TRAVEL SIGNATURE REMINDER

Don’t forget to have your form I-20 or DS-2019 signed before you depart the U.S over break if your current travel endorsement is more than 6 months old. For details on this requirement and request process, please click >> HERE.

Tip: Don’t wait till the last minute! All requests in iStart take 3-5 days to process.
Georgia State University will celebrate the 18th Annual International Education Week (IEW) this November 13 – 17, 2017. As a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and U.S. Department of Education, the week celebrates the benefits of international education and exchange. All Georgia State University Students are encouraged to participate. All events are free, and many include FOOD!

**HASH-TAG YOURSELF DURING IEW!!**

GSU has created a simple, unique hashtag for IEW this year: #GSUIEW

1. Take a selfie during IEW
2. Post it on FB, Twitter or IG with #GSUIEW
3. Find your images on the ISSS homepage or FB page.

All the events for IEW are listed >> HERE <<

**ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL THANKSGIVING FEAST 2017**

The International Student Association Council (ISAC) invites all international students and scholars at Georgia State University to an American Thanksgiving lunch! Friday, Nov. 17th, 11:45 in the lobby of GSU’s Rialto Center for the Arts, 80 Forsyth St., SW. **Reservation Required via iStart** under “Session Sign-ups” in the left menu. Scroll to Nov. 17th on the calendar, select this event and sign up.

Come enjoy this tradition, and exchange international holidays and customs. Space is limited to only F-1 and J-1 students and scholars. Limited to the 1st 150 who sign up. All RSVP’