Mobility Updates

- U.S. entry restrictions are still in place for individuals with physical presence in the last 14 days in several countries including Brazil, China, India, Iran, Schengen countries, Ireland, the United Kingdom (UK), and South Africa.

- Students with valid F-1 visas intending to begin or continue an academic program commencing August 1, 2021 or later do not need to contact an embassy or consulate to seek an individual National Interest Exception to travel.

- J-1 student visa holders must contact the U.S. embassy or consulate to request a National Interest Exception and are eligible for the National Interest Exception for programs beginning or continuing after August 1, 2021.
Fall 2021 Enrollment Requirements

- F-1 and J-1 students are required to enroll full-time in coursework to maintain Active SEVIS records.
- F-1 and J-1 student visa holders inside the U.S. should plan to engage in primarily residential instruction counting no more than 3 credit hours of fully at a distance coursework towards the full-time requirement.
- F-1 student visa holders outside the U.S. can maintain active SEVIS status if they are enrolled full-time in fully at a distance coursework, are enrolled full-time at the GT Shenzhen or GT Lorraine campus, or if they are participating in the Global Research and Internships Program.
Late Arrivals

What is the latest day the university allows for F-1 student visa holders to arrive in the U.S. for the semester?

• Newly admitted students or students entering the U.S. for the first time who are unable to arrive by the end of phase II registration need to request support with late arrival within the “Arrival Confirmation” e-form found within the OIE Check In e-forms. Your academic department and OIE will review and determine the latest date the department can support the student with late arrival.

• Continuing students with an Active SEVIS record can enter the U.S. at any time, but should discuss any plans and receive permission from faculty for any alternative course arrangements.
Guidance for International Travel

Before Arrival to the U.S.

• All Air Passengers Arriving in the U.S. are required to show Proof of Negative COVID-19 Test or Recovery from COVID-19

After Arrival to the U.S.

If you are fully vaccinated:

• Get tested for Covid-19 within 3-5 days after arrival in the U.S.
• Monitor for symptoms of Covid-19 and get evaluated if you develop symptoms.

Note: In general, people are considered fully vaccinated:

• 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
• 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine.
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After Arrival to the U.S.

• If you are not fully vaccinated:
  • Get tested for Covid-19 within 3-5 days after arrival in the U.S.
  • Self-isolate for 7 days. Note that the CDC recommends you stay isolated for the full 7 days, even if your test results are negative.
  • Self-isolate for 10 days if you cannot get tested.

• Monitor for symptoms of Covid-19 and get evaluated if you develop symptoms.

• Check https://health.gatech.edu/coronavirus/testing for campus testing hours, locations, and options for Georgia Tech’s free surveillance testing programs.
Vaccination Info

• If you have received a vaccination on the World Health Organization (WHO) approved list, the CDC does not recommend that you receive an additional vaccine from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized list. However, individuals who have not yet received vaccinations on the FDA or WHO lists are strongly encouraged to get a FDA authorized vaccination once they arrive on the Georgia Tech campus. These individuals should work with a medical professional to understand the best vaccine option for them and can do so by scheduling an appointment at Georgia Tech’s vaccine clinic.

• Students may make a vaccination appointment by visiting https://mytest.gatech.edu and using these instructions: https://health.gatech.edu/coronavirus/vaccine/appointments.

• Visit the CDC site for recommendations before and after international travel as well as considerations before domestic travel. Do be aware that public health guidance is subject to change.
Institutional Processes

- OIE will continue to use the Arrival Confirmation and the Summer/Fall Intentions e-form process to allow students to report plans to OIE, the academic program, Bursar and Registrar. These forms will be live on July 23.
  - New students should complete the Arrival Confirmation e-form.
  - Students in Active SEVIS status should complete the Fall Intentions e-form.
  - Students requesting reactivation of their previous SEVIS record should submit the I-20 Request for Returning Students.
Resources

• Tech Moving Forward for International Students web resource at https://health.gatech.edu/coronavirus/students/international.

• OIE Drop-in advising available Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday via Bluejeans.

• OIE Info Session Tuesday, July 27th

• OIE FAQ and join details for virtual sessions are available online at https://oie.gatech.edu/isss/home.
Graduate Student Employment Basics

**Jobs**
- Graduate Research Assistant (GRA) – paid monthly
- Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) – paid monthly
- Graduate Assistant (GA) – paid biweekly or monthly (*if concurrent with GRA/GTA*)

**Rules/Regulations**
- Enrolled students cannot be hired for more than 50% FTE (*20 hours/week*)
- Students can have more than one campus job at a time, but the **total time** hired for all campus jobs combined cannot exceed 50% FTE
- Biweekly/hourly students must report time as worked (Web Clock or KABA)
- Students in monthly jobs do not report hours
- Students are hired to work in the United States

**GT Terminology**
- USG (University System of GA)
- Hiring department (might or might not be home department)
- Empl ID versus GTID
Graduate Student Employee Hiring Process

GradWorks
• Allows faculty and department staff to initiate GRA, GTA and GA hiring requests
• GRA/GTA’s home department enters the tuition waiver in Banner and Bursar’s Office applies or removes tuition waivers
• “Approved” in GradWorks does not mean hired

OneUSG Connect System – PeopleSoft employee database
• Must be active/hired in OneUSG system in order to be paid
• New Employee Onboarding
  1. Online Student Hire Packet (emailed from donotreply@equifax...)
     • e.g., tax forms, direct deposit information, and policies
  2. In-person appointment to verify identity
     • At GTHR or Student Employee Onboarding event (Aug 18-20)
• Hiring department submits employment request and can check status
• Student gains access to Employee Self Service in OneUSG Connect
Student Employee Resources

**Student Employment Website**
- Semester hiring timelines
- Payroll and time reporting resources
- Campus job resources and more

**Student Employee Onboarding Tutorial**
- Instructions on completing HR steps for New Hire and Rehire/Transfer student employees

**GRA Health Insurance**
- Comparison to superior GT student health insurance

**Employee Self Service**
- Verify/update personal information
- View pay statements

**ServiceNow**
- Issues with completing the onboarding process
- Questions about employment and taxation of foreign nationals
- Questions about your pay