

Dear New Paltz student,

We present the September 10, 2021 edition of the **The Globe!**

The Globe is our International Student Newsletter. It is sent biweekly (every other week) on Fridays. In The Globe you will find announcements from International Student Programs office, important reminders, information on events, and more.

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Announcements and Reminders

REMINDER: Full-time enrollment requirements

All international students present in the United States or continuing their studies from outside the U.S. must maintain full-time status.* "Full-time" may differ depending on your program

- ALL Undergraduate degrees, MBA, and MFA: 12 credits
- ALL other graduate degrees: 9 credits
- A combination of ESL and academic courses are OK!
- If you withdraw from a class and doing so drops you below full time at any point you will be in violation of your visa status. Do not do this..
 - An exception is made in your FINAL SEMESTER only

If you have questions or concerns about this, please contact [International Student Programs](#)

** New students who have not entered the United States on F-1 status yet do not need to maintain this requirement until they have entered the country on F-1 status.*

REMINDER: Vaccine Policy

All SUNY students are required to show proof of full vaccination. Unvaccinated students received a grace period to get **fully vaccinated and the deadline to do so is Sept. 27, 2021.**

Those who do not comply will be withdrawn from in-person classes at SUNY New Paltz, per SUNY's policy. [Vaccines approved by the World Health Organization](#) are accepted as proof of vaccination!

REMINDER: How to upload your vaccine information to your my.newpaltz.edu portal

- Login to my.newpaltz.edu
- Click "View your Covid-19 Profile"
- Complete the forms and upload your vaccination document(s)
- Wait for the campus to confirm your vaccination (typically 24 hours)
*You will receive an email from no-reply@newpaltz.edu confirming whether you have met the campus vaccination requirement.

Currently the vaccines approved by WHO are:

Janssen/Johnson & Johnson (1 shot)

Pfizer/BioNTech (2 shots)

Moderna (2 shots)

AstraZeneca (2 shots)

Sinopharm (2 shots)

REMINDER: Avoiding Phishing Scams in the United States

Unfortunately, several sophisticated scams have been created by criminals around the world to solicit money from people. Please read [this website](#) to learn more information about potential scams and how to protect yourself.

Events and Opportunities

Study New York Photo and Video Contest (Deadline: November 1)

The 7th annual Study New York international student "Why I Love Studying in New York" photo and video contest is open!

Click [here](#) to read information on how to enter and prizes!

The contest is offered through Study New York and all questions should be directed to them at photos@studynewyork.us.

We are proud to say SUNY New Paltz international students have won the contest in the past with their excellent photography skills and we are sure there will be more to come!

Continuing the Conversation: Antiracism in the Classroom and Beyond

(September 15)

Student and faculty panelists will talk about ways they work against racism in their classrooms and in our campus community. Students, staff, and other community members are invited to offer their impressions and ideas about what works well and doesn't in these often difficult conversations. Together, we will work on ways to make SUNY New Paltz a place where more members feel seen, heard, and able to participate fully in the life of the institution.

Date: Wednesday, September 15

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Location: [Webex](#)

New Paltz ENGAGE-listed Events

[New Paltz ENGAGE](#) is our campus platform for clubs, organizations, and events. Click Events at the top to see a list of upcoming activities.

Student Corner

Would you like to share your experiences at New Paltz with us in an interview? Do you have something you've written or created that you are proud of? We would love to celebrate you and your work! Click [here](#) and share with us.

Tip of the Day

The campus has released a "[COVID-19 If/Then](#)" site to inform both students and staff on what to do in various situations. Clicking the link will bring you to various scenarios.

Quote of the Day

"I have become my own version of an optimist. If I can't make it through one door, I'll go through another door - or I'll make a door. Something terrific will come no matter how dark the present."

- Rabindranath Tagore