

Statement on Immigration Policy Injustices

The William & Mary Counseling Center welcomes and values all individuals coming to the U.S., including the students and scholars who join our campus community from other parts of the world. Unfortunately, we are aware of the anti-immigration sentiment expressed by different sectors across the nation, particularly in recent years, and the specific impact the pandemic has had on our international students. The most recent directives implemented and rescinded by the U.S. government in a short period of time brought further turmoil to our William & Mary community, especially to visa-holding individuals. International students might be experiencing physical and psychological uncertainty and instability, and their well-being has likely suffered as a result of the government's chaotic, confusing, and unjust immigration policies.

Our core values at the Counseling Center compel us to address not only the mental health symptoms that result from injustice, but also the systemic factors that lead to such injustices. We stand with our international students and are available to support them, advocate for them, and help them address any reactions they may be experiencing. We invite any student who would like to discuss their concerns with a W&M clinician to call (757) 221-3620.