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Most appointments are by Zoom. Please email me to schedule







Orientation Objectives:

- To provide you with information to help you maintain your legal immigration status.
- To introduce NJCU's programs and services.





Advice and Support

- IMMIGRATION ADVICE: Offer you advice on your nonimmigrant status and important rules and regulations.
- SUPPORT: Help you resolve problems and share your concerns with the University administration.







- Your primary purpose here is to study.
- We are here to give you information and support, but your immigration status is your responsibility.
- The DSO's job is to give you advice- do not take advice from friends, relatives, or the internet.
- Please ask before you do anything. If we don't know the answer, we'll find it.







Things You Need to Know and Do





- Email a copy of your visa to me
- Send me your US phone number
- If you are not living on campus, send me your address.
- If you change your address or phone #, you MUST let me know







Insurance:

All F and J visa students must have insurance that meets certain requirements. This is for your protection. Healthcare is very expensive in the US. One trip to the hospital can cost several thousand dollars and a hospital stay can cost +\$25,000 without insurance.

You will be enrolled in NJCU's international student insurance policy and will receive an email from <u>international studentinsurance.com</u>

Cost is about \$600 January 15- May 31





Insurance:

You may waive NJCU insurance if you have another coverage that meets the following requirements:

- Coverage must be at least \$100,000 per accident or illness;
- Repatriation of remains in the amount of \$25,000;
- Medical evacuation coverage in the amount of \$50,000; and
- Deductibles not to exceed \$500 per accident or illness.
- Zero coinsurance for in-network providers

Send proof of coverage by JANUARY 23





Semester Schedule:

- Classes begin: January 17
- Final day to Add/Drop classes: January 24
- Spring Vacation: March 6-12
- Easter: April 7-9
- Final Exam Week: May 9-15
- Fall semester ends: May 15. Students should plan to leave campus on May 15. A short extension is possible.

https://www.njcu.edu/directories/offices-centers/registrar/academic-calendars/undergraduate-academic-calendar



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Bills:

- Start to make payments or set up a payment plan immediately
- Bills can be paid by check at the Bursars Office ONLY
- Credit card payments are ONLY accepted on line
- Contact us about payment options
- Some adjustments aren't made yet. If you have a scholarship and it does not show on your bill, let us know

Exchange Students:

• Bills should be room, **G6** meal plan, and text fees ONLY





G6 Meal Plan

All on-campus international students have a G6 meal plan

- \$1,100 on-campus dining AND
- \$1,100 GrubHub/online food orders

Must have a US phone #

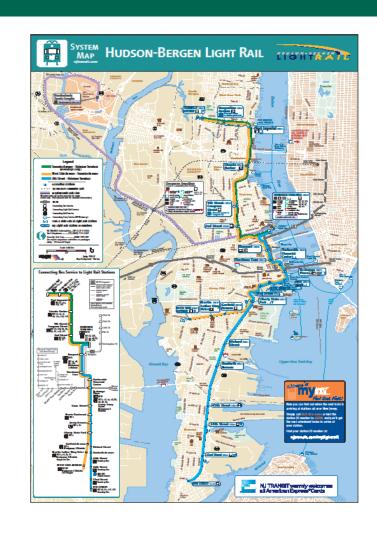






Area Map

Learn area public transportation-Light Rail train, PATH train, busses







Public Transportation www.njtransit.com

- Single ticket
- Light Rail
- Bus
- Monthly pass
- Student pass







University Services





The John Moore Athletic & Fitness Center (JMAC)







Gym Facilities













Problems with Computers, Email, Gothic Net, ID and Password?

Student computer support-Professional Studies Building room 101









Advisement Center

Undergraduate students- need to change your class schedule?

Please let them know you are an international student

Vodra Hall

Graduate studentscontact your program advisor







ID Cards: "Gothic Card"





ID Cards

Campus Card Services

Hepburn Hall Room 114

201-200-2273

Gothiccard@njcu.edu

GET App
View Account
Add Funds
Report lost card
Open Doors
Pay for meals







Mail Services

Mailing Address:

Your Name

Address 1: 2039 John F. Kennedy Blvd Address 2: Residence Hall & Room #

Jersey City, NJ 07305

Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 201-200-2094 mailservices@njcu.edu

Hepburn Hall Room 145 Example:

Jane Doe 2039 John F. Kennedy Blvd West Campus Village 634 Jersey Ctiy, NJ 07305

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Health and Wellness Center

Vodra Hall www.njcu.edu/hwc





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HWC Services

- University Physician is available part-time
- The schedule is available at the HWC
- Services:
 - > First aid and minor urgent care
 - > Health information
 - Referrals to off-campus clinics, specialists, testing facilities, and pharmacies





Immunization Requirements

Every student is required to complete the NJCU Entrance Health Form and must submit proof of immunizations

MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella): proof of vaccination for Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (2 doses)

Hepatitis B: 3 vaccinations for Hepatitis B or a blood test showing you have immunity Meningitis Immunization is required for students who live on campus

* All students must have all vaccinations completed or they cannot register for classes





Department of Public Safety

- Rossey Hall Room 115
- Open 24 hours a day,7 days a week
- 201-200-3128
- NJCU.edu/dps







Public Safety Services:

- Security escorts are provided across campus and from the Westside Ave train station.
- CCTV Cameras have been installed to monitor and record the interior and exterior of campus buildings
- All Public Safety personnel are trained in CPR, AED, and Fire Safety equipment.
- Rave Alert Mobile System enables the NJCU community to receive emergency notifications





Safety Is Everyone's Business

- See something / Say something
- Secure your personal belongs
- Don't prop open doors
- Report suspicious activity or persons
- Be aware of your surroundings
- Use the Buddy System & Safe Ride Shuttle Service





Immigration Information





- Passport
- Visa and entry stamp
- Form I-94
- Form I-20 or Form DS-2019





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- Your passport MUST be valid at all times.
 - Your passport must be valid AT LEAST 6 months into the future.
- If you need to renew your passport, contact your government's consulate in New York or embassy in Washington.
- If your passport is lost or stolen, you MUST contact the local police to get a report and your Consulate or Embassy, as well as letting us know.
- If you renew your passport, send a copy of the new ID page to me.















