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2020 Spring Schedule

Events

Shopping Shuttle on select Saturday afternoons (for all students)
Trips to SSA/DPS on select Fridays (for international students)
(These trips had been cancelled since Mar 3, 2020)

07 FEB

OPT
Workshop

21 FEB

CPT
Workshop

23 MAR

Tax
Workshop

10 APR

East
Surprise

Review of Spring 2020
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Important Immigration Information
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ISSS Space for you
2019 Graduating seniors

Employment Reminders for International Students

On-campus (Trinity only) employment is limited to a maximum of 20 hours for one week. If you have questions about what employment is considered to be on-campus, please contact an advisor in the ISSS.

Off-campus Unless you have arranged to work off campus by obtaining permission through the Trinity ISSS, you do not have permission to be employed off-campus. There are only three types of off-campus employment permission for F-1 students:

- Curricular Practical Training (CPT) is employment, paid or unpaid that is an integral part of the established Trinity academic curriculum. In other words, in order to participate in CPT you must enroll in an approved Trinity internship course. CPT only occurs prior to graduation. The ISSS places CPT employment authorization on your I-20 in the form of 1) CPT employment dates and 2) the employer name. If this information does not appear on your I-20, you do not have CPT and you may not begin CPT until ISSS gives you the authorization.
- Optional Practical Training (OPT) for May 2020 graduates is one year of employment authorization for which F-1 students may apply and use after graduation. OPT employment must be related to your major(s). Minors do not count. You may apply for OPT at the ISSS starting 90 days prior to graduation (February 17, 2020). It is wise to apply early. It may take 2.5-4 months to receive OPT employment authorization. Do not begin OPT employment until you receive your Employment Authorization Document (EAD) or “employment card” that has your picture and employment dates on it.

F-1 Regulation Updates

On March 23, the ISSS Office has transitioned our services online. Although the ISSS will no longer meet you in person, we still keep your safety and well-being as our priority. The ISSS will continue to send out announcements/updates of F-1 related issues during this time.

Will I be able to maintain my F-1 status when I am studying remotely?

You will be able to maintain your F-1 status by enrolling in a full-time course of study (12 credit hours minimum) and making normal progress through online learning. This applies to all students residing in the U.S. and outside the U.S.

I was working on-campus before the change, will I be able to keep my position and continue to work (remotely) for the department?

You can continue to work for Trinity under the F-1 status. Remember, your work hours cannot exceed 20 hours per week. This applies to all students residing in the U.S. and outside the U.S.

I have received an internship offer, and the company allows me to work remotely. Should I apply for CPT?

Yes, you should apply for CPT. This applies to all students residing in the U.S. and outside the U.S.

Will I need a new I-20 to enter the U.S.?

If you have a valid signature on your I-20 (signature on page 2 signed after August 31, 2019), you will NOT need a new I-20 to enter the U.S.

Students who planned to graduate in May 2020 should contact Jessie to discuss their plans.



Visa services are suspended at all U.S. Embassies and Consulates

The U.S. Department of State is [temporarily suspending routine immigrant and non-immigrant visa appointments](#) at all U.S. Embassies and Consulates as of March 20, 2020. As resources allow, embassies and consulates will continue to provide emergency and mission-critical visa services. They will resume routine visa services as soon as possible but are unable to provide a specific date at this time.

Students residing outside the U.S.:

If your visa will expire at the time when you come back to the U.S, please continue to check the website of the [U.S. Embassy or Consulate in your country](#) for visa service updates.

Students residing in the U.S.:

It is better NOT to travel outside of the U.S. at this time if you will need a new visa before returning.

If you have to travel outside the U.S., we recommend you review the Embassy or Consulate's [visa appointment information](#) where you be traveling to before you make final travel plans. The ISSS does not know how long this suspension will last, so keep yourself well-informed and make a detailed plan before traveling.



International Student Tax Preparation Steps

Created with assistance from tax experts

1. Establish your income in the U.S. for 2019

Associated forms to attach or upload with your tax form 1040NR

- Interest income from bank accounts or investment accounts 1099 (Receive by regular mail, on line or at your U.S. bank)
- Trinity scholarships 1042S (Receive from Trinity University Business Office)
- On-campus job or off-campus job through CPT or OPT W-2 (Receive from Trinity-Tigerpaws)

2. **Use Tax Form 1040NR-EZ or 1040NR.** You may also wish to fill the form 1040NR out by yourself at no cost. Just download the form and directions from the internet. Make sure it is for the tax year 2019.

Whatever tax preparation software you choose, make sure it indicates it is for international taxes.

Glacier <https://www.glaciertax.com/> (Many students use Glacier and say it is user-friendly.)

Sprintax is also another popular tax software: www.sprintax.com
(They provided a discount on the filing fee, see attached.)

DEADLINE # If filing 1040NR-EZ/1040NR by mail, must be postmarked by midnight July 15.

File your taxes. You will either request a refund or will owe (pay by check or other method) and submit as directed in the software or directions on the form

3. Additional Information

If money (“FICA”) was taken out of your pay for income tax, the only way to get it back is to file.

4. If you did not earn any income, **complete form 8843 and mail in/submit it by the deadline (Suggest do it before April 15!)**



International Club

International Banquet



Our Mission

- To encourage the Trinity community to experience, indulge in, and embrace cultures all over the world.
- To serve as a home for international students and for everyone with diverse backgrounds and interests.
- To connect domestic U.S. students with students from all over the world and promote global citizenship.



Banquet in the past



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Meet Our Officers (2020 Spring)



Ann(Yian) Xu
Class of 2021
President

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Ivy Nguyen
class of 2022
Treasurer



Thao Dinh
Class of 2022
Vise President

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Thuong(Lucy) Pham
class of 2022
Event Coordinator



Runy Li
class of 2022
Secretary

If you are interested in any present positions, please contact with the present president to ask about the spring election. If you want to join the club, contact with the president as well.
e-mail: yxu1@trinity.edu

Congratulations to Trinity University international Students Class of 2020!



Aldo Gomez Gomez
Androniki Maria Defteraiou
Carlotta Claire De Bellis
Estefania Oviedo Canales
Isabella Maria Lima Loria
Jason Dwight Francis
Jose Guillermo Rodriguez Daza
Josefina Dafne Lillo Lopez
Juan David Rueda Ruano
Lechuan Li
Lehan Meng
Lutfi Sun
Maria Alejandra Torres Alatorre

Mary Mofopefoluwa Bajomo
Minesh Dilip Zinzuwadia
Mohamed Jafari Mnete
Nicole Stackmann Waldheim
Paola Cobos
Shiyu Liu
Tanya Nair
Veronica Nessia Lukanga
Vetle Maasvaer Halle
Wendi Gao
Yuchuan Lin



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