WHO WE ARE:
International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) is a workgroup within the Office of International Education (OIE). Our mission is to serve as a resource and advocate for the large and diverse population of international students and scholars at GT.

WHAT WE DO:
ISSS is a resource to which you can turn to receive support to solve problems, obtain information to maintain your immigration status, and connect you to Georgia Tech and external resources.

CONTACT US:
OIE is open Monday-Friday: 8:30am-4:30 pm. You may contact the office by phone at 404-894-7475 between 8:00 am-5:00 pm or send an email to info@oie.gatech.edu.

WALK-IN ADVISING HOURS:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 1:00 pm-4:30 pm (no appointment needed). Students may schedule morning appointments at oie.gatech.edu/isss.

iSTART:
iStart is the software used by OIE to manage student records. Students use iStart to request changes and updates to their I-20 or DS-2019. The normal processing time for requests made through iStart is 5 business days (1 week). You can log into iStart at istart.gatech.edu using your GT username and password.

iBUZZ:
iBuzz is a bi-weekly electronic newsletter sent to all enrolled F/J students. ISSS encourages international student to read this regularly as it contains important announcements, updates, and deadlines.

OIE HELPS YOU WITH
- Practical training authorization
- Travel and visa renewal
- Changes or updates to your I-20 or DS-2019
- Transferring to another school
- Replace lost forms
YOUR FIRST WEEK: SETTLING-IN!

REMOVE HOLDS FOR REGISTRATION
Students cannot register until all holds have been removed. After completing International Student check-in, check your Buzzport record for any additional registration holds and contact the appropriate office to get it removed. Additional holds may include “Immigration file missing”, “Immunization records missing”, and “Final transcript and degree certificate missing” (for grad students).

REGISTER FOR CLASSES:
After completing international student check-in and all holds are removed from your account, you may register for classes. The course registration deadline is 4 pm on the first Friday of classes.

Buzzcard (GT Identification):
The BuzzCard is the Georgia Tech identification card that provides access to a variety of campus-wide services. The first card is issued free of charge. You will need your passport and GT ID number handy to get your BuzzCard. Visit buzzcard.gatech.edu for more information.

OIE holds several informational sessions and social events as part of Welcome Series. These various sessions assist new international students adjust to life at Georgia Tech and in the U.S.

For more information about Welcome Series, visit: oie.gatech.edu/isss/international-welcome-series

In order to maintain your immigration status, make sure to register at least 12 credit hours before the final day of course registration.

No more than 3 online credit hours of enrollment can be counted toward the 12 credit hours.
Costs Involved in Attending GT:
There are several fee payment options for Georgia Tech students: Travelex or Flywire for international payments, Webchecks, Check or wire transfer, and All major credit cards.
Please see the bursar’s website at bursar.gatech.edu for additional information on payment types and how to pay your bill. There is a strict tuition payment deadline within the first 2 weeks, typically the 2nd Monday of classes.

Open a U.S. Bank Account:
You are not required to have an SSN to open an account in a local bank. Some banks offer special accounts for students, so bring your BuzzCard with you when opening a bank account. You can find more information on OIE’s website at oie.gatech.edu/content/opening-us-bank-account.

Cellphones:
Some of the major cell phone service providers in Atlanta include AT&T, Sprint, Verizon, and T-Mobile. Some cell phone companies may require a Social Security Number (for credit check purposes) in order to establish a contract. Many companies offer other alternatives for students without an SSN. For details on the different plans that each cell phone company offers and their requirements, visit: oie.gatech.edu/content/cell-phones

In order to maintain your immigration status, international students' account balances should be paid before the deadline set by Bursar's office.
GROCERIES AND SUPPLIES

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The Weekend Grocery Shuttle: Stinger bus transports students to Atlantic Station's Publix store on weekends from 10am to 6am. For maps, arrival times, and tracking visit https://pts.gatech.edu/bus009

ONLINE SHOPPING:
Many students prefer shopping online with Amazon.com, WayFair.com, and Walmart.com. Amazon@GeorgiaTech is a store for easy pickup and returns for Amazon, located at Tech Square (86 5th St NW, Atlanta, GA)!
Please visit oie.gatech.edu/ISSS_campaign_compass for more information.