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New Fall Advising Hours  
(Beginning Sept. 21st)  
*No appointment needed*

*M W F 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.*

*M - F 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.*

## *International Student and Scholar Welcome Party*

ISSS will hold its annual International Student and Scholar Welcome party on **Friday, September 18th**, from **2:00 - 4:00 p.m.** at the **International House**.

All members of the DU community are invited to attend. An ice cream sundae bar will be served along with light refreshments.

Attendees can enjoy music, games, and activities from around the world!

Staff from ISSS will also be available to discuss the services we offer and provide a tour of the facilities at the International House including the game room, the computer lab,



and the new English Language Center classroom.

If you are interested in performing music, crafts, dance, or any other national activity at

the welcome party, please email our office at [iss@du.edu](mailto:iss@du.edu).

We hope to see you there!

### Upcoming Events

- 9/18/09  
International Student and Scholar Welcome Party
- 9/18/09  
Ifar Celebration
- 9/22/09  
Monthly International Luncheon
- 10/7/09  
International Spouses Group

## *First International Luncheon of the Quarter!*

Come enjoy authentic Latin American empanadas and beans and rice at ISSS's first international luncheon of the fall quarter!

**Tuesday, September 22nd, from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. at the International House.**

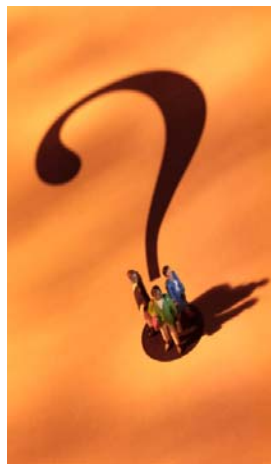
Reunite with ISSS staff, and old friends and meet the new international students on campus. Everyone is welcome!

This month's luncheon is sponsored by the **Josef Korbel School of International Studies** and will be catered by

### **Buenos Aires Pizzeria.**

The international luncheons will generally take place the first Tuesday of each month and will feature a different world cuisine each time.

For more information, please email [intloutreach@du.edu](mailto:intloutreach@du.edu).



*Please email your questions for the newsletter to [iss@du.edu](mailto:iss@du.edu).*

## *Immigration Q & A*

***“Do I need to notify an international student advisor every time I leave the United States?”***

No, in general, you do not need to notify an advisor or ISSS if you will only be gone for a short trip outside the United States. You should notify an advisor if you plan to be gone for a quarter or longer.

Before you leave, make sure you have a valid travel signature on your I-20 or DS-2019.

The travel signature is valid for one year from the signature date (six months if you are on OPT) .

We recommend requesting a travel signature every nine months so you always have a valid one.

To request a travel signature, bring your I-20 or DS-2019 to our office during walk-in hours, or you may leave it with us and we can issue a signature within 4-5 business days.

***“Can you provide me with a list of students from my home country?”***

No, federal law prohibits us from releasing certain information about students, including their country of citizenship.

If you are interested in connecting with students from a certain country or region, we recommend contacting the student organization that represents them on campus.

## *Special Registration*

Special Registration (NSEERS) is a government security clearance program that certain non-immigrant visitors may be subject to.

If you have been enrolled in Special Registration, you **must** complete an exit interview at your last port of departure in the United States whenever

you leave the country.

Failure to meet this requirement may result in your being denied a new visa or being denied entry back into the United States.

Your I-94 card or U.S. visa will have a “Special Registrant” stamp or a FINS number if you have been enrolled in Spe-

cial Registration.

We recommend contacting the airport where you must complete the exit interview in advance to confirm that an immigration officer will be available when you plan to leave.

For more information, please contact an international student advisor.

**Any non-immigrant visitor may be subject to Special Registration.**

## *Know Your Rights—FERPA*



The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that helps protect the privacy of students’ education records.

Under FERPA, university officials cannot disclose information from students’ education records without written per-

mission. Parents, spouses, and friends may not be given this information without your consent.

Certain directory information, such as your name, DU email address, and major field of study may be released without your permission, unless you

elect confidentiality .

FERPA also gives students the right to inspect their records and to request changes when those records are inaccurate.

For more information, visit [www.du.edu/registrar/academicpolicies/disclosure.html](http://www.du.edu/registrar/academicpolicies/disclosure.html).

## International Spouses Group

All spouses of international students and scholars are invited to join the International Spouses Group.

The International Spouses Group is an opportunity to make new friends, practice English, and learn about American culture.

