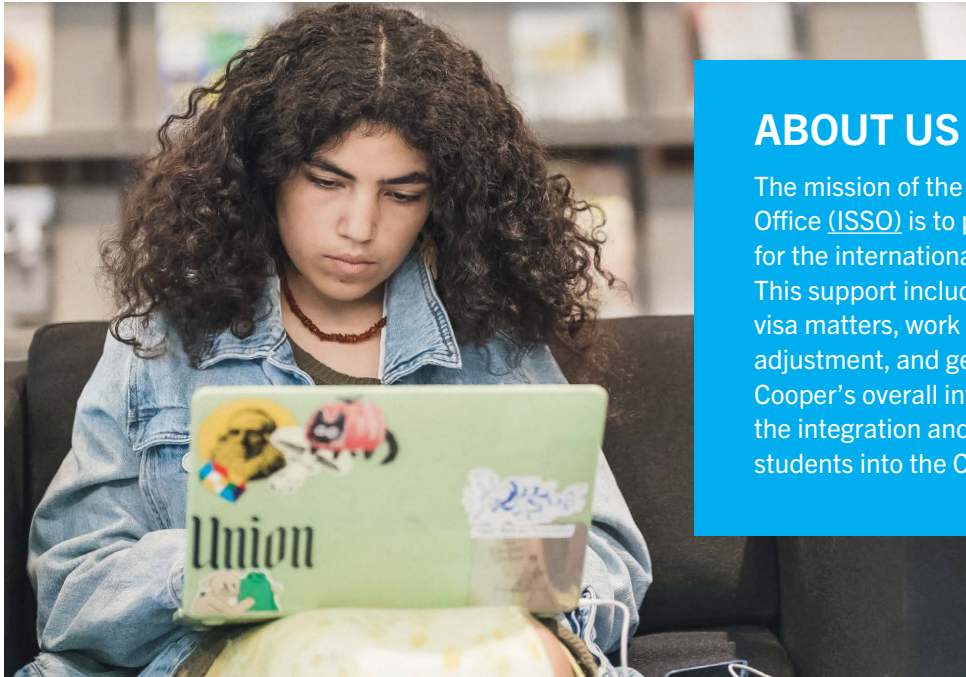


THE COOPER UNION

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS OFFICE



ABOUT US

The mission of the International Students and Scholars Office ([ISSO](#)) is to provide services and programs for the international community at The Cooper Union. This support includes advisement on immigration, visa matters, work authorization, orientation, cultural adjustment, and general resources. ISSO supports Cooper's overall internationalization and helps facilitate the integration and assimilation of international students into the Cooper community.

QUESTIONS

What is an International Student?

Any student who is not a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident of the United States is considered an international student.

What should I do to get a student (F-1) visa?

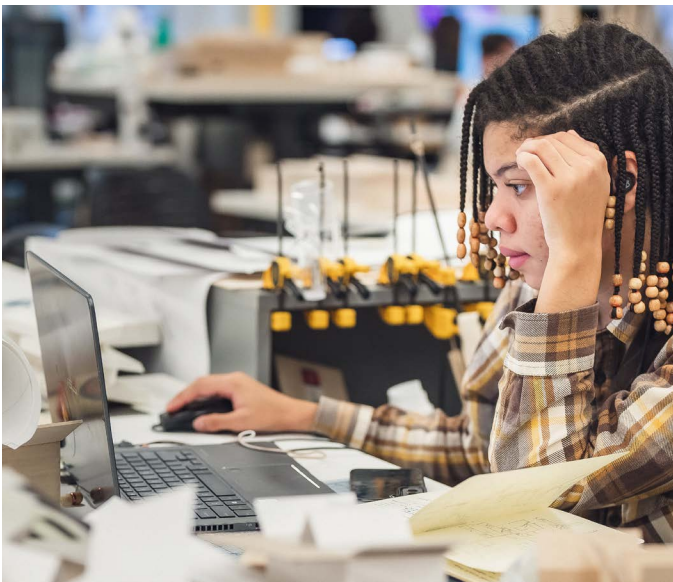
Once you are formally admitted to The Cooper Union, you must complete your [I-20](#) request form and upload your U.S. government-required financial documents to your application portal. If all the required documents are accurate, the ISSO will email your Certificate of Eligibility (I-20 Form) and [instructions on how to obtain a student visa](#) within 2–3 weeks. If you have specific questions about student visas, you can contact Cooper's Designated School Official (DSO) at international@cooper.edu.

VISA BASICS

- If coming to the U.S. on a nonimmigrant status besides F-1, please contact ISSO to discuss your plans.
- If you are currently in the U.S. as an F-1 student at another institution, you will need to take the required steps to transfer your SEVIS record to The Cooper Union and get a new I-20 with the details of your program at Cooper. After being admitted, the ISSO will send you clear instructions on how to [transfer](#) your I-20.
- If you are currently at Cooper as an F-1 international student and moving to a different education level (e.g. from undergraduate to graduate), changing majors, need an extension or leave of absence, you'll need to consult with ISSO prior to making that change.
- If you are currently in the U.S. in a nonimmigrant status other than F-1, you will need to confirm that you can study while maintaining your immigration status.

OUR SERVICES

- I-94 Updates
- SEVIS Transfer In & Out
- Maintaining Status & Change of Status
- CPT/OPT/STEM Workshops & Applications
- H1B & O-1 Workshops
- International Student Tax Workshops
- On-Campus Employment & Onboarding
- I-20 Extension, Change of Level or Major
- I-20 Leave of Absence
- Dependent Information and Updates
- Social Security
- Legal ID/License
- Travel Signatures
- U.S. Visa Renewal Questions
- International Student Events & Programs



FOR MORE INFORMATION

- [Visit our website](#)
- [Take a Tour](#)
- [Chat with a student ambassador](#)
- [Check out our viewbook](#)

CONTACT

*Any advice provided to you by the ISSO (as well as the information on our website) does not constitute as legal advice.

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