International Student & Scholar Services
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1. Summer Travel
Are you traveling outside the U.S. over the summer (this includes cruises)? Remember that all F-1 and J-1 students must have a current travel signature on their I-20’s or DS-2019’s in order to re-enter the United States!

Each signature is valid for 6 months and after that a new signature is necessary. If you need to get your I-20 or DS-2019 signed, please bring it to the ISSS office at least 2 weeks before your intended departure date. This ensures that we have enough time to provide the signature before you travel. As a friendly reminder, students cannot travel internationally (including cruises) and re-enter in F-1 or J-1 status during their grace period. If you have questions about travel during your grace period see an ISSS advisor.

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2. Graduating and Your Grace Period
F-1 students who are graduating this semester have a 60 day grace period following their program, whereas J-1 students have a 30 day grace period. Grace periods are periods of time that are given to you in order to take care of certain events, such as transferring between schools, changing your status, starting a new program after OPT or departing the United States. Not being mindful of these grace periods could cause you to fall out of status. Please visit http://www.gsu.edu/isss/F-1_grace_periods.html for more information regarding grace periods. If you still have questions regarding your grace period come speak with your ISSS Advisor.
3. Global Living Learning Community
Need a place to live on-campus? We have the perfect opportunity for you! The Global Living Learning Community (GLLC) is designed for international students, global studies and language majors, participants in the Study Abroad Program, and students who just love to travel and learn about the world we live in. This on-campus living experience offers special programs, social activities, and interactions through which residents can make friends with people from all over the world while learning about their cultures. The Global Living Learning Community will be located in the Commons for Fall 2013 and Spring 2014!

Apply for Global Living Today! Visit the Georgia State Housing website for instructions on how to apply online for the GLLC at www.gsu.edu/housing/Living_Learning_Communities.

4. ISSS is Open in Summer!
International Student and Scholar Services will be open all summer! Come see us if you have any questions, concerns or if you need immigration advice.

5. 11th Annual Recreational Services Golf Tournament
Join the Georgia State Department of Recreational Services for the 11th Annual Recreational Services Golf Tournament on May 15, 2013 at REUNION Country Club in Hoschton, GA. Visit www.gsu.edu/recreation for registration information.

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