status**

Each student is assigned an ISSS advisor. Your advisor is the first person you should turn to with immigration-related inquiries. You can see who your advisor is by checking iPenn.

ISSS offers virtual advising. You can make a virtual advising appointment in iPenn.

Immigration Services

Immigration document processing



ISSS issues and processes documents needed for immigration, travel, employment (OPT/CPT), and other purposes.

iPenn is the ISSS portal to submit document requests by filling out the corresponding e-form.

I-20 Application Process

1. An ISSS email: a limited access PIN and application instructions
2. Your 9-digit Admission ID (provided by your Admissions Office) or US SSN
3. A copy of your passport page: with your name, birthdate, citizenship and expiration date.
4. Required Financial documentation: Need to be less than a year old, in English or with English translation)

I 20 Processing time

1. Approximately **3 weeks**.
2. ISSS is operating **remotely** until further notice.
3. You can check the status of your application in [iPenn](#).

Visa

1. Where? An US embassy or consulate in your home country.
2. When? Visa can be issued up to 120 days in advance of your course of study start date.
3. What? Visa Application Video Guide <https://global.upenn.edu/iss/visa>
4. Administrative processing (Security Advisory Opinion (SAO))? –
----delayed by more than 180 days, ISSS will contact the US consular post

SEVIS Transfer

1. log into iPenn
 2. choose "Yes" to SEVIS Transfer
 3. Follow the instructions on the [Transfer In Request Form](#).
 4. The I-20/DS-2019 will be created for you once:
 - A. ISSS has received your I-20/DS-2019 Application
 - B. The Transfer In Request Form has been completed and
 - C. After the SEVIS record is released to Penn by your current institution.
- Within **15 days of the program start date listed on your I-20/DS-2019**, please complete the **arrival form** in [iPenn](#).
- <https://global.upenn.edu/iss/acquiring#transfer>

When can I enter the US?

Within 30 days of the program start date on your I20

CPT or OPT

CPT

- Curricular practical training
- Need to register for a CPT course
- Can only do while before your Penn program end date
- Approved by academic department and ISSS (1-2 weeks)
- Use less than 12 months, won't take away OPT

OPT

- Option practical training
- No need to register for a course
- Pre-completion and Post-completion
- Approved by the USCIS (2-4 months)
- 1 year

Q & A



Use the ISSS website as a resource


<http://global.upenn.edu/iss>

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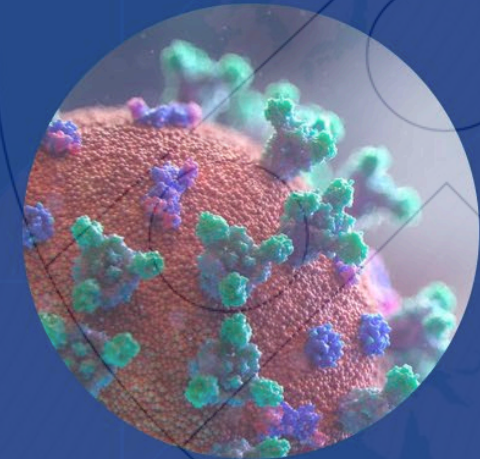
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