WEEKLY UPDATE – Aug. 22

Welcome Back, USF International Students!

Greetings from ISSS

ISSS staff is excited to welcome our new students, and welcome our continuing students back, to the USF community. We hope you had a lovely summer and are ready to get the Fall 2022 semester started! We have had some changes in ISSS, and you can always **view our staff info**, and **visit our website to stay up-to-date**. Our website has information about working in the US, applying for a social security number, travel, maintaining your status, and so much more.

Access ISSS Services

The ISSS office is open for in-person general questions and assistance, Monday – Friday from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. (PST). We highly encourage you to communicate with us by **chat on our website** during our business hours. You can also connect with us via **email**, reach us by phone at **(415) 422-2654**, or **schedule a Zoom appointment** with your ISSS adviser. If you'd like to schedule an in-person advising session, please email your ISSS adviser.

MyISSS Student Portal

Submit a request in **MyISSS**! MyISSS allows students to submit requests to ISSS and view information and announcements from our office. Students can also use this page to view the status of their current requests and view all past requests submitted through the portal. To log into your MyISSS account, follow the **MyISSS link**. Once you are in the portal, you can view your personal information, see your ISSS adviser's name, and submit a request. For additional information, please view the **MyISSS Portal Handbook**.

Reminders and Deadlines

Late registration ends/Last day to add: The last day for students to add or drop any classes is **Aug. 29**. **View the academic calendar »**

Status Verification: International students who arrive in the U.S. will check-in with ISSS by providing their immigration documents. This is a required step in maintaining your status. Students who are attending from outside of the US do not need to complete status verification. The last day to complete status verification is **Aug. 29**.

Health Insurance Waiver: Any student who wants to waive the **USF health insurance plan**, the waiver criteria can be found **here**. The waiver site is open and will close **Sept. 1**. **Follow this link** if you would like to waive the USF health insurance plan.

COVID-19 FAQ

Reporting a positive COVID-19 case

Each member of our community should self-monitor for symptoms and not come to campus if they are symptomatic, even if they have a negative test. You no longer need to complete the daily online Dons Health Check. Although completion of the health check is no longer required or tied to your One Card, you should still monitor your symptoms and report positive COVID test results through the **positive intake reporting form**. You may also contact **covidtracing@usfca.edu** and let them know you tested positive.

USF COVID-19 Testing

Starting, Monday, Aug. 1 to Thursday, Dec. 15, fall 2022 COVID-19 testing will be provided by GoHealth to all USF community members. **Learn more »**

Events & Programs

Conversation Partner Program

The Academic English for Multilingual Students AEM Program matches international students (for whom English is not the primary language) at USF with members of the USF community who are highly proficient English speakers and have deep knowledge of American culture. Conversation partners meet regularly throughout the semester, approximately once a week for at least an hour, and talk about anything they want. **Learn more »**

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. 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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