End-of-Semester Reminders

As you wrap up your year, our office wants to share a few end-of-semester reminders. As always, please email our office with any questions or concerns. Wishing you a healthy and safe holiday season.

Program End Dates
Remind all F-1 students that it is imperative to complete their program on time. Failure to complete your program on time before your I-20 program end date will result in a violation of your F-1 student status. Please note the program end date listed on your I-20 does not signify the end of any student employment positions on campus. If you will not be able to complete your degree requirements by the programs end date or your I-20, please make an appointment with your ISSS advisor to discuss your eligibility for an extension of your stay in the U.S. If you are eligible for an extension of your stay, your request must be submitted at least ten business days prior to your I-20 program end date. View additional information »

Wellness Checks
The Health Promotion Services health assessment offering resources to support student wellness. Wellness is defined as the optimal state of health and refers to a person’s ability to live life to its fullness. All students can take the wellness check, a confidential assessment tool that will help you and your campus health promotion services to understand your current health status and what you can do to improve it. After you complete the wellness check, you can schedule a free, individualized coaching appointment. Learn more and register »

Hanukkah Wishes
Our office wishes all students observing a happy Hanukkah! Often referred to as "The Festival of Lights," Hanukkah is a 8-day holiday that is celebrated for eight days and nights, starting on the 25th of the Jewish month of Kislev. For eight nights, families say prayers and then light candles in an eight-branched candelabra called a menorah. Most families also serve special holiday foods, sing songs, and play games. This year, menorahs will be lighted on the USF campus on Sunday, Nov. 20–Monday, Dec. 6. If you'd like to receive a happy Hanukkah card, please email us at healthpromotion@usfca.edu.

OPT Reminders
If you are an F-1 student graduating in Fall 2021, you will need to apply for OPT by December 1st if you are interested in working in the U.S. It is essential to that field of study. Students can apply up to 90 days before their program end date. Students are encouraged to apply early as it can take at least 4-6 months for documents to be processed by the government.

OPT Work Start Dates
• Students who graduate earlier than their I-20 program end date. Your request must be submitted at least ten business days prior to your I-20 program end date. View additional information »

H-1B Workshop
Are you interested in learning about your rights as an international student in the U.S.? This is an H-1B Informational Workshop. This event will be recorded and shared with all of the participants after the workshop. More information »

ISSS OFFICE RESOURCES
Requesting a Document from ISSS!
If you are requesting an immigration document in a timely manner, remember that we require ten business days for processing. Make sure to plan accordingly so you have enough time to receive the document before you need it! You can also make document requests through online submission.

Adviser Appointments and Workshops
Appointments can be made online. Please visit the ISSS website to schedule an appointment. Appointments will be limited to 30-minute increments.

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