

The F-1 Student Experience: **An Interactive Event**



Boston University Advising Network Brown Bag Lunch
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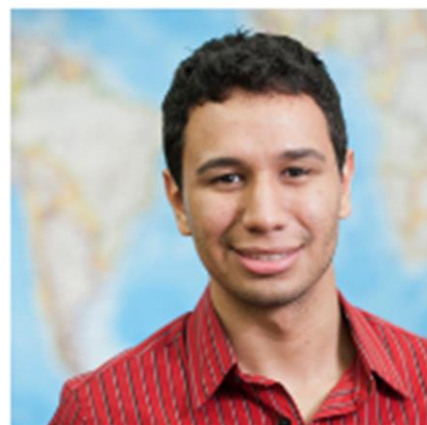
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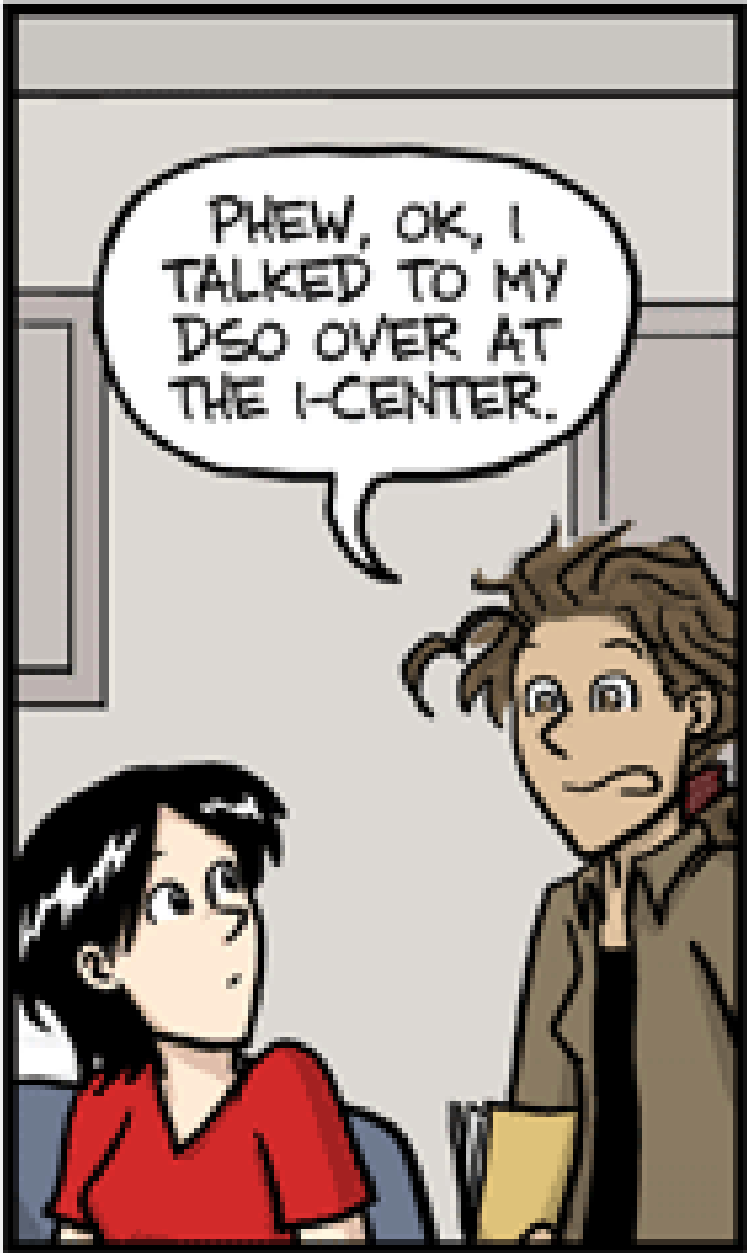


Debrief


What was your reaction to the interactions you had getting through the arrival process?

What most surprised you?

How will this help you to relate to international freshmen?

A comic panel showing a woman with dark hair in a red shirt sitting and talking to a man with brown hair and a backpack. The man is holding a yellow folder and has a slightly worried expression.

PHEW, OK, I TALKED TO MY DSO OVER AT THE I-CENTER.

