

# Navigating Changes to Immigration Policies: U of A Student Support and Resources

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Tucson, AZ -Students have been impacted by the recent changes in immigration policy, through support services the University of Arizona intends to guide and reassure students of its commitment to their success and well-being.

Following January 20, 2025, multiple executive orders regarding immigration were issued. One specifically raising concerns among students allows immigration and customs enforcement (ICE) to access “protected areas” including college campuses.

These changes have personally affected many lives of students nationally and locally at the University of Arizona. Students have been left with questions and uncertainty about the future.

This adds to the challenges students already face. U of A students recently participated in the NNSE annual survey that reflected these challenges. “Many U of A students reported factors that can affect their ability to engage in academic and social experiences,” said Kendra Thompson-Dyck, the director of assessment and research for student success and retention innovation, acknowledging the factors that can make it difficult to stay motivated and focused.

To meet the present needs of the campus community, support services have been enhanced and are available to aid students with individual and specific needs. Immigration Student Resource (ISR) Center, Counseling & Psych Services (CAPS), and THINK TANK, are some of the highlighted departments.

ISR presents vital information about your legal rights and family preparedness with the recent changes to policies. This information can help to gain confidence in an ICE encounter. They discuss different scenarios like at work or on campus. Other services include paperwork support, attorneys, peer mentors, events, guidance, and other free services.

Counseling & Psych Services (CAPS) is the center for mental health resources; you can speak with counselors by appointment or just drop-in. There are also after-hours crisis support, free groups, workshops, and online information about handling political stress.

The University of Arizona values its diverse community and strives to ensure a welcoming environment on campus where students can feel safe to freely be their authentic selves. Incorporating services into student life is essential as it builds a strong foundation to empower students pursuing their education.

Additional information on these resources can be found [here](#).

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