



WEEKLY UPDATE – Jan. 23

A Warm Welcome Back to the Hilltop

May the Year of the Rabbit bring you joy and abundance! As we welcome the Year of the Rabbit, let's hope for good health, happiness, and success. Our office is happy to welcome you back for the spring 2023 semester! We hope that your winter break was restful and restorative, and that you feel ready to resume your studies. As you get settled and begin your courses, we wanted to update you about our services and remind you of upcoming deadlines.

Our Services

Students can access ISSS services in person and online. Our front desk, located at the University Center (fifth floor) is open Monday–Friday from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Please note that most requests should be submitted via our online portal, **MyISSS**, and once processed, downloaded from MyISSS. For help navigating MyISSS, check out the **MyISSS Student Handbook**. Our processing time for all requests is 10 business days.

Remember that you can **connect with us via email**, reach us by phone at **(415) 422-2654**, chat with a team member on our **website chat feature**, or **schedule an appointment** with your ISSS adviser.

Health Promotion Services

Immunization Requirement deadline:

- If you have not submitted your immunization records, head over to **Med+Proctor** to submit your immunization records. For more information regarding immunization requirements for international students, **check out this link**.

Health Insurance Waiver deadline:

- If you have health coverage that is comparable to the USF-endorsed health insurance plan, you have the option to waive USF coverage by **Feb. 1**. View the **International Students Waiver Criteria** for more information. **Follow this link** to waive the USF-endorsed health insurance plan. If you need assistance, please set up a health insurance meeting **here**.

Not Anymore & COVID Course deadline:

- USF requires all new and incoming students to take **Not Anymore** — an online video-based course that prepares students for the unique challenges of college life. The deadline to complete this course requirement was Jan. 15; however, we have not yet fined students for failing to complete the course by the deadline. **If you do not want to be fined \$100, please complete this course requirement by Feb. 10.**
- The **Staying Healthy in a Changing Environment** course will be required for all new and incoming students. **The deadline to complete the course is Jan. 23.** Students who fail to complete the course by the deadline will have a registration hold placed on their account.

Please contact hps@usfca.edu if you have any questions or technical issues.



SUBMIT A REQUEST

OPT Workshops

OPT workshops are now available for sign-up. This semester we have two in-person OPT workshops! Space is limited — **sign up** today to reserve your spot.

- Thursday, March 2, 10–11 a.m., UC 402/403
- Friday, April 21, 1:30–2:30 p.m., McLaren Complex 215

Applying for a Social Security Number?

As of spring 2023, ISSS is accepting paper On-Campus Employment Confirmation Letters (SSN). We will accept electronic letters **until Feb. 1, 2023**, and afterward, only paper applications will be accepted. For more information, please **visit our website**.



Conversation Partner Program

The **Academic English for Multilingual Students (AEM) Program** matches international students (for whom English is not their primary language) 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 »**



Lunar New Year Celebration

Join the Center for Asia Pacific Studies and other Asia-focused programs and units on campus as they ring in the Year of the Rabbit! Meet them at Gleeson Plaza on **Tuesday, Jan. 31, from 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.** for music, prizes, food, and a traditional lion dance performance by Leung's White Crane Association. This event is free and open to the public. **Learn more »**

Co-sponsors: Asian Studies, Asian Pacific American Studies, Center for Business Studies and Innovation in Asia-Pacific, MA in Asia Pacific Studies.

ISSS OFFICE RESOURCES

Requesting a document from ISSS?

If you are requesting an immigration document or letter from our office, remember that we request **10 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.

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