International Travel Considerations and Reminders

As you make your summer plans, remember that you are making a choice to travel and may need to be flexible about your plans. Before making any travel plans, please review the current travel restrictions and entry requirements. If you are not currently vaccinated, you must be fully vaccinated before you can travel and you must also get the COVID-19 booster shot. You can find more information about COVID-19 travel here.

TRAVEL CONSIDERATIONS

When planning for your travel, remember that you will need to arrange your flight, hotel, and rental car in advance. If you are not currently vaccinated, you must be fully vaccinated before you can travel and you must also get the COVID-19 booster shot. You can find more information about COVID-19 travel here.

DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR TRAVEL

Do you have your current travel signature? If you need a new travel signature, please request an appointment with the ISSS office.

Additional items to carry with you and present if requested:

- Valid U.S. passport from your home country that is valid more than six months into the future
- Valid U.S. F-1 or J-1 visa stamp in your passport (except for Canadian nationals)
- Valid driver’s license or state ID (if applicable)
- Valid SEVIS I-901 fee receipt that matches your current I-20/DS-2019 SEVIS ID number; you can print a new one here
- Your current and most recent I-20/DS-2019
- Your current SEVIS ID number
- Your current and most recent DS-2019 (if applicable)
- Your EAD card and a letter confirming your employment if you are on post-completion OPT.
- Proof of finances, which can include a statement showing that you have enough money to cover your tuition and living expenses for the duration of your stay in the U.S.
- Enrollment information requested from the registrar

Traveling to the U.S.:

When traveling to the U.S. from a non-issuing country, you must present an original (not a copy) of your valid passport from your home country that is valid more than six months into the future. If you are traveling to the U.S. from a non-issuing country, you must present your valid I-20/DS-2019 with a valid travel signature. If you do not have a valid travel signature, you may need to request an appointment with the ISSS office.

Traveling from the U.S.:

If you are traveling from the U.S. to a non-issuing country, you may need to request a new travel signature. Please contact the ISSS office for more information.

Visa Appointments:

Visa appointments will be limited because of consulate closures in many countries. You should contact your local consulate for more details about when they plan to reopen and when visa appointments will become available. In some cases, a student can request an expedited visa appointment if there is not one available at the time of the request.

If you need to renew your visa because it is expiring, you will want to make your visa appointment right away. Visa appointments will be limited because of consulate closures in many countries. You should contact your local consulate for more details about when they plan to reopen and when visa appointments will become available. In some cases, a student can request an expedited visa appointment if there is not one available at the time of the request.

If you are requesting an immigration document or letter from our office, remember that we process requests in 30-minute increments. You will need enough time to receive your document before you need it.

Requesting a Document from ISSS?

Please review the ISSS website or contact us at 415-422-2654 to schedule an appointment.

ISSS OFFICE RESOURCES

Regarding a Document from ISSS?

If you are frequently prophylactic in a document to be issued or received, remember to check ISSS’ website (iss@usfca.edu) or contact us at 415-422-2654 to schedule an appointment. We are happy to help you expedite your document request as much as possible. Please note that document requests typically take ten to fifteen weeks to process. We recommend that you plan accordingly so you have enough time to receive your document before you need it.

Resident Appointments and Workshops

Appointments are made online. Please visit the ISSS website to schedule an appointment or check availability. All appointments are currently being conducted remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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