



WEEKLY UPDATE – Jan. 25

Welcome Back, USF International Students!

A warm welcome back for the spring 2021 semester! We hope that your winter break was restful and restorative and you feel ready to resume your studies. As you get settled and begin your courses, we want to update you with the most recent COVID-19 related travel guidelines and also remind you about the nature of our services while the university remains in a remote setting.

Travel Reminders

Per the **CDC's recent announcement**, air travelers who plan to enter the US need to provide a negative COVID-19 test to their airline in order to board their flight. If a passenger does not provide documentation of a negative test or recovery, the airline must deny boarding to the passenger. Additionally, upon arrival in the US, **state** and **local** public health authorities now require all travelers (international and domestic) returning to the Bay Area to **quarantine**. Please read the regulations linked above for additional information. If you have questions or concerns, please review the **COVID-19 FAQ** and the **ISSS travel web page** and reach out to our office by **email**.

Our Virtual Services

ISSS staff continues to serve our international students virtually this semester. Our office hours are Monday–Friday from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. You can connect with us **via email**, reach us by phone at **(415) 422-2654**, or **make a Zoom appointment with your ISSS adviser**. Note that all requests can be submitted via our online portal, **MyISSS**, and our processing time for all requests is ten business days. For help navigating MyISSS, check out the **MyISSS student handbook**. Our team is here to support you and we look forward to working with you this semester! Check out our ISSS staff members below and note their advising populations and areas of expertise.



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(Computer Science,
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Environmental
Management)

Scholars



**Ying-Sing (Cynthia)
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GR School of
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Mari McDermott

GR Arts and Sciences
(Applied Economics,
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Pacific Studies, Migration
Studies, Museum Studies,
Professional
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Tina Ricafrente

UG Arts and Sciences

Special projects



Sarah Ruszkowski

General inquiries

ISSS email

Front desk and office
operations



Leadership Opportunity

Interested in global education and international student issues? Join the Office of International Initiatives (OII) Student Advisory Committee (SAC). The role of SAC is to give voice to the wide-ranging interests of the student body as far as international education and international student issues and to help reflect student priorities to OII. All USF undergraduate students welcome to apply. **Learn more »**



Full-Time Enrollment Reminder

As a reminder, F-1 students must be enrolled full-time unless approved by ISSS for a reduced course load. Full-time status for undergraduate students is 12 or more units and full-time status for graduate students is six or more units. If you have questions about dropping or withdrawing from a course and are unsure of how it would affect your status, please email ISSS. **See the full academic calendar »**

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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