



**International Division**  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

On Monday, April 14, the International Division and Office of Student Assistance and Support hosted a virtual town hall meeting for international students, scholars, faculty, and staff. The following information was provided beforehand and amended post-event to include topics addressed during the event and additional resources.

**This is a summary of selected information, communications, and resources provided to UW–Madison communities in recent weeks.**

**This information is valid as of 14 April 2025, and updates will be available on the International Student Services webpage linked directly below:**

- International students and recent alumni who are impacted by the automatic SEVIS record terminations are being directly notified by [International Student Services](#) (ISS). They advise within their scope and refer to relevant resources as necessary.
- UW–Madison instructors are encouraged to be flexible with their students as they finish the semester. If a student has unexpected absences or cannot complete the semester as expected, we encourage instructors to work with the students for alternatives to finish the semester. Flexibility is encouraged by campus. UW–Madison is addressing these circumstances via [academic deans](#) to ensure consideration by schools, colleges, and divisions.
- Impacted students who need other resources to support their well-being should be referred to the [Office of Student Assistance and Support](#) (OSAS).
- For affected students who are also employees, the schools, colleges, and divisions where they are employed will be contacted directly about the impact of a SEVIS record termination on their employment eligibility.
- There is reason to believe that [scams](#) and other [external efforts to exploit members of our international communities](#) may be occurring in Wisconsin, similar to events seen in national media. Any encounters with federal law enforcement officers or anyone else attempting to gain information about an individual's circumstances or status should be reported to ISS or the [Office of Legal Affairs](#) (OLA) at first opportunity.

**Selected Communications to UW–Madison Communities**

- [Resources on Immigration Issues](#): FAQ and resource page for international students, scholars, faculty, and staff. Developed by the International Division and updated frequently.
- 4.7.2025 [Update on Federal Immigration Enforcement](#) campus news.
- 4.7.2025 [Message to F/J International Students and Recent Alumni](#) from ISS.
- 4.2.2025 [International Division Message](#) (sent to all F/J international students and recent alumni).



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- [Federal Relations](#): The Office of Federal Relations coordinates the campus response to emerging federal updates, including executive orders, agency directives and congressional activity.

### **Legal Representation and Related Resources**

- The UW–Madison Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) represents the university, including individual employees acting in their official capacities. [OLA does not represent faculty, staff or students](#) in personal legal matters. Individuals needing personal legal assistance may contact the [State Bar of Wisconsin Lawyer Referral and Information Service](#) at 608-257-4666 or 608-257-3838.
- [AILA](#), the American Immigration Lawyers Association, has a search tool to help find immigration attorneys. There are additional resources and information [here](#) that may help you find an attorney if needed.
- Information about understanding your rights can be found on the [Resources on Immigration Issues](#) webpage.
- Students and alumni on OPT/STEM OPT who have had their SEVIS record terminated and/or visa revoked may contact their Congressional Representative or Senator for assistance. It is advised that individuals only contact one elected official's office so as not to cause additional confusion and challenges.
  - Wisconsin [Senator Baldwin](#) or [Senator Johnson](#).
  - If you are a resident of Madison, you may contact Congressman Mark Pocan's office by completing this [online form](#) posted on his website.
  - If you have applied for USCIS benefits, you may need to complete a USCIS privacy act release notice. Students and alumni may contact ISS for help to create a USCIS privacy act release notice to share with their member of Congressional Representative or Senator.

### **Additional Campus Resources**

- [Office of Student Assistance & Support](#) offers resources and referrals to [basic-needs support](#) student well-being.
- [Federal Relations](#) coordinates resources and responses to emerging federal issues.
- [University Health Services](#) offers physical and [mental health services](#) to enrolled students.
- [Employee Assistance Office](#) offers confidential counseling to UW–Madison employees in Wisconsin.