Welcome Spring 2022 International Students!

Thursday, January 6th 2022
UNC Charlotte
YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME!
Meet the ISSO Staff

● Tarek Elshayeb, Director
● Denise Medeiros, Associate Director
● Amy Mabery, Assistant Director
● Dillon Clausner, Advisor
● Vivian Klentos, Advisor
● Chau Tran, SEVIS Coordinator
● Kadija Alkusaimi, Administrative Assistant
Getting to know the ISSO staff

Getting to know ....YOU!
## Country Roll Call

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Who among you.....

(Raise your hand!)

1. Traveled the most hours to get to North Carolina
2. Had the most layovers in your flight
3. Traveled via an unusual method
Health & Safety
CDC precautions after international travel

• Mask up!
• It is recommended that all students get tested for COVID-19 3–5 days after their arrival
• All students must be fully vaccinated (booster included) or participate in mitigation testing on campus
  – Niner Nation Cares Website re-entry testing options
• Upload COVID-19 vaccination record with other required immunization records (Student Health Center Portal)
Niner Cares Health & Safety guidelines

- Stay home if sick
- Maintain physical distancing
- Mask are mandated on campus
- Wash/sanitize your hands regularly
- Daily health check email
- Niner Notice emails
Campus Safety

- LiveSafe App
- Bluelight phones on campus
- ‘If you see something, say something’
ISSO Services & Reminders
How to reach us

1. Email - intlsso@uncc.edu
2. Our website isso.uncc.edu
3. Phone - 1-704-687-7781
4. ISSO office is open 8am-5pm Monday-Friday
5. Immigration Advisement - Phone (by appointment) and In-Person (walk in; TBD) Sign Up
6. Follow us on Instagram - @cltintls
Important reminders

- Last date to add/drop classes – January 18th at 11:59pm
  - Must be enrolled full-time, or
  - Approved for a Reduced Course Load (RCL)
- Payment deadline – January 19th
- Health insurance requirements – January 31st, waiver deadline
- Immunization records – Submit online
- I-9 process – if you have an on-campus job
Important reminders

• As new students, you must take (and complete) an in-person/hybrid course for this first semester

• Full-time enrollment:
  – 9 units per semester (Grads)
  – 12 units per semester (Undergrads)
Ways to Get Involved... on hold (for now)!

- **Lunch with ISSO**
  - Final Fridays of January, February, March, and April—come eat with us!
- **Charlotte Host Family**
  - Community based “friendship family” program
- **International Coffee Hours**
  - 1st and 3rd Thursday in February, March, and April
- **Cultural Ambassador Speaker Panel**
  - More information coming soon
How do I know who to listen to?

**Do**

- Read *official* websites and emails (ISSO/UNC Charlotte, Niner Notices, USCIS, etc).
- Sign-up for an advising appointment or email the ISSO if in doubt.

**Do Not**

- Trust what other students tell you regarding your immigration status - everyone’s situation is different.
- Trust what you read on social media
- Spread rumors if you don’t know the information is true.
Scam Alert

- You **WILL** receive scam phone calls
  - Caller ID titles may be spoofed – title could say “911”, “USCIS”, or other government offices
  - Scammers may know some your personal info (address, date of birth, etc.)
- U.S. government agencies will use old fashioned mail (**not phone calls**) if they have issues
- **DO NOT** wire money, pay by Bitcoin, Western Union, gift cards, etc. to resolve “legal trouble”
Human Bingo Activity

- You have 30 minutes to mingle, introduce yourselves, and find people who match the traits on the card.
- Found a match? Put the person’s name in the corresponding box or have the person sign the appropriate square.

The first person to fill the entire card with unique names (no duplicates) and yells "Bingo!" and the game is over!
Questions?
Thank you!
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Panel Introduction
University Recreation
Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)