

OFFICE OF INTERCULTURAL STUDENT SUCCESS

Mission Statement

The Office of Intercultural Student Success (<https://www.uwsuper.edu/student-life/equity-diversity-and-inclusion/office-of-intercultural-student-success/>) (ISS) provides services for International Students, African American, American Indian, Asian American, and Hispanic/Latinx students while fostering a climate of respect for all people and cultures.

The ISS wants you to have help with whatever needs arise, provide a home away from home, give you a broadening of your world view, and offer experiences to learn alongside of people and cultures other than your own.

ISS also aims to foster the education and development of non-immigrant students to enable them to succeed academically, personally, and professionally. Services provided include immigration advising, advocacy, and cultural/educational events. There are also orientation programs for new international students to assist in supporting an environment conducive to international education and intercultural awareness.

Immigration Procedures

Advisors trained in immigration regulations assist students in maintenance of lawful F-1 Student Status including such matters as full-time enrollment and good academic standing, obtaining Social Security cards, and authorization for off-campus employment including both Curricular and Optional Practical Training.

Insurance Requirements

The University of Wisconsin System requires all F-1 students to have illness and accident insurance coverage. This requirement is for their protection because *medical care in the United States is very expensive*. If a student does not have adequate insurance coverage, one serious illness, injury or catastrophic medical emergency could mean financial ruin. In such a case a student would almost surely have to return home, which would mean the end of his/her educational dreams in the United States. UW-Superior offers an affordable international student accident and sickness insurance policy underwritten by AIU. With few exceptions, **all international students are required to enroll in the UW-Superior international student health insurance program. Please contact iss@uwsuper.edu before purchasing any other insurance.** Otherwise, a student may end up having to pay for two plans.

Please note that the UW-Superior policy covers illness and accidents only. **It does not cover sports examinations, routine vision or dental care.** We strongly recommend that students take care of these needs in their home country before coming to UW-Superior, or while they are home during University breaks.

The requirement to purchase our UW-Superior insurance policy can be waived **only** for students who provide proof of **national health insurance from their home country** that meets or exceeds the policy offered through UW-Superior. We **cannot** accept coverage from other U.S.-based insurance providers.

If you believe that your policy meets or exceeds the university coverage, you must complete and sign a waiver form and give us a copy of your valid policy enrollment card **no later than the end of the first week of classes**. We will not read through your policy searching for the required

information. **It is your responsibility** to study your policy to determine the coverage level.

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