



WEEKLY UPDATE – Dec. 12

Winter Closure and Services

As the semester comes to an end, we wanted to remind you that **our office will close for the holidays on Friday, Dec. 23, and reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 3.** Our office will not have in-person services on **Thursday, Dec. 22;** however, our staff will be available online via phone and email from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. We will resume in-person services in January. If you have an immigration status-related emergency when the ISSS office is closed, please call Public Safety at **(415) 422-4201.** As always, please **email our office** with any questions or concerns. We wish you a restful winter break!

Staying in the Bay Area for Winter Break?

Check out these **happenings and activities** in the Bay Area!

- See the San Francisco Ballet's Nutcracker at the War Memorial Opera House. **Grab your tickets** — the show is running from Dec. 8–27
- Enjoy the holiday decor and go ice skating in Union Square in the outdoor skating rink! **Purchase tickets.**
- Visit the **Fairmont Hotel** in Nob Hill. They have a two-story gingerbread house made of real gingerbread. You can even go inside the house and enjoy some tea!



Health Insurance on OPT

Students on OPT are eligible to purchase the USF student health plan each semester for up to one academic year. To determine eligibility, please **submit a request** to voluntarily purchase the USF student health plan. For questions contact **Health Promotion Services.**



Hanukkah Wishes

We wish all observing students a happy Hanukkah! Often referred to as the "Festival of Lights," Hanukkah is celebrated for eight days and nights, starting on the 25th day 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, play games, and give gifts. This year, Hanukkah will be celebrated **Sunday, Dec. 18 – Monday, Dec. 26.**



Find Your Most Recent I-20

Do you have your most recent I-20 in your possession? If you already have an I-20 with a valid travel signature in your **MyISSS account**, you can go to your record, download, print, and sign this document. **You do not need a valid travel signature to exit the U.S. — you only need it to re-enter.** Please review all of the requests in your profile to find your most recent I-20. Reference the **MyISSS Student Handbook** for additional information, including a **tutorial** to help you find your most recent I-20.

*Please note that requests submitted by **Thursday, Dec. 15 at 4 p.m. PST** will be processed before winter break. Any requests submitted after that will be processed after we return on **Tuesday, Jan. 3.***

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. All ISSS requests should be submitted through the **MyISSS student portal** (select the home icon, site home, and then requests on the left-hand menu). You can view our **MyISSS Student Handbook** for assistance with your submission.

Adviser Appointments and Workshops

Appointments can be made online. Please visit the **ISSS website** to schedule an appointment. Appointments are still booked in 15-minute increments. To schedule a workshop, select workshops from the first menu option in our scheduler. Students must complete an OPT workshop before applying for OPT.

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