



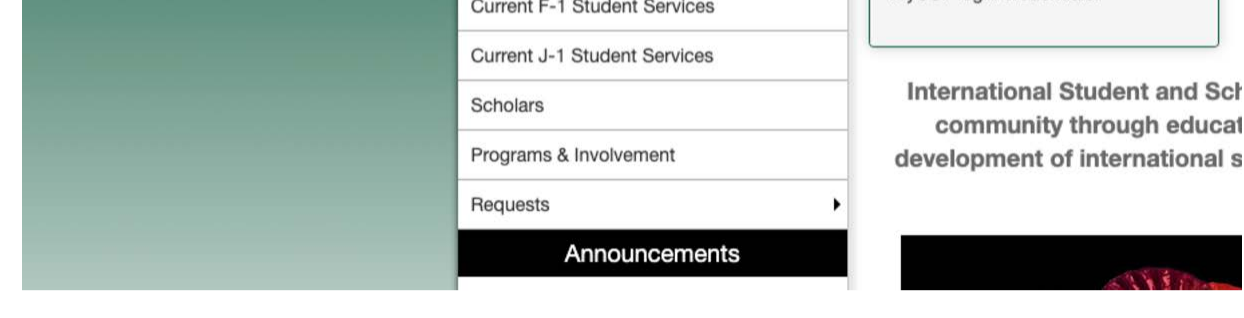
WEEKLY UPDATE – March 13

MyISSS Online Portal

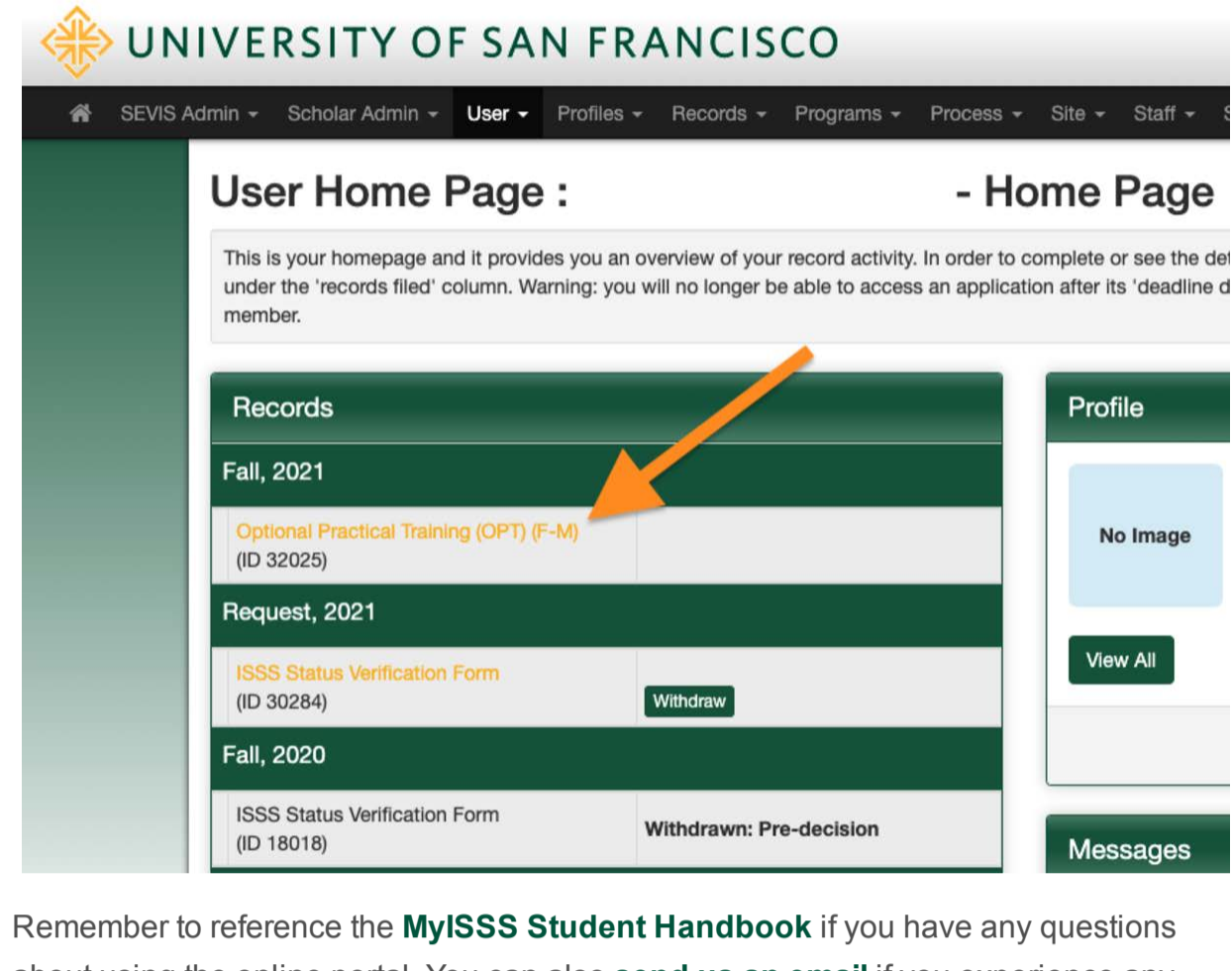
This week's newsletter includes information to help you navigate the international student online portal, **MyISSS**. The **MyISSS student portal** allows students to submit requests to ISSS and view information and announcements from our office. Students are able to use this page to view the status of their current requests, view all past requests submitted, and download and print documents from completed requests. This is also the system that ISSS uses to submit federally required data to the DHS Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). Remember to review the **MyISSS Student Handbook** for all of the information you need to use MyISSS, including how to log in, submit a request, and other frequently asked questions.