The first gathering of the International Spouses Group for this school year will be **Wednesday, October 7th**, from **10:30 - 11:30 a.m.** at the **International House**.

Beverages and light refreshments will be served.

If you are a married international student or scholar and your spouse is accompanying you to DU, please share this invitation with your husband or wife.

For more information or to be added to the spouses email list, please contact Marlene Perrine by email at [mperrine@du.edu](mailto:mperrine@du.edu) or by telephone at 303-871-4911.

### First Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, October 7th

**Time:** 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** International House

ISSS looks forward to welcoming international spouses on Wednesday, October 7th!



*Come make new friends at the International Spouses Group!*

## Spotlight on Campus

The **Office of the Registrar** is responsible for maintaining personal and academic information about students at DU.

The Registrar is the primary university official in the office and helps interpret and apply university policies governing the maintenance and release of student information.

In most cases, you will interact with administrative and support staff when requesting services from their office.

The Office of the Registrar is located on the Garden Level in **University Hall**. You can reach the office by email at [registrar@du.edu](mailto:registrar@du.edu).

### Areas of Responsibility

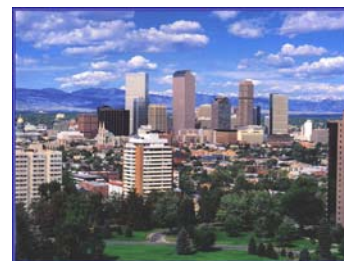
- Course registration
- Grades and transcripts
- Awarding of degrees
- Verification of enrollment
- Verification of degrees

To learn more about the Office of the Registrar, visit [www.du.edu/registrar](http://www.du.edu/registrar).

## All about Denver

### Did you know ...

- Colfax Avenue is the longest continuous street in America.
- Denver has the largest park system in the nation, with 205 parks within the city and 20,000 acres of parks in the nearby mountains.
- Denver lays claim to the invention of the Cheeseburger. The trademark for the name "Cheeseburger" was awarded in 1935 to Denver's Louis Ballast.
- Every year Denver hosts the world's largest rodeo, the National Western Stock Show.
- Denver is one of the most educated cities in the United States. 92% of residents have a high school diploma and 35% have at least a bachelor's degree.
- Denver is the nation's thinnest city, with the smallest percent of overweight adults in the U.S.



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### About International Student and Scholar Services

*We strive to provide timely, accurate, and effective advising and assistance to international students, faculty, and staff in matters of immigration, communication, and cultural adjustment.*

*Our goal is to support the international community on campus so that each international student and scholar has a productive and fulfilling experience at DU. We aim to promote international awareness and understanding by working to support the positive impact international students and scholars have on the University.*

#### Submit a Story

If you have an idea for a story, or if you would like to advertise an event at DU, please email us at [intloutreach@du.edu](mailto:intloutreach@du.edu). Please note that not all stories will be published and content may be edited for style and space.

#### Submit Your Photos

ISSS is seeking photos that document the experience of international students and scholars at DU and in the Denver community. Selected photos may be featured in The Globe or on the new ISSS website at <http://www.du.edu/intl/iss>. Please email your photos to [intloutreach@du.edu](mailto:intloutreach@du.edu).

## Upcoming Events at DU



#### Iftar Celebration:

The Office of the University Chaplain is hosting an Iftar celebration at the **International House** on **Friday, September 18th**, at **7:00 p.m.**

All members of the DU community who are observing Ramadan are invited to attend and celebrate the breaking of the fast.

Prayer space is available on campus on the third floor of the Penrose Library during normal library hours, Monday through Sunday.



#### Safety Tea Room:

Sgt. Steve Banet of the DU Office of Campus Safety will host the first Safety Tea Room on **Monday, September 21st**, from **1:30 - 3:30 p.m.** at the **International House**.

The topic of the first Safety Tea Room will be **Navigating around Denver**. Sgt. Banet will discuss getting around in the city and will be available to answer your questions.

The next Safety Tea Room session will be on **Monday, October 12th**. The topic will be **Personal Safety**.

#### Karaoke at the International House!

Karaoke nights return to the International House starting **Thursday, October 1st**, from **6:00 - 8:00 pm**. Light refreshments will be served.

Come with your friends to sing and laugh. Choose from a collection of thousands of songs in a variety of languages.

If singing is not your thing, come play ping pong or pool in the game room, or study and enjoy free printing in the student computer room.

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