

ABOUT ISSA

IN 1969, Rev. Daniel O'Neil, C.S.C., established International Student Services and Activities (ISSA) to support and advise the international student community at the University of Notre Dame. Today, ISSA strives to make the educational experiences of international students as meaningful and rewarding as possible by providing a wide array of programs and services. ISSA consists of two offices: the ISSA-Programs Office and the Immigration Services Office, or ISO.

ISSA-PROGRAMS OFFICE:

The ISSA-Programs Office is responsible for providing support services and educational and cultural programming for international students, their families, and the entire Notre Dame community. Services include providing pre-arrival correspondence for international students, coordinating International Student Orientation, and advising international students and clubs. Programs include Conversation Exchange Partners, International Festival Week, International Education Week, and the Family Friendship Program.

IMMIGRATION SERVICES OFFICE:

The ISO is committed to providing exemplary immigration service, advice, and support to Notre Dame-sponsored international students and their dependents. The ISO helps educate and remind international students about immigration rules, responsibilities, deadlines, and benefits. The ISO processes immigration requests, offers helpful information sessions, and produces informative documents to help international students maintain lawful immigration status.



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CONVERSATION EXCHANGE PARTNERS

An opportunity for cross-cultural learning and friendship, Conversation Exchange Partners matches international students and scholars with people who speak a different language fluently. Though not a formal tutoring program, the meetings allow participants to practice and polish the languages they choose. In some instances, conversation is in English only.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

ISSA offers beginning, intermediate, and advanced English classes for the spouses of degree-seeking international students and scholars. ESL students practice their English conversation, composition, and listening skills through a variety of guided lessons.

EVENINGS OF PRAYER FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Together with Campus Ministry, the Graduate Student Union, and other campus organizations, ISSA invites all members of the community to a series of evenings exploring the beliefs and practices of world faith traditions.

FAMILY FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM

The Family Friendship Program pairs international students and scholars with members of the community to share cultures, traditions, and languages. Although this program is not a homestay, it provides international students with additional support to adjust to a new culture and foster friendships with community members.

FIELD TRIPS

To help students experience life in the United States, ISSA coordinates a variety of field trips to both local and out-of-state destinations. Previous field trips include Washington D.C., Shipshewana, IN, and Chicago, IL.

INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADORS

The International Ambassadors (IAs) are undergraduate, graduate, international, and American students who act as ISSA's student leadership team. The IAs work with ISSA staff on various projects throughout the year. Students can apply to be part of the IA program in early March.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK & INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL WEEK

Cultural performances, lectures, films, food fairs, and programs mark International Education Week and International Festival Week, two weeks of activities that highlight the many gifts and talents of Notre Dame's international student community.

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS BUREAU

The International Speakers Bureau is a community outreach program in which international students present, teach, or perform at local schools, churches, or civic organizations. The program gives international students the opportunity to share their talents and cultures with the community, while learning more about the U.S.A.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB

The International Women's Club offers programming and support to the wives of international students and scholars.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES:

- International Club Advising
- International Dinners
- International Film Rental
- Monthly Newsletters
- Tax Assistance
- Weekly E-mails

IMMIGRATION ADVISING

The Immigration Services Office (ISO) provides immigration advising and support to all Notre Dame-sponsored international students and their dependents. The ISO educates and reminds international students and their dependents about immigration rules, responsibilities, deadlines, and benefits.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

The ISO offers a variety of information sessions on topics that are important to international students. Popular sessions include Maintaining Your F-1 or J-1 Immigration Status, Research and Study Abroad, and Employment Rules and Options.

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

The ISO provides Notre Dame-sponsored international students with important information about employment rules and regulations. Employment is considered to be the rendering of services for compensation. This includes financial compensation, meals, housing, books, or any type of reimbursement for transportation or lodging.

WEEKLY E-MAILS

The ISO sends Notre Dame-sponsored international students weekly e-mails that contain important immigration instructions, updates, and reminders. All students are expected to read these e-mails carefully, as they provide information on how to maintain lawful immigration status.

IMMIGRATION WEB PAGE

The ISO Web page (issa.nd.edu/immigration) contains general answers to almost all immigration questions as well as request forms for travel signatures, program extensions, dependent visas, etc.

