

## SURVIVAL TIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Academic Advising Center can provide full-services to international students who, if they have earned credit from institutions outside the United States, bring their degree audit, a document prepared by the Center for International Education (CIE). Without this documentation, the Center is able to provide general information only.

- International students on F-1 visas should always check with Center for International Education (CIE) for clarification of academic and immigration information. INS regulations and rules can impact both your enrollment and academic programs.
- You must maintain enrollment in a minimum of 12 units for both fall and spring semesters. Exceptions can only be made by CIE on an individual case assessment.
- You must take all of your required placement tests on time. Because of your immigration status, non-compliance could result in serious “immigration” consequences.
- You may be eligible to enroll concurrently at another college/university to meet the 12 unit “minimum requirement;” however, before any “concurrent enrollment” takes place, you must obtain authorization from CIE.
- If you are placed on academic probation, you are still required to be enrolled fulltime (12 units minimum.) Visit CIE to discuss academic probation status. The University provides “Strategies for Academic Success” workshops for assistance and academic information. Attend a workshop as soon as academic probation takes place.
- Academic disqualification is even more serious for international students. You must see CIE advisors for individual case assessment. **DO NOT** enroll in **OPEN UNIVERSITY** while in disqualification status without permission from CIE.
- You must always check with CIE **BEFORE** taking an educational leave. International students should never drop any classes without permission from CIE.
- You can take a Medical Leave and remain in the U.S. as long as you are receiving medical treatment, and appropriate documentation is in place. Please check with CIE for full clarification.