Usage and Tips

Students submit almost all requests to our office via **MyISSS**. Keep in mind that you can access *all* the requests you started and submitted in your "User" profile. The image below shows how to navigate from the homepage to your "User" profile.



See the "User" page below. Note that if you open any requests from the homepage, the request type will save in your "User" profile. Additionally, if you begin a request and then close the window, you can return to it later (see the image below) and submit your request.



Remember to reference the **MyISSS Student Handbook** if you have any questions about using the online portal. You can also **send us an email** if you experience any difficulties submitting requests or downloading your documents.

Upcoming Events



Campus Involvement

Not quite ready to obtain work authorization and land a job? A great way to get started is to join a student organization on campus. Student organizations provide exciting opportunities to develop leadership skills, network, acquire new skills, plan events, and connect to the USF community. There are over 130 graduate and undergraduate student organizations at USF with a variety of focuses. **Get involved »**

NetworkUSF

USF students have access to **NetworkUSF**, an online community designed to foster connections between students and alumni around the world. On the platform, students can seek advice, explore career fields of interest, and build a professional network with alumni. Students can filter alumni by career and industry area, geographic location, current company and title, area of interest, and USF affiliation. **Learn more »**



Wednesday, March 22 | 5–7:30 p.m.
USF Downtown Campus, 101 Howard St.

5th Floor, Room 529, 5–6 p.m. — "Do you need sponsorship?" Workshop

This workshop is designed for currently enrolled international students who are planning on pursuing a job in the U.S. either during or after their program. In collaboration with ISSS, experienced immigration lawyers from Berry Appleman and Leiden LLC will share employment authorization options, different approaches to answering immigration-related questions on job applications, and how to talk directly to employers about work visa sponsorship during interviews.

5th Floor, Agora Common Area, 6–7:30 p.m. — International Student Reception

All international alumni and currently enrolled international students are invited to this reception after the workshop. Attendees can connect and chat with current students, alumni, and immigration lawyers from Berry Appleman and Leiden LLC. This is also a celebration of the launch of the International Student and Alumni Network group on NetworkUSF.

Learn more and RSVP »



Witness to the Fall of Democracy in Afghanistan

Faculty, staff and students, please join our visiting scholar, **Mohammad Amin Mamnoon (Mamnoon)**, for his presentation on the following:

How the role of multiple actors and their disregard for the rule of law and human rights contributed to the downfall of the young Afghan democracy.

Date: Tuesday, March 28, 2023
Time: 12:30 pm
Location: KN 101 and via Zoom

Can't make it in-person? Join them on Zoom »



Health Promotion Services – Mindfulness Program

An important aspect of mindfulness is developing a non-judgmental, accepting, and even curious attitude about your moment-to-moment experience. The more you develop this attitude, the less you will feel overwhelmed by changes and challenges in your life. Participants will meet for 90 minutes every Tuesday for four weeks starting March 21 at 5 p.m. It is imperative that you are able to be present for each session. **Register here »**



Volunteer for Stress Less Day

Health Promotion Services is hosting their annual **Stress Less Day** event on March 23 from 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. at McLaren 250. If you are interested in volunteering, **sign-up here »**

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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