Welcome To CIEP!

Information Session with the CIEP Director, Philip Plourde

Immigration & Travel

- I-20’s should be returned to you. Only law enforcement (police, Customs, etc.) can keep I-20’s
- Look at the program end date on your I-20 to be sure it has not expired. Before it expires, see Phil Plourde (CIEP Director) or Ross Schupbach (International Students & Scholars Office)
- If you plan to leave the country and return, check your I-20. If the signatures are more than a year old, Phil or Ross will need to sign it again.
- If you are traveling in the U.S., always carry your I-20 and passport.
- If you plan to leave UNI for the summer months or another semester and plan to return later, please complete a “Notification of Absence Form” in the CIEP Office.
- A vacation session will be provided after 4 consecutive sessions, otherwise a new I-20 will be needed to return.
- In your welcome packet, the CIEP provided you with an “Emergency Contact Card.” Be sure to complete this card and keep it with you at all times.

UNI Student Health Clinic

- If you need to see a health care person (doctor, nurse, etc.) please go to the UNI Student Health Clinic first unless it is an emergency (broken bones, loss of consciousness, trouble breathing, excessive loss of blood, terrible wound, etc.). If there is an emergency, call 911.
- You must have health insurance at UNI. All international students are required to purchase the UNI Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP). If you have insurance through your government, please bring that information to the health center. Be sure to keep your insurance current and paid. If you plan to leave UNI, visit the Health Center to cancel your insurance, otherwise you will be charged.
- Health insurance will save you from financial stress. The U.S. does not have a national plan to cover its citizens. Individuals are responsible for their health insurance unless covered by their employer, school or other organization.
- The Student Health Center can answer your questions about health insurance. You can email them at: healthcenter@uni.edu or call the Health Center at: 319-273-2009

CIEP Tuition & Fee Policy

The CIEP charges tuition for its classes. The charges will appear on your student ‘u-bill’ in your MyUNIverse account online. The charges will appear within the first two weeks of classes, and will be due before the end of each term. Tuition can be paid by personal check, traveler’s check, money order, or cash at the Cashier’s Office in Gilchrist Hall. Payments can also be made online with an electronic check. If you have not paid your tuition, you will not be registered for classes and you will not receive a class schedule.

Note: If you are not enrolled in classes, this can affect your immigration status. The University will not register you with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and your immigration record will most likely be automatically cancelled. (Taken from the CIEP Student Handbook, page 11)