- Visas are issued only outside of the United States at US Consulates and Embassies abroad. You cannot get or renew a visa in the US.
- Your visa must be valid on the day of entry into the US.
- You can remain in the US with an expired visa as long as your I-20 or DS-2019 has not expired. You do not have to leave the US when your visa expires, but if you leave the US, you must get a new visa to re-enter.







When you are admitted to the US, your passport is stamped with F-1 D/S or J-1 D/S.

- D/S means "Duration of Stay". This means that you can remain in the US as long as you continue in your program of study.
- It is very important to inform us if your passport does not have this notation on it or if has an expiration date stamped on it.









- The I94 shows your 11 digit admission number and your immigration status at the port of entry.
- Get yours at: <u>https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94</u>
- Keep a copy for your records. You will need this for a drivers license, social security card, employment, etc.







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- Keep your I-20 / DS2019 valid at ALL times.
- If you need an extension, see us RIGHT AWAY.
- Always remember to keep your old documents while you are in the US.
- Maintain full-time enrollment.
 - Undergraduate students = 12 credits.
 - Graduate students = 9 credits.
 - DO NOT WITHDRAW FROM CLASSES
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress
- Need to change your program? See the DSO immediately! You need a new I20/DS2019 before you start your new program.
- DO NOT work without permission
- Report address changes within 10 days
- File a tax document even if you did not work





Failure to Maintain Your Status

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- If you violate immigration rules, you will lose your status.
- This means your SEVIS immigration record will be terminated and you will lose all benefits like employment. You may also have to leave the US.
- Respond to your DSO immediately.
 It's always important.







Emergencies happen, and you might need to stop your studies.

- With permission you can
 - withdraw form your classes and stay in the US for medical reasons.
 - drop your classes and temporarily return home.
- You cannot drop your classes and stay in the US unless there is an approved medical reason.
- Please contact me immediately if this situation occurs.







Online and "hyflex" classes

- International students can only take a limited number of online classes each semester.
- An undergraduate student must take three face to face classes, a graduate student two.
- Additional classes can be online.







CAN I WORK?

Maybe!







International student employment is limited. Types of authorized employment are:

- On- Campus Employment
- Off-campus Employment:
- Curricular Practical Training (CPT)
- Optional Practical Training (OPT)
- Severe Economic Hardship
- Internship with an international organization (UN, World Bank, etc.)







On Campus Employment

- You can work anywhere on campus.
- You cannot accept "work study" jobs because they are only available to US students who receive financial aid.
- You can only work 20 hours a week when school is in session.
- You may work multiple on-campus jobs, but not more than 20 hours a week in total
- See me if you have a job offer.







CPT- Curricular Practical Training for F1 students

- Work during your studies, such as an internship
- You must complete one year as an F1 student first
- Jobs must be related to your study program
- Can be paid or unpaid
- Each employer must offer you a work contract.
- If your job ends, or you quit or are fired, you MUST notify us immediately.







OPT- Optional Practical Training for F1 students

- Employment after you complete your studies
- You must complete one year as an F1 student
- Jobs must be related to your study program
- Paid or unpaid
- Apply for OPT about three months before you graduate
- You do not need a job offer to get OPT







Academic Training for J1 students

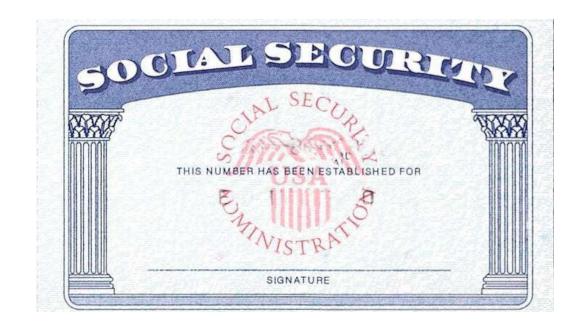
- Employment related to your study program after you complete your program
- Paid or unpaid
- AT length equal to program length up to 18 months
- Apply for AT before your program ends
- You MUST HAVE a job offer to get AT







- You can only receive a Social Security Number if you have a job offer.
- You DO NOT NEED an SSN to open a bank account or get a drivers license. We will help you get the necessary documents.







Summary:

- Do not drop below full time without permission
- Do not change your major/ level of study without first receiving a new I-20/DS2019
- Do not work on or off-campus without permission
- Do not let your passport or I-20/ DS2019 expire.
- Do not change your address without notifying us.







Success Tips

- Education in the US is different!
 You're not just learning things,
 you're learning how to be a student.
- Connect with your advisor
- Attend every class and participate
- Manage your time wisely
- Respect Deadlines
- Connect with classmates and network
- Use campus services







Questions?



