Welcome and Welcome Back International Students!

Happy 2020! May the new semester, year, and decade bring you good health, learning opportunities, and great success.

Many troubling things are happening around the world these days -- from wildfires to protests to tensions between nations. Should you be personally impacted by any of these issues, or find yourself concerned and unable to concentrate on your academic goals, please know that the University of Michigan offers numerous resources for you.

As a reminder, the International Center is here to help address your concerns as they pertain to immigration, to provide programming and information, and to refer you to other campus resources and units. We will have several programs in the upcoming weeks for international students to gather to learn, share concerns, and simply to be in community with one another. Visit our [event calendar](https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/event-calendar) for monthly coffee hours, birthday celebrations, and so much more! Notably, we have a special [MLK 101](https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/mlk-101) designed for international students to learn more about his impact during U-M’s Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium. We also have an upcoming Lunch and Learn about the [2020 Primary Elections](https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/2020-primary-elections) that you may wish to attend. As an IC collaboration with [Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)](https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/counseling-and-psychological-services-caps), we have scheduled monthly [International Student Lunch Conversations](https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/international-student-lunch-conversations) this semester. CAPS also has counselors in its central location as well as counselors embedded within several colleges and schools. Finally, the IC continues to monitor and announce on our website any pertinent changes to immigration regulations and policies. Related to this, we will offer a [Friday Forum at the IC](https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/friday-forum-at-the-ic) next week to discuss and answer your questions about these sorts of concerns.

As the semester begins, we wish you success with this phase of your educational journey and hope you also enjoy your time in Ann Arbor.

We’re glad you are here.

Sincerely,

Dr. Judith Pennywell, Director, International Center

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