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- Serving as immigration and cultural advisors to international students and scholars; advocating on their behalf, and providing services and information that facilitate their cultural adjustment, social integration, retention and success;
- Assisting the university at large and international students, scholars, alumni, faculty and staff in particular, in complying with various governmental policies and regulations;
- Contributing to the research and teaching mission of the university by assisting with employment authorization for distinguished international scholars, faculty, and staff;
- Promoting global awareness and internationalization at the university by facilitating international agreements, and by administering international programming through hosting and sponsoring international events.

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- A student who has applied for or received an immigrant visa classification such as permanent residency or refugee or asylum status, or who is undocumented is not categorized as an international student.

**An Overview of Our Services**

- Assist international students and academic departments with immigration processes and issues related to non-immigrant F-1 and J-1 students;
- Assist international faculty and staff and hiring departments with employment authorization issues;
- Provide mandatory F-1 Student Check-In and host International Student Resource Fair;
- Advise and advocate for international students and scholars;
- Plan and host programs for international students and scholars;
- Provide statistical reports
- For the complete list, click here (https://www.international.txstate.edu/about/about_us/Services.html).

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- Attend a mandatory F-1 Student Immigration Check-in session or J-1 Orientation.
- Enroll in a full course of study every fall and spring semester; summer is an authorized break period, however, full-time enrollment is required in summer for students whose first semester begins in summer.
- Obtain permission from the International Office before dropping a full course of study for any reason. (See Reduced Course Load (https://www.international.txstate.edu/current/Reduced-Course-Load--RCL-.html))
- Obtain permission from the International Office before engaging in off-campus employment. (See Curricular Practice Training (CPT) (https://www.international.txstate.edu/current/cpt.html) or Optional Practical Training (OPT) (https://www.international.txstate.edu/optandstemextension/opt.html))