Frequently Asked Questions
Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Undocumented Immigrant Students

The core mission of higher education is the advancement of knowledge, people, and society.

1. **UIPD/ICPD Protocol**
   The University of Iowa Police Department is not concerned with DACA status and does not actively look to deport individuals. Their protocol involves seeing if individuals they are interacting with as part of a response/call/report are registered as students at the University of Iowa. However, if there is evidence of large-scale criminal activity (homicide, drug trafficking, etc.) DACA status may be of concern.

2. **Student Privacy**
   The University of Iowa does not keep “lists” of students and their immigration status. Although immigration status is part of a student’s record and can be subject to disclosure, there is nothing on record that identifies a student as undocumented.

3. **Financial Aid**
   Undocumented students, including DACA recipients and Dreamers, are not eligible for Federal student aid, but may be eligible for state (in some states) or college aid and/or private scholarships. In the State of Iowa, state aid is not an option; however, the University of Iowa provides merit scholarship to eligible DACA students.

4. **Legal Support**
   Students may go to Student Legal Services (SLS) for legal support. If SLS is unable to assist, they will provide students with a list of community resources that can.

5. **Confidential Resources**
   Ombudsperson Office, 319.335.3608
   ombudsperson@uiowa.edu

   Center for Diversity and Enrichment, 319.335.3555
   cde@uiowa.edu

   University Counseling, 319.335.7294
   *(if DACA or undocumented status is causing duress and mental health support or counseling is needed)*

6. **Campus Resources**
   Center for Diversity and Enrichment
   319.335.3555
   cde@uiowa.edu

   Student Legal Services
   319.335.3276
   legal.studentlife.uiowa.edu/appointments/

For More Information
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diversity.uiowa.edu/cde