



WEEKLY UPDATE – Oct. 18

Intercultural Student Spaces and Resources

This week's newsletter focuses on intercultural student spaces and resources, highlighting the programming offered by the Cultural Centers. If you have questions related to immigration, you can [email ISSS](#) or [make a Zoom appointment with your ISSS adviser](#). Also, reminder that the ISSS office will remain open during the upcoming fall break, which takes place on October 18-19, 2021.

Cultural Centers

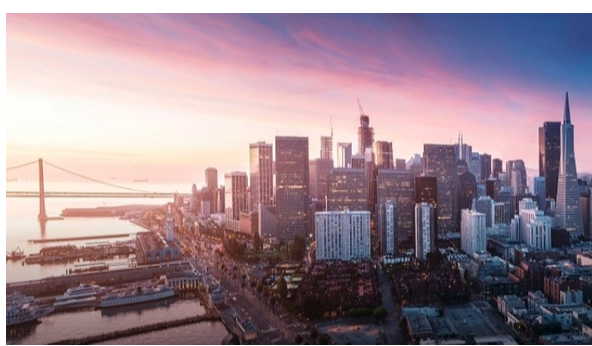
The Cultural Centers serve as outlets for student-run programs to explore social issues and identity. The centers bring students together to increase their understanding and embrace their roles, as members of a diverse community on local and global levels. Their programs explore race, ethnicity, class, and culture-based topics through creative and engaging dialogues and workshops. Programs include Lyricist Lounge, Community Meetups, Common Ground Series, and Media Series. The Cultural Centers lounge is on the fourth floor of the University Center and open to all students on Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Students are encouraged to stop by to learn more about events and spend time with other students who are interested in similar topics. Check out two upcoming events below. [Learn more about their programs and events this semester »](#)

- **Cafe International:** Cafe International is a community space for international students to make friends and learn to live in the multicultural USF campus. It often features representatives from university departments and student organizations who share information about academic life, career development, campus resources, and student activities, as well as cultures and identities represented by our international students. This semester, these events take place on Tuesdays from 4:30–5:30 p.m. [Register for an event »](#)
- **Queer BIPOC Community Meetup:** Do you identify as a queer person of color? Are you looking for a sense of community within the intersection of the two identities? Join the Cultural Centers for their Queer BIPOC Community Meetup to discuss, validate, and build community with students at USF! [Register for an event »](#)



Halloween in the U.S.

Ever wondered about the **history and tradition of Halloween**? Celebrated in the U.S. on Oct. 31, the name "Halloween" comes from "All Hallows Eve," or the day before All Saints Day, a traditional holy day for Christians. According to tradition, the spirits of the dead were able to come back to life to harm people and crops in the physical world. People tried to appease the restless spirits on Halloween, and these practices led to many of today's Halloween traditions. For example, people used to wear costumes of monsters, ghosts, and devils to scare away harmful spirits. Today, people still celebrate by wearing costumes. When selecting a costume for Halloween, it's important to avoid cultural appropriation. Culture appropriation is "the unacknowledged or inappropriate adoption of the customs, practices, ideas, etc. of one people or society by members of another and typically more dominant people or society." [Learn more about cultural appropriation and Halloween »](#)



America, China, and the Global Tech Economy

Join the School of Management's China Business Studies Initiative (CBSI) in an upcoming event titled, America, China, and the Global Tech Economy. This event will feature a panel of experts who will discuss America's and China's relationship in the context of the tech economy. On top of the issues arising from the trade dispute, the pandemic response, and other sources of bilateral tension, both sides now are: rethinking their approach to regulating the tech economy, experiencing growing concerns about their citizens' data being held outside their borders; and worrying about how social media can affect politics, among other tech-related issues. This event will be held online on **Tuesday, Oct. 19 from 5:15–6:30 p.m. (PST)**. Registration is required. [Learn more and register »](#)

ISSS OFFICE RESOURCES

Requesting a Document from ISSS?

If you are requesting an immigration document or letter from our office, remember that we request **ten business days** to process requests. Make sure you plan accordingly so you have enough time to receive your document before you need it. [You can also make some document requests through online submission.](#)

Adviser Appointments and Workshops

Appointments can be made online. Please visit the [ISSS website](#) to schedule an appointment. Appointments are still booked in 30-minute increments.

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