

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMS SUMMER 2023

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Important Dates to Remember

- **May 5** - International Graduate Luncheon
- **May 6** - Graduation
- **May 15** - August Grads Can Apply for OPT
- **May 15** - 1st Summer Session Begins
- **July 2** - 2nd Summer Session Begins
- **August 18-21** - Welcome Weekend
- **August 22** - First Day of Fall Classes

REMINDER:

*To be eligible for CPT for Fall Semester you must register for
INTE 391 (1-3 credits) or INTE 394 (4-12 credits)*

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER !



On Home

A global soul is a person who has grown up in many cultures all at once – and so lived in the cracks between them.

TCK CORNER

Home is like an aroma, and it seeps into everything. It is found in the chattering rush of conversation with friends. It is found in the warm sleepiness of late night calls, in waking up to long text messages, in voice messages left at midnight.

Home is captured in our photographs and in our journals—better, in our memories.

There is a different version of home now found in warm embraces, in watching the leaves redden under this familiar, foreign sky. There is home still found in a day, a month, a year.

Bring home with you. Let it be in every breath, every touch, every smile, so that anyone you entertain will have to know home and belonging in order to understand you.

Home is like the beginning of a favourite song, like a current, like the sun's rays. And you, like the earth open wide, bask in it.

by Phoebe Lim

MAINTAINING F-1 STATUS

- Report to the International Student Programs Office for SEVIS registration during the first week of classes each semester
- Make sure you are registered for at least 12 credits each semester (unless you are approved for an exception)
- Report any change to your name or address to Lita or Amy within 10 days
- Make sure your passport and F-1 visa are not expired (or about to expire)
- Discuss any travel plans with your DSO
- Only accept employment for which you have authorization
- For work study you may not work more than 20 hours/week when classes in session
- For CPT or OPT, please check with Amy or Lita if you have any questions regarding the number of hours you are allowed to work

Please communicate with your DSOs, Amy Nicols or Lita Godoy, if you have any questions!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR TRAVELING

If you travel over the summer break outside of the United States, be sure to carry each of the following items *on your person* or in a *carry on bag* (they should not be placed in checked luggage.)

- Your Passport and F-1 Visa (make sure your passport will not expire for at least 6 months after your expected return to the United States)
- Your Form I-20, signed by a DSO before you leave campus for summer break
- In case of an emergency, call Messiah Dispatch to get in touch with a DSO