Information for International Students

Penn’s International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) (https://global.upenn.edu/isss) provides immigration benefits assistance and integration initiatives for the international community at Penn. ISSS works with international students through all stages of their journey at Penn, providing guidance every step of the way.

ISSS provides support to students in many different areas. Some examples include:

- Preparing students for arrival to the U.S.
- Helping get adjusted to life in Philadelphia
- Advising on maintaining status, travel, and immigration guidelines
- Providing integration opportunities such as social events, cultural trips and leadership roles
- Assisting with employment authorization before internships or jobs
- Assigned advisors and central online portal for requests and forms via the iPenn system (https://www.ipenn.oip.upenn.edu)

Find out more information for:

- New Students (https://global.upenn.edu/isss/new)
- Current Students (https://global.upenn.edu/isss/students)
- Beyond Immigration (https://global.upenn.edu/isss/beyond-immigration)

Click the iPenn logo to see your assigned advisor and make requests with eforms.

English Language Programs (https://www.elp.upenn.edu)

The English Language Programs (ELP) was established in the 1960s. For over half a century, we have offered courses in English as a Second Language as well as dynamic cultural experiences.

The ELP is a top English language program with a CEA-accredited Intensive Program. We offer open-enrollment programs in Academic, Business, and General English as well as provide programs to matriculated Penn students in areas such as business, dentistry, and law. We offer teacher training, cross-cultural training, and testing. Custom programs and consulting services are available for foundations, multinational corporations, universities, and government agencies.