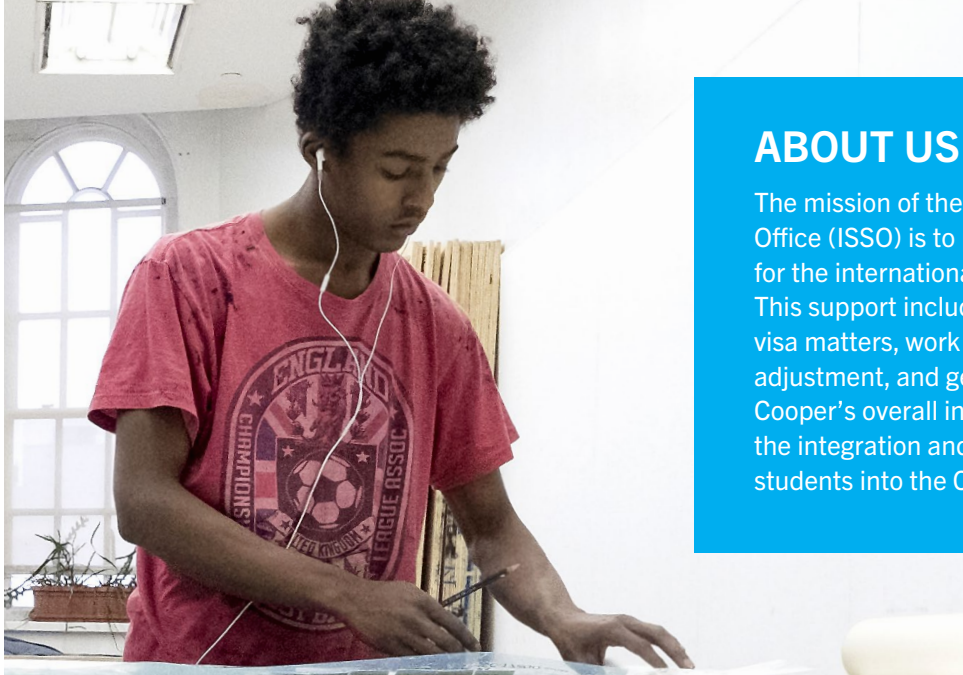


THE COOPER UNION

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?

International students are those who do not hold a U.S. citizenship or permanent residency.

What do I need to study at Cooper as an international student?

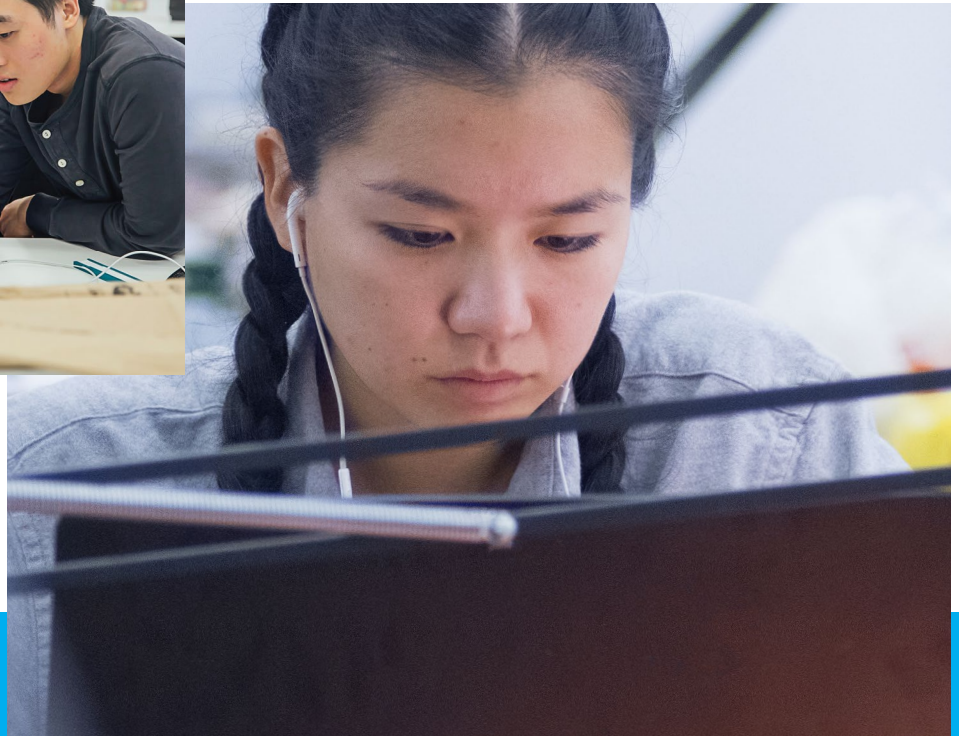
From an immigration standpoint, an international student holds an F-1 visa and/or F-1 non-immigrant status. Most of our international students come to Cooper as F-1 international students. To become an F-1 student at Cooper, you must first be admitted as a full-time student to a program of study.

VISA BASICS

- If coming to the U.S. in a non-immigrant 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 and making your deposit, ISSO will reach out to you with the needed next steps.
- 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 non-immigrant 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 Information Updates & Data Fixes
- 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



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