All New F and J Students must report to Duke Visa Services (DVS) for SEVIS registration. We must notify the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (USDHS) of your arrival. Duke University Policy requires all international students in other visa categories to also register with DVS. Details may be found at: https://visaservices.duke.edu/category/fall_mass_registration.php

All New J-1 Scholars must register with DVS as soon as they arrive on campus. We must notify the U.S. Department of State and the Department of Homeland Security of your arrival. Details on how to register can be found at: https://visaservices.duke.edu/category/j1/j1_researcher_specialist_short_term_scholars.php

Social Security Administration Office Update
The Social Security Administration Office has moved to: 3511 Shannon Rd., Suite 200, Durham, NC.

As a reminder, the Social Security Administration Office will only review original passports, I-20s/DS-2019s/I-797 approvals and employment letters. Please do not take copies of these documents when you apply for a Social Security

New Application Process for F-1 Students Requesting Curricular Practical Training (CPT)

We have updated our CPT application process in order to verify the accuracy of the information we need to report CPT approvals to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Key changes are:

- The creation of CPT application forms for the students, employers, and appropriate university personnel who may verify the student’s eligibility for CPT and that the employment meets CPT criteria.
- Designated a single DVS advisor to process the majority of CPT applications electronically.
- Created a computer application which will allow students to determine whether or not they qualify for CPT before submitting an application: https://visaservices.duke.edu/forms_and_documents/CPTEligibilityForm/index.php

We are requesting the same information, but are also providing more information so students, employers and department personnel are aware of the requirements for this employment category, as well as improve efficiency.

Curricular Practical Training (CPT), Optional Practical Training (OPT) and Academic Training (AT) Information Sessions will be held:

- January 26, 2017, from 5:30pm to 7 p.m., at Sociology Psychology Room 129
- March 7, 2017, from 5:30pm to 7 pm, at the Levine Science and Research Center, Room A247

Undergraduate Students: Keep in mind that in order to qualify for CPT or OPT, you must first declare your major field of study with the University Registrar’s Office.

USCIS Fee Increases Effective December 23, 2016

The Department of Homeland Security has adjusted certain immigration and naturalization benefit request fees charged by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

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Delayed: Upcoming Changes to SEVIS: New Student Portal

In late December 2016, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) announced a delay in the launch of the SEVP Portal for students participating in Post-Completion Optional Practical Training (OPT). We will notify F-1 students when the portal will be available.