**Immigration Policies & Procedures**

For all immigration related questions and issues, consult with your International Student Advisors. They are experts in the field and will provide you with accurate information. Please do not rely upon the advice of your friends with regard to immigration issues!

**SEVIS**

The Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) is the electronic database designed to assist government agencies and educational institutions in efforts to maintain accurate records pertaining to international students.

The purpose of SEVIS is to facilitate timely reporting and monitoring of international students and exchange visitors in the United States. SEVIS enables schools and program sponsors to transmit electronic notifications to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) and Department of State throughout a student’s or exchange visitor’s program in the US. Government agencies will be informed of status changes for international students and exchange visitors including:

- Admission at the port of entry
- Class enrollment each semester
- Student’s physical address
- Program extensions
- Employment changes in program of study
- Any violations of visa status

This process is critical and it is necessary for students to understand that the regulations for F-1 and J-1 must be followed closely; the automated system does not allow for anything other than precise interpretation and compliance.