

OISS OFFICE NEWS

On behalf of UNLV, the Office of International Students and Scholars would like to welcome all the new summer and fall 2009 students! We look forward to seeing all of the new and returning students during and invite you to stop by our office anytime to let us know how you are doing.

The Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) is here to help you during your time at UNLV and with your transition between your home country and the U.S. Our office includes *Kristen Young*, Director; *Jan Keiser*, Assistant Director; *Sheri Beyer*, Senior International Student Advisor; *Kristie Berthelotte*, International Student Advisor; *Richard Yien*, Immigration Specialist; *Carrie Scrutchens*, Database Specialist; *Doreen Martinez*, Administrative Assistant; and *Natalie Shane*, Graduate Assistant International Student Advisor. We also have several student employees who help make up our office run smoothly: *Zineb, Yunhee, Tomomi, Rocky, and Agata*. Welcome to UNLV, and we hope you have a great year!

OISS OFFICE HOURS

OISS is open Monday through Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., except holidays. To schedule an appointment (including phone appointments) please call us at 895-0143.

WALK-IN ADVISING SCHEDULE (starts fall 2009)

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| Tuesdays | 11:30 – 1:30 |
| Wednesdays | 1:00 – 3:00 |
| Thursdays | 11:00 – 1:00 |
| Fridays | 9:30 – 12:30 |



The OISS will be closed on the following dates:

1. September 7th – Labor Day
2. October 30th – Nevada Day Holiday

DOCUMENTS

If you need documents from our office to renew your work permit, visa, etc., remember that the processing time is 7 days. Please remember to **PLAN AHEAD!**

NEW ADDRESS?

If you have moved, please remember that you are required to report your new address to OISS within 10 days of your move. If you do not update us, we may be forced to terminate your I-20. Here are the steps to change your address:

1. Visit OISS and complete an Address Change form
2. Using the UNLV on-line registration, click on “Update Personal Information”
3. Visit the U.S. post office and complete an address change card
4. If you work on-campus, please give your new address to Debbie Honrath, the Non-resident Alien Tax Specialist, her email is nraassistance@unlv.edu

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ON-LINE COURSES

Check your fall 2009 semester schedule to be sure that you are taking no more than 3 credits of on-line courses towards the full-time credit minimum requirement.

For example:



Undergraduate Students

If 12 credits, no more than 3 credits can be on-line

If 15 credits, no more than 6 credits can be on-line

Graduate Students

If 9 credits, no more than 3 credits can be on-line

Graduate Assistants

If 6 credits, no more than 3 credits can be on-line

In your final semester, the on-line classes rule can be complicated. If you have any questions about how many on-line classes you can take, please ask an OISS advisor.

ACTIVITIES

Kevin Vicker is the Program Coordinator for International Student Programs in the *Office of Civic Engagement and Diversity*. We would like you to know about these upcoming programs and activities for international students

Diversity Reception: International Student Welcome!

The Office of Civic Engagement and Diversity invites you and your family to the Diversity Receptions . The receptions will provide students with beneficial information and resources, as well as the opportunity to connect with various faculty, staff and students. A specific breakout session will be for international students.

Time: 3 pm - 5 pm

Date: August 21, 2009

Location: Student Union 208


More information: Kevin.vicker@unlv.edu or carrie.sampson@unlv.edu

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY – Thursday, August 27, 2009, 2:45pm – 5pm @ Tam Alumni Center (TAC - Building #81 on the campus map)

All international students and scholars are invited to a special Reception hosted by the President of the University, Neal J. Smatresk. The reception will offer food and an opportunity to meet other international students and scholars and the University's administrative faculty. This is a very nice event honoring YOU! We hope you will attend. Doors open at 2:45pm and program begins at 3:00pm.

 **Achieving College Excellence (ACE)**

The mission of ACE is to provide a structured opportunity for incoming students (undergraduate or graduate) from diverse and international backgrounds to participate in a peer mentoring program. The goal is to help incoming students be successful at UNLV and beyond. Participants will be intentionally paired up with a student who has successfully completed at least one year at UNLV. In addition, participants will commit to other components of ACE such as skill-building workshops and academic guidance sessions. Students who complete ACE will be formally recognized for their accomplishments and will be expected to be excellent student leaders at UNLV. See <http://unlvace.webs.com> for more details and to sign up!

 **International Council Coffee Hour!** The popular coffee hour is back! Test your knowledge on the Ultimate Geography Game and claim the prize; while enjoying free coffee, snacks, and meet new friends!

Date & Time: August 25, 2009 4 pm - 5:30 pm

Location: Student Union 208

More information: flo.utoro@unlv.edu

OISS REMINDERS

HEALTH INSURANCE

The UNLV Student Health Insurance now has a \$100,000 maximum benefit per injury or illness. The Student Health Insurance is automatically included in all international students' tuition and fees. The fee for the fall 2009 semester is \$595. If you need to see a doctor, you should always visit the Student Health Center *first*. In September, you can get your ID card from the website: www.UNLVinsurance.com That website also has a lot of information about how to use the insurance so please review it when you can.

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK!

Go to www.facebook.com and log-in. Search for "Office of International Students & Scholars" and join our group! We will post updates, students can post questions, and event information here.

TAKING LESS THAN FULL-TIME CREDITS

If you are not taking full-time credits this Fall, you need to contact the Office of International Students & Scholars and tell us why. If this is your last semester, please bring us "proof of graduation" (a copy of your approved graduation application OR you can bring us a letter from your advisor that shows that you should graduate in December). We need this information by **September 7, 2009!!!**

OPT

If you will complete your final program credits in December 2009 and you wish to apply for OPT, you can apply beginning September 14th, 2009. OPT work permits are issued directly by USCIS and they require 3 months processing time. We recommend you start the process EARLY. September 14th is the first day you can apply for OPT, and the last day is February 11, 2010.

How to apply for OPT?

1. Pick up an OPT packet from OISS
2. Prepare the documents in the OPT packet
3. Make an appointment to see an advisor in OISS
4. Bring all of the documents with you to the appointment

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So whatever your pleasure,
Rebel Recreation is a habit to treasure.

Rebel Recreation offers a variety of programs, every day, 6:00AM to 9:00PM, weekend hours and holiday hours vary so please check. Join the fun, participate, become a Recreated/Re-created Rebel. For questions, contact online at www.srwc.unlv.edu or by phone 702-895-4400.