A comic panel showing a close-up of the man from the first panel. He is holding a green folder and a document, looking at the document with a concerned expression.

APPARENTLY, IT'S THE D/S ON THE I-20 THAT DETERMINES USCIS STATUS, NOT THE ISSUED F-1 ITSELF.



Over **7,831**
international
students!



134

**countries
represented**



Boston University INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Top 10 Countries

** percentage of total international students at BU*



| | <u>% of international</u> | <u># of students</u> |
|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. China | 41% | 3175 |
| 2. India | 9% | 673 |
| 3. Korea | 6% | 468 |
| 4. Saudi Arabia | 4% | 344 |
| 5. Canada | 4% | 335 |
| 6. Taiwan, R.O.C. | 4% | 315 |
| 7. Japan | 2% | 160 |
| 8. Turkey | 2% | 135 |
| 9. France | 1% | 109 |
| 10. Brazil | 1% | 107 |

F-1 Students

Key U.S. Government Agencies



U.S. Dept of State

F-1 Student Visa

- Travel Document



U.S. Dept of Homeland Security

Immigration Status and Benefits

- CBP – Customs and Border Protection
- USCIS – U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service
- ICE – Immigration and Custom Enforcement
- SEVP – Student and Exchange Visitor Program



Secure
Electronic
Verification of
Immigration
Status

Take care of your SEVIS record.

