

Dear New Paltz student,

Welcome to our new students, and welcome back to our returning students!

This week we present the January 20, 2023 edition of the **The Globe!**

The Globe is our International Student Newsletter. It is sent biweekly (every other week) on Fridays. In The Globe you will find announcements from International Student Programs office, important reminders, information on events, and more.

As always, please read all information under **Announcements and Reminders** carefully as it may pertain to policies, mandatory requirements, or other information necessary for international students.



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Announcements and Reminders

International Student Programs and Dual Diploma Office Hours/Advising

The International Student Programs office in VH 201 is open Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

International Student Programs offers in-person and virtual advising. Advising hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Virtual advising is available every Thursday. Please use our [Meet with an Advisor](#) link to schedule a virtual appointment. Monday, Tuesday and Friday advising hours are in-person (VH 201).

Dr. Kathleen Geher, Director of Dual Diploma Programs also hosts advising hours on Tuesdays from 1:00 - 3:00 pm and Thursdays from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Dual Diploma students can schedule an appointment with Dr. Geher via [this link](#). She can also be reached at geherk@newpaltz.edu.

International Student Guides

The International Student Programs office has put together a set of guides to serve as a reference for international students. The guides provide details on campus departments and local resources.

The guides are meant to serve as general resources. It is still recommended that you visit department websites or contact the departments directly to ensure you are accessing the most up-to-date information.

Our [Student Life, Recreation, and Involvement](#) guide contains information on:

- Housing
- Dining
- Technology
- Travel
- Banking
- Athletic & Wellness Center
- Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art
- School of Fine and Performing Arts (Theater and live music performances)
- Center for Student Engagement

Our [Health, Wellness, and Protections](#) guide contains information on:

- Student Health Center
- Psychological Counseling Center
- International Student Health Insurance
- Title IX Support
- Bias Reporting
- Emergency Phrases*

*Emergency phrases have been translated into Chinese (Simplified), German, Gujarati, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Telugu, and Turkish. These have been translated using official sources and with help from international students. If you would like to contribute translations for a language not listed, please contact international@newpaltz.edu.

Full-time enrollment requirements

All international students must maintain full-time status.

"Full-time" may differ depending on your program

- ALL Undergraduate degrees, MBA, and MFA: 12 credits
- ALL other graduate degrees: 9 credits
- A combination of ESL and academic courses are OK!
- If you withdraw from a class and doing so drops you below full time at any point you will be in violation of your visa status. Do not do this.
 - An exception is made in your FINAL SEMESTER only

If you have questions or concerns about this, please contact [International Student Programs](#).

Act Now: Confirm your enrollment

Act now! Classes are starting on Monday. It is time to confirm your enrollment. Pay at least 50% of your tuition or accept the time payment plan. Then you will be able to confirm your enrollment. Go to [my.newpaltz.edu](#) and click on the **pop-up message to confirm enrollment**. Once your enrollment is confirmed, you will be able to see your Brightspace course site. [More information?](#)

If you registered this week, you will need to accept your financial responsibility and pay at least 50% of your bill or accept a time payment plan in order to access the Confirmation of Enrollment within 24 hours.

If you have not yet registered and do not have a student bill, you must complete this process as soon as you are registered and billed by Student Accounts.

CPT/OPT Workshops

For a full list of upcoming workshops on CPT, OPT, and more, please click [here](#).

I-94 Status

Check your [I-94 status](#) if you have recently traveled abroad!

You can "Get Most Recent I-94" here. Be sure it lists your current student visa type and D/S (for Duration of Status).

Updating your local off-campus address (students off-campus and outside the U.S.)

Remember to update your address in [my.newpaltz.edu](#) if you are living off-campus.

Academic Calendar

Please reference the [Spring 2023 academic calendar](#) for important dates throughout the semester including deadlines, holidays, and finals. (Tip: Bookmark it!)

COVID Related Announcements

You can click [here](#) to view the Spring 2023 COVID-19 Plan.

Events and Opportunities

New Paltz ENGAGE-listed Events

[New Paltz ENGAGE](#) is our campus platform for clubs, organizations, and events. Click Events at the top to see a list of upcoming activities. Keep checking their page as new events are added all the time!

- Currently no events listed, but many will be added after the start of classes!

International Student Union



The international student community contributes to the diversity of campus culture and community engagement. We believe that Globalization is an integral part of New Paltz's teachings and social activities.

Want to learn more about the International Student Union (ISU) or join?

Email: isunewpaltz@gmail.com

Instagram: [@isusunynewpaltz](https://www.instagram.com/isusunynewpaltz)

Tip of the Day

The [Center for Student Engagement](#) is one of many departments on campus that provide resources for students. Check out their website to learn more!

Quote of the Day

"If we were meant to stay in one place, we'd have roots instead of feet."

- Rachel Wolchin