



WEEKLY UPDATE – February 13

Tax Filing for International Students

This week's newsletter includes information to remind you about filing taxes as an international student. As always, if you have any questions, you can contact our office by **chat, phone, or email**. If you have specific immigration questions, you can also **make an appointment with your ISSS adviser online**.

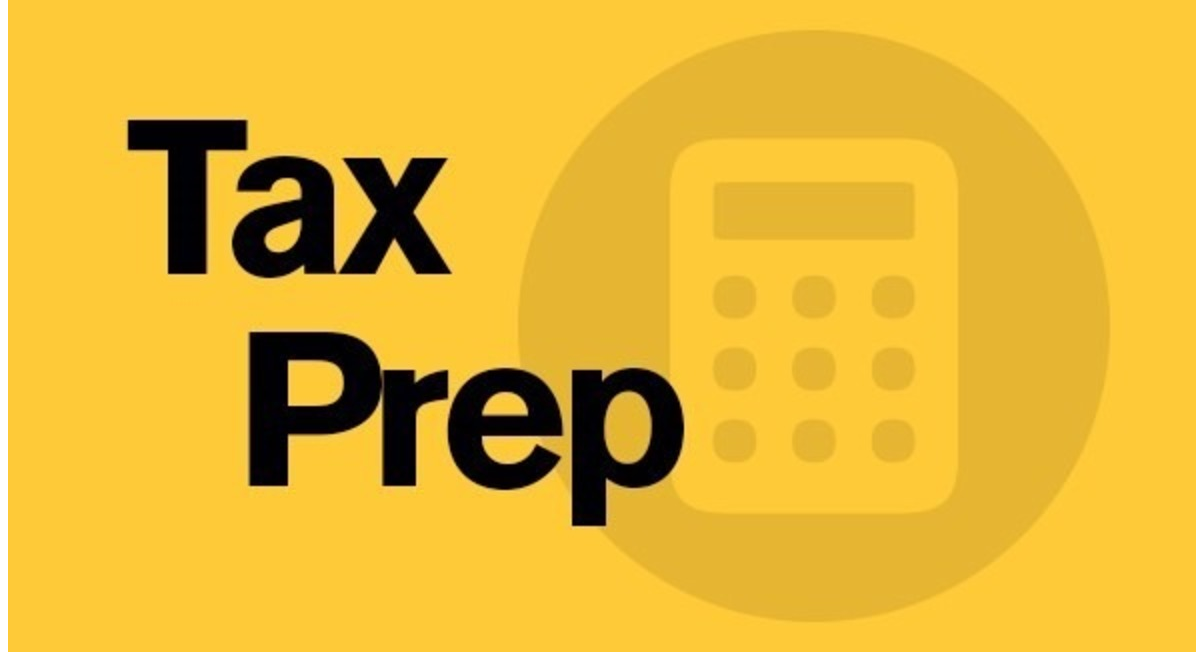
Filing Taxes

It's important to be aware that as a nonresident student in the U.S., you are legally required to file a tax return if you received U.S. income during 2022 (Jan. 1, 2022 – Dec. 31, 2022). Even if you didn't work or receive income in the U.S. in 2022, you're still obliged to file a Form-8843 with the IRS. The University of San Francisco has arranged free access to **Sprintax tax preparation** for you. Sprintax will guide you through the tax preparation process, arrange the necessary documents, and check if you're due a tax refund or if you owe taxes.



On the **ISSS Taxes web page** you will find more information about:

- How to determine if you are a resident or nonresident for tax purposes
- What tax forms you may receive and when you will get them
- How to use the Sprintax software to file your tax return, or Form-8843 if you had no income



Tax Workshops

Both Sprintax and ISSS will offer tax workshops to help you understand your U.S. tax filing requirements for nonresidents. The ISSS workshop will take place on **Tuesday, March 28 from 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.** and will cover taxable scholarships, U.S. tax treaties, Social Security Number (SSN), and Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN) application procedures. Sprintax workshops will take place over the course of the semester and will provide an overview of tax for nonresident students and scholars, who must file a 2022 U.S. tax return, what income forms students/scholars may receive, forms that need to be completed and sent to the IRS, and terms like FICA, ITIN and Form 1098-T. **See the full list of workshop dates and registration information »**



Hidden Letters Film Screening

Join the USF **Center for Asia Pacific Studies** for a screening of **Hidden Letters**, a new Oscar-shortlisted, award-winning documentary. The film explores a history in which women in China were forced into oppressive marriages and forbidden to read or write by their households for thousands of years. To cope, they developed and shared a secret language among themselves called Nushu. Written in poems or songs with bamboo pens on folded-paper fans and handkerchiefs, these hidden letters bonded generations of Chinese women in a clandestine support system of sisterhood, hope, and survival. **Register or learn more »**

Community Partners: Chinese Studies, Gender & Sexualities Studies, and MA in Asia Pacific Studies

You will have two weeks to watch the film, which will be streamed from **Feb. 11–25**.



USF Food Pantry

USF's food pantry is continuing its operation this semester. The goal of the pantry is to serve as a short-term resource for students who have limited or uncertain access to a sufficient quantity of food. The pantry is available to all currently enrolled USF undergraduate and graduate students. Students are not expected to pay for items from the pantry. Students can **view additional information about upcoming pantry dates on the website** or visit the **food insecurity resource page** for alternative food resources. The pantry will be open this **Friday, Feb. 17 from 2:30–4:30 p.m. in the Gleeson Library Atrium**.



Cafe International

Cafe International is a community space for international students to make friends and learn to live as part of the multicultural campus. Come to Cafe International to enjoy a stress-free coffee break in a relaxing environment to help you recharge. The next event will take place on **Thursday, Feb. 16 from 5–6 p.m. in the Intercultural Center, UC 411/412**. Registration is not required. **Learn more about the Cultural Centers »**

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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