Semester Verification

Reduced Course Load

Change of Major
or Program

Leave of
Absence

Address Update

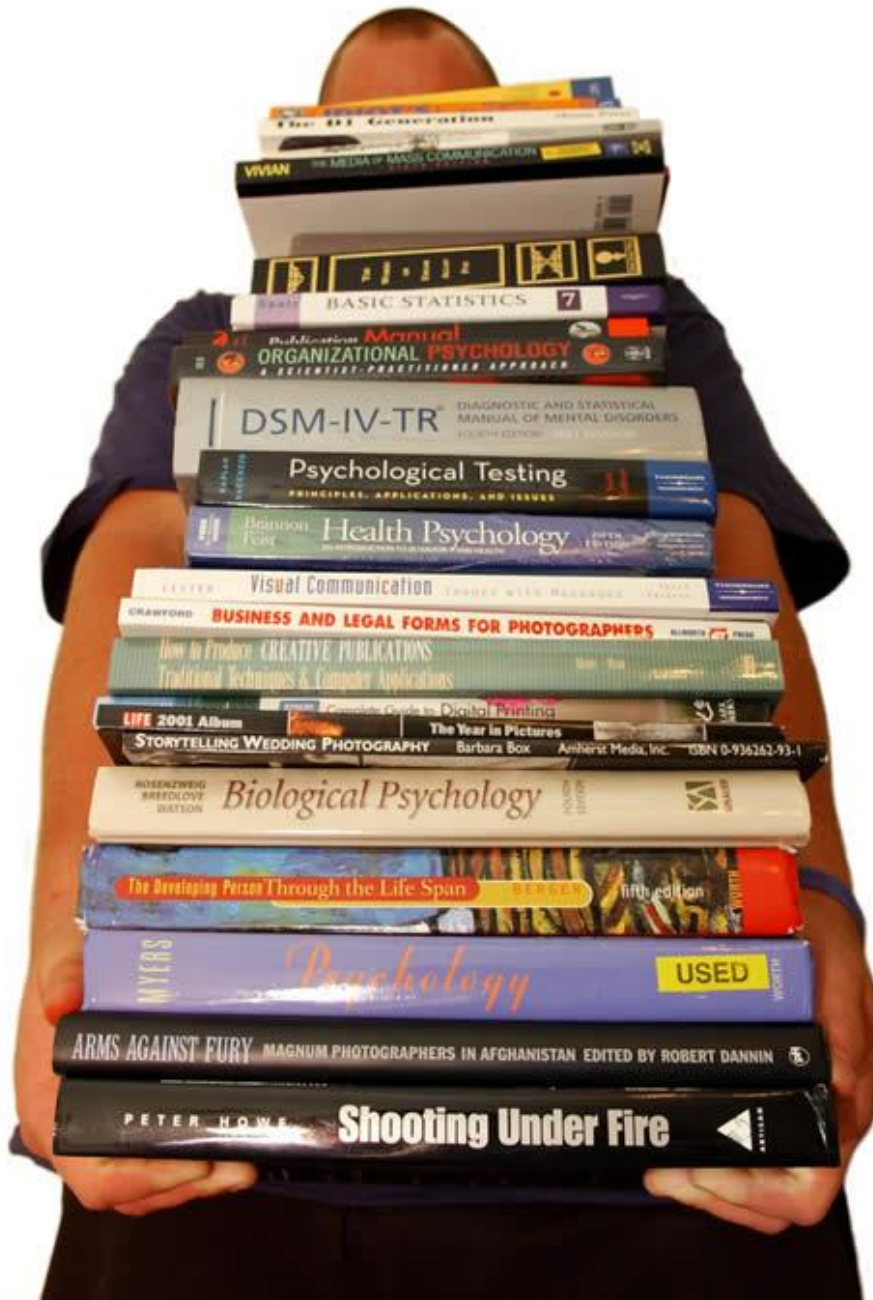
Employment
Authorization

I-20 Extension

Add Dependents

Transfer or Withdrawal





**Full-time
enrollment**

- Shooting Under Fire
- ARMS AGAINST FURY
- Psychology
- The Developing Person Through the Life Span
- Biological Psychology
- STORYTELLING WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY
- LIFE 2001 Album
- How to Produce CREATIVE PUBLICATIONS
- BUSINESS AND LEGAL FORMS FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS
- Visual Communication
- Health Psychology
- Psychological Testing
- DSM-IV-TR
- ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY
- BASIC STATISTICS
- THE MEDIA IN BASIC COMMUNICATION
- Other 2001 Communications

On Campus Employment

20 hours maximum
per week – Fall and
Spring semester

Full-time during
school breaks (Winter,
Spring, Summer)



Off Campus Employment

F-1 Curricular
Practical Training
(CPT)

F-1 Optional
Practical Training
(OPT)

J-1 Academic
Training **(AT)**



International Travel



Keys ISSO Services to Students

Arrival and Orientation

- ✓ Orientation Programing
- ✓ Acculturation
- ✓ Connect students to BU central support offices
- ✓ Set Up: Bank, Driver's License, SSN
- ✓ Academic Workshops

Advising on Legal Immigration Status

- ✓ SEVIS Compliance
- ✓ ISSO Check-In
- ✓ Semester Verification
- ✓ Full-time Registration
- ✓ Reduced Course Load Authorization
- ✓ LOA, Withdrawal, Transfer
- ✓ Change of Major/Program
- ✓ Add Dependents
- ✓ Change Immigration Status

U.S. Employment Authorization

- ✓ Verify I-9 for On-Campus Employment
- ✓ Authorize Off-Campus Internships (CPT)
- ✓ Recommend post-graduation employment (OPT)
- ✓ Employment/Career Workshops

International Travel

- ✓ Sign I-20 for Travel
- ✓ Advise on visa renewal, security clearance delays

+ Provide Intercultural Training to BU Offices

Helping International Students Maintain Status

Immigration classification is based on a person's primary purpose in the U.S., and outlines the length of authorized stay as well as eligibility and conditions for study and work.

Most internationals at Boston University hold either F-1 Student or J-1 Exchange Visitor [immigration status](#), both of which require full-time study and allow limited U.S. employment that enhances the student's academic goals.

In order to assist international students in meeting the terms of their immigration requirements, ISSO staff often relies on recommendations from academic advisors and other campus professionals in order to take action on a student's immigration record.



SEVIS record



Full-time Enrollment and Exceptions



Semester Verification

Admission for New Students

Advising Current Students

Helping International Students Maintain Status

Reduced Courseload Recommendation

Employment Guidelines for International Students

Helping International Students in Crisis

Semester Verification Procedures

Inviting New Scholars

Current Scholars



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Dankie Gracias

Спасибо

شكراً

Merci Takk

Köszönjük

Terima kasih

Grazie Dziękujemy Děkojame

Ďakujeme Vielen Dank Paldies

Kiitos Täname teid

谢谢

Thank You Tak

感謝您

Obrigado

Teşekkür Ederiz

Σας Ευχαριστούμ

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Bedankt Děkujeme vám

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