

This is a summary of information, communication, and resources provided by the Universities of Wisconsin System & UW-Madison in recent weeks:

This information is valid as of 5 May 2025, and updates will be available on this page.

- **UNIVERSITIES OF WISCONSIN INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES (Updated Regularly):** [This page contains resources](#) that may assist you. The list is not exhaustive and is meant for informational purposes only. The Universities of Wisconsin does not endorse or adopt the viewpoint of any non-Universities of Wisconsin resources on this page. Our UW universities provide different services to international students, faculty, and staff.
 - UWL Crosse:
 - **F1 & J1 Students & Scholars:** It is important you contact [UWL International Education & Engagement \(IEE\)](#) for assistance and questions.
 - **UWL Faculty & Staff:** Contact Amy Hewitt (ahewitt@uwlax.edu) in [UWL Human Resources](#).
- **SEVIS NOTIFICATIONS:** International students and recent alumni impacted by the automatic SEVIS record termination will be directly notified by [International Education & Engagement \(IEE\)](#). They advise within their scope, meaning they can help you with specific issues related to your student status and visa regulations. However, they might not be able to assist with other unrelated matters, like personal legal issues or academic advising, and will refer students to relevant resources as necessary.
- **EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION:** 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.
- **AVOIDING FRAUD & SCAMS:** Be aware of potential [scams and other external efforts](#) (UW Madison resource) to exploit members of our international communities may be occurring in Wisconsin, similar to events seen in national media. If you have any interactions with federal law enforcement officers or anyone trying to get information about your situation or status, please report it to the International Education & Engagement (IEE) as soon as possible at 608.785.8016 or call UWL University Police at 608.789.9999 (emergency) or 608.789.9000 (non-emergency).
 - If pressured, please respond with “I need to check with my PDSO/DSO (for F1 visa holders) or ARO/RO (J-1 exchange visa holders) on campus.” If it is legitimate, they will understand.

If being scammed, they may hang up on you or start to yell that you are in trouble. This is likely a scare tactic.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR TRAVELING OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

International students and scholars planning to travel outside the United States should carefully consider the complexities of U.S. immigration laws. The Universities of Wisconsin urges international visa holders to consider potential future policy changes—such as possible travel bans currently being reported in the media—that could impact their return.

The following FAQs are based on currently available information and do not relate to any specific situation. Ultimately, you are responsible for your own decisions. These FAQs are designed to help you make an informed decision.

Credit to UW-Madison International Student Services and University of Colorado-Boulder for their work on this information.

FAQs for international students and scholars include:

- Travel
- Visa revocation/LPR status rescission
- SEVIS record termination
- Federal agent request for access to location, information, or records

Entering the United States: UW Madison International Safety & Security

Potential US Government Travel Restrictions – UW Madison International Safety & Security

UNDERSTANDING YOUR RIGHTS

- Universities of Wisconsin: [Communication to UW Campus regarding agents visiting facilities](#)
- [Know Your Rights “Red Card”](#) (available in several languages)
- [Know Your Rights: If ICE Visits Your Home](#)
- U.S. State Department: [Rights and Protection for Temporary Workers](#)

LEGAL REPRESENTATION & RELATED RESOURCES

- [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 La Crosse, you may contact [Congressman Derrick Van Orden's office](#).
 - If you have applied for USCIS benefits, you may need to complete a USCIS Privacy Act release notice. Students and alumni may contact IEE for help to create a USCIS privacy act release notice to share with their member of Congressional Representative or Senator.

ADDITIONAL CAMPUS RESOURCES

- [International Education & Engagement \(IEE\)](#)
 - **What can UWL International Education & Engagement (IEE) advise on?**
 - Non-immigrant F-1 student status
 - Non-immigrant J-1 student status
 - Non-immigrant J-1 Research Scholar, Professor, Short-Term Scholar status

Depending on the complexity of your case, IEE may recommend that you speak with an immigration attorney.

- [The Counseling & Testing Center \(CTC\)](#) offers mental health services for enrolled students.
- [Well-Being at UWL](#)

FACULTY/STAFF ONLY: UWL partners with UW-Madison's International Faculty & Staff Services to support UW employee work authorization visas. For more information, please contact Amy Hewitt

(ahewitt@uwlax.edu) in [UW-La Crosse Human Resources](#) &/or the [UW-Madison Human Resources website](#).

- **Please Note:** *UWL International Education & Engagement is only legally allowed to provide visa and immigration guidance for F & J student and scholar categories.*