

Important CPT Updates from ISSS

The Department of Homeland Security has communicated a new interpretation of Curricular Practical Training (CPT) regulations which states that international students may not receive CPT authorization for internships not required for their degree programs.

Curricular practical training is defined as alternative work/study, internship, cooperative education or any other type of required internship or practicum that is offered by sponsoring employers through cooperative agreements with the school.

Therefore, ISSS is not able to authorize CPT unless a student's internship is absolutely required for graduation.

FAQs

- What if my program has an elective internship course that's not required for graduation but offers credit towards program completion?

If the internship course is an option but not a requirement, you may not pursue an internship.

- How do I know if an internship is required for my program?

Please inquire with your Academic Advisor or Graduate Program Director.

- Does this apply for summer internships as well?

Yes. Summer is not an exception to this rule.

The **ISSS Website** reflects this updated policy. Please email iss@siue.edu with any additional questions. We are here to help!

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