

Dear New Paltz student,

We present the August 27, 2021 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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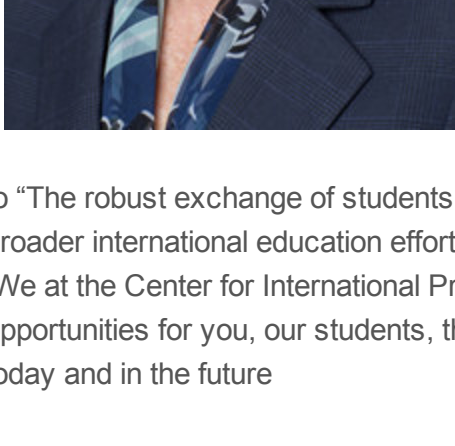
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Beth Vargas Executive Director of the Center for International Programs

Welcome and Welcome Back to a new year and new opportunities at the State University of New York at New Paltz!

Through the COVID-19 pandemic, we have come to recognize that global challenges call for global understanding and global leadership. As we begin a new academic year, I am excited about the renewed [U.S. commitment to international education](#) published last summer through the Joint Statement of the US

Departments of Education and State committing to "The robust exchange of students, researchers, scholars, and educators, along with broader international education efforts between the United States and other countries."

We at the Center for International Programs are committed to creating global learning opportunities for you, our students, that will position you to address global challenges today and in the future

We are glad that you are part of our global community and we ask you to do your part to keep all of us healthy and safe. Get a COVID vaccine as required of all SUNY students, and verify your vaccine status on website at [my.newpaltz.edu](#). This is mandatory to avoid de-registration and loss of your valid student immigration status. Wear a mask whenever you are indoors or close to other people outdoors. Stay at home if you are sick so you don't share your germs and continue to follow the other safety precautions that have become good health habits.

I look forward to a wonderful year!

Beth Vargas

Executive Director, Center for International Programs

Click [HERE](#) to view welcome video

Announcements and Reminders

International Student Programs and Dual Diploma Office Hours/Advising

International Student Programs is offering in-person advising and virtual advising. Please use our [Meet with an Advisor](#) link to view available appointment times and advising mode for particular days.

Dr. Kathleen Geher, Director of Dual Diploma Programs will also host separate office hours on Tuesdays from 1:30 - 3:30 pm and Thursdays from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Virtual advising is preferred and can be scheduled via [this link](#). In-person appointments can be arranged by emailing [geherk@newpaltz.edu](#) to schedule.

Full-time enrollment requirements

All international students **present in the United States or continuing their studies from outside the U.S.** 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](#)

** New students who have not entered the United States on F-1 status yet do not need to maintain this requirement until they have entered the country on F-1 status.*

CPT (Curricular Practical Training)

You must get CPT authorization BEFORE you begin any type of off-campus opportunity. For example, if you are registering for Practicum, Internship, Fieldwork, or an Independent Study that has an off-campus placement, you must get CPT authorization. You can learn more about this at our upcoming CPT workshops (to be scheduled soon), and by reading the information [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. If you are completing the semester from outside the U.S., you can use the following address:

1 Hawk Drive
New Paltz, NY 12561

Campus email reminder

Be sure to check and use your [@newpaltz.edu](#) account (Office 365 school account). As a reminder to our continuing students, Hawkmail via Gmail is [no longer in use](#). You should switch completely to Office 365 now.

If you feel you will not check your school email regularly, please setup [email forwarding](#) to an account that you will regularly check.

Avoiding phishing scams in the United States

Unfortunately, several sophisticated scams have been created by criminals around the world to solicit money from people. Please [read this website](#) to learn more information about potential scams and how to protect yourself.

Academic Calendar

Please reference the [Fall 2021 academic calendar](#) for important dates throughout the semester including deadlines, holidays, and finals. (Protip: Bookmark it!)

COVID Related Announcements

There have been several important COVID related announcements made by the college recently. Therefore, we recommend you review the following sites for information.

- [SUNY Vaccine Policy](#)

The student vaccination requirement went into effect on Aug. 23, 2021

Following the FDA approval of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine on Aug. 23, 2021, [all SUNY students are now required to show proof of full vaccination](#).

Unvaccinated students have a 35-day grace period to get fully vaccinated; the deadline to do so is Sept. 27, 2021.

Those who do not comply will be withdrawn from in-person classes at SUNY New Paltz, per SUNY's policy.

Any of the three vaccines currently available in the U.S. (Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer or Moderna) will meet this requirement. (Vaccines approved by the World Health Organization are also accepted!)

[More information about SUNY's student vaccine requirement, including guidance to help unvaccinated students comply, is available here.](#)

- How to upload your vaccine information to your [my.newpaltz.edu](#) portal:
 - Login to [my.newpaltz.edu](#)
 - Click "View your Covid-19 Profile"
 - Complete the forms and upload your vaccination document(s)
 - Wait for the campus to confirm your vaccination (typically 24 hours)

*You will receive an email from [no-reply@newpaltz.edu](#) confirming whether you have met the campus vaccination requirement.

Currently the vaccines approved by WHO are:
Janssen/Johnson & Johnson (1 shot)
Pfizer/BioNTech (2 shots)
Moderna (2 shots)
AstraZeneca (2 shots)
Sinopharm (2 shots)
Sinovac (2 shots)

- [Pop-up vaccine clinic for SUNY New Paltz students and employees, August 30!](#)
- [COVID-19 Information and Testing Resources](#)
- [New Paltz COVID Dashboard](#)
- The Daily Digest will be sent to students by email.

Events and Opportunities

CIP International Student Trip: New York City (September 4)

The Center for International Programs is sponsoring a trip to New York City on September 4 as part of extended orientation offerings. Newly arrived international students received sign up information this week via email. The trip will open up to [all](#) international students (new and continuing) next week.

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.

International Student Union

WELCOME TO..

International Student Union (ISU)

We are open to both international and local students who are interested in cultural exchange and great time!!

General meeting

Monday & Wednesday → **7pm**

Location → **TBA** *If you are interested in come to meeting and get to know us more !!*

Email: [isunewpaltz@gmail.com](#)
IG: [isusunynewpaltz](#)

Please follow the International Student Union on social media (Instagram: [@isusunynewpaltz](#)) or email them directly to learn more about their General Interest meeting and future events!

Student Corner

Would you like to share your experiences at New Paltz with us in an interview? Do you have something you've written or created that you are proud of? We would love to celebrate you and your work! Click [here](#) and share with us.

Tip of the Day

The Center for Student Engagement maintains a website on [local transportation information!](#)

Quote of the Day

"Taking care of yourself doesn't mean 'me first.' It means 'me too.'"

- L.R. Knost