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# BULLDOG INTERNATIONAL

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Monthly newsletter for international students.  
Sponsored by The Office of Community College Relations and Global Initiatives

Welcome to **Bulldog International**, a monthly online newsletter for AAMU International Students! It is vital that you read this newsletter thoroughly, as it contains important information concerning reminders about upcoming deadlines, upcoming events, immigration updates, and so on. Bulldog International will be provided to all enrolled international students on the first day of each month via email to students' University email addresses. Please contact your DSO if you are missing any issues of Bulldog International, as you will be held accountable regarding all information provided.

## Housing Notice

ALL RESIDENTIAL students will be required to check out of campus housing on Friday, November 20, 2020, by 5:00 p.m. for the Thanksgiving break; and all on campus in-person instruction will end on November 20, 2020, for the Fall 2020 semester. After the Thanksgiving break, students will complete their course requirements online at home until the end of the semester. Students may return to campus housing in January for the Spring 2021 semester.

**Spring 2021 Registration begins November 9, 2020!!!**

## Enrollment

F-1 students must enroll in a full course load each semester unless you have applied for and been approved by your DSO for a reduced course load.

The minimum number of hours required for international students are as follows:

- Undergraduate Students - minimum of 12 credit hours
- Graduate Students - minimum of 9 credit hours (3 credit hour during the dissertation phase for doctoral students)

Even if you have approval from your academic advisor, your DSO must approve your Application for a Reduced Course Load BEFORE you drop below a full course load.

Note: Reduced Course Load applications may take up to 2 weeks to process.



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## International Education Week

International Education Week (IEW) will be celebrated virtually starting Thursday, November 5 through Thursday, November 12, 2020. This is YOUR week to celebrate and share with the campus your culture, tradition, and lifestyle. A planning committee has planned events for the week; however, your input and assistance are welcomed and appreciated! Please contact the Office of Community College Relations and Global Initiatives if you wish to provide assistance.

## International Student Association (ISA) Membership

All students, new and returning, are encouraged to sign up for International Student Association (ISA)! ISA hosts events and activities for international students. Being involved in ISA activities will help you to more quickly become adjusted to an environment which may be different from where you are from. Please contact the ISA secretary, Anita Bozhko, at [abozhko@bulldogs.aamu.edu](mailto:abozhko@bulldogs.aamu.edu), if you wish to become a member of ISA.

### I-20 Travel Endorsement Reminder!

If you are traveling abroad, be sure to get an updated I-20 travel endorsement from your DSO before departing the United States.



## How to contact your DSO

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