TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

• So...if you travel out of the US after you complete the exchange and you want to reenter the US before you go home, you will need to reenter as a **visitor/tourist**

• If you come from a “visa waiver” country you will need to register in the ESTA system before you travel ([https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/](https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/))

• If you don’t, you will have to have a tourist visa in your passport to reenter.
MESSAGE?

GOT MY DS-2019 SIGNED

NOW I CAN COME BACK FROM VACATION!
TAX ISSUES

• Tax year: January 1\textsuperscript{st} to December 31\textsuperscript{st}

• Taxes due April 15 for previous year

• ALL \textit{international} students and must complete US tax forms for each year they are in the US even if they have NO US income!
TAX ISSUES

- If you do not earn money you only have to complete one easy form (form 8843)
- If you earn money, you need devote time to reading and filling out forms
- Tax information session for international students and tax advising in March: DON’T DO IT EARLY!!
- If you want to train as a tax volunteer, see Linda
IMMIGRATION JEOPARDY...

- When I move, how many days do I have to report my address to GEO?
  10 Days

- Can an academic advisor sign my DS-2019?
  Nope

- How long can I stay in the US after I graduate if I don’t apply for work authorization or change my status? (F-1 students)
  60 days
IMMIGRATION JEOPARDY...

- How many days before I travel should I come in to GEO to get a signature?
  One week MINIMUM

- What should I print every time I return to the US?
  I-94 at CBP.gov/i94

- If I’m an exchange student on an assistantship with 12 credits, what happens if my professor gives me a grade of “W”?
  I’m out of status 😞
OTHER RULES AND LAWS

You need to know
UNM CAMPUS RULES

- No alcohol on campus (except in Faculty House)
- Illegal drugs are ILLEGAL and not allowed on campus
- Smoking is NOT allowed on campus*
THERE ARE ONLY *2* SMOKING AREAS!
UNM CAMPUS POLICE

Real Police force:
Can make arrests and carry weapons; officers in uniform and no uniform patrol campus and respond to emergency calls
UNM CAMPUS POLICE SERVICES

- **Contact Info**: Hokona Hall 1\textsuperscript{st} floor on main campus across from Hospital; police.unm.edu, 277-2241

- **Safety Escort Service**: Takes you from one on-campus location to another

- Bike registry on website. May help if your bike is stolen.
WHAT TO DO FOR EMERGENCIES

- **Campus Emergencies**: Call 277-2241 this # is on your Lobo card or use blue emergency phones located throughout campus

- **Emergencies anywhere in US**: Call 911

- **If non medical or criminal emergency after hours**: Call GEO at 277-4GEO (e.g. stuck at a border, consulate, etc.)
TRANSPORTATION

UNM Students Share their Experiences
BICYCLE SAFETY

• Be careful. Some Albuquerque areas are not bike friendly – Wear a helmet and use lights at night!

• Buy U locks for your bike; bike theft is common on campus – available at UNM Bicycle Shop, East Entrance to Johnson Center

• Find bike map at www.cabq.gov
CAR REGULATIONS AND SAFETY

NEW MEXICO DRIVER’S LICENSE:

• You need a NM driver’s license if you will drive regularly and will live for more than 6 months in New Mexico

• If you will not drive regularly, an international license should work, but insurance coverage is more expensive (you have to have it)

• Driver’s license or state ID is a good idea for everyone as a form of legal identification (info in packet)
NEW MEXICO DRIVER’S LICENSE:

- If you do **NOT** have a U.S. Social Security Number, you have to make an appointment **on-line**.

- You will need to bring all of the **REQUIRED** documents - 2 pieces of ID (SSN, passport, birth certificate, other license) and 2 of residency (utility bill with name and address, apartment lease with name and address, etc.).
CAR REGULATIONS AND SAFETY

NEW MEXICO DRIVER’S LICENSE:

- RULES CHANGED THIS YEAR!!! NEW PROCESS IS CONFUSING SO BE PREPARED

- Students need to let MVD know if they want a “Real ID” license or a “Driver Authorization Card” – Research your options BEFORE you go and announce which one you want when you go to the appointment!
CAR REGULATIONS AND SAFETY

• You MUST have car insurance when driving

• Pay TICKETS! (Parking, Speeding, etc.)

• Do not make any “special request” if the police officer gives you a ticket!

• **If you are stopped by the police:** Do not get out of the car. Place your hands on the wheel where the officer can see them. Get out license, registration and insurance when asked
CAR REGULATIONS AND SAFETY

Don’t drink and drive!

* Yellow Cab Company
  (505) 247-8888

Albuquerque Rapid Transit
Coming soon!

66 Late Night
(June 2 – Sept 17)
CONSUMER RELATED ISSUES

- Internet scams: Don’t send anyone money you don’t know!

- No government office or bank will call you on the phone and ask you to provide your SSN or payment

- Buy insurance for any large money transactions (i.e. use Paypal if available)
HOUSING REGULATIONS

• Read the handout provided in your check-in packet

• Contact - Law Access New Mexico (free hotline) 998-4529

• Renter’s Guide and General Landlord/Tenant Information: www.lawhelpnewmexico.org
WHEN YOU HEAR
THE DRINKING AGE IS 21
WHAT? YOU MEAN...

NO DRINKING UNDER 21???
DRINKING LAWS

- Have to be 21 to drink in the US
- An ID is required to get into bars and at restaurants if ordering alcohol
- IT IS A FELONY (SERIOUS CRIME) TO GIVE ALCOHOL TO ANYONE UNDER 21!!!
- ABQ Police “Party Patrol” often raids parties in the area near campus; if you are hosting a party with alcohol, make sure guests are over 21!!!
Arrests (for DWI, underage drinking, etc.) have many possible negative affects:

- **Financial** – court and attorney fees, increase in vehicle insurance, etc.

- **Criminal** – will have to appear in criminal court, court dates may be beyond the end of your academic program; you will have a criminal record with a range of consequences

- **Immigration** – You may be substantially delayed in applying for a visa or be subject to other serious consequences like jail, exclusion from the US, etc.
LEGAL AND CRIMINAL ISSUES

• Important to know the laws that are problematic

• Avoid getting into trouble in the first place!

• Violations impact you more than domestic students because of immigration consequences

• If you are charged with a crime or arrested, seek legal assistance and talk to a GEO advisor to understand the issues
IF YOU ARE STOPPED BY THE POLICE, IMMIGRATION OR FBI*

• **Stay calm and be polite.** Don’t run or resist. Keep your hands where the police can see them.

• **Right of refusal to search.** You have the right to refuse unless there is a warrant.

• **Ask if you are free to leave.** If the officer says yes, calmly walk away. If you are under arrest, you have a right to: remain silent, have an attorney and contact your consulate

• **Do not lie or give false statements and do not sign anything without talking to a lawyer.**
CAN I WORK IN THE USA?

International Student Work Requirements
WORK ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must meet eligibility criteria for specific type of work permission
- Must maintain legal full-time student status throughout your studies
  - Maintain G.P.A. of 2.5 for undergraduates
  - Must consult a GEO advisor well in ADVANCE for any off-campus work
WORK TYPES FOR J-1

J-1 Students

“ON CAMPUS”
(For UNM only)

OTHER

OR “OFF CAMPUS”

1. Academic Training (“AT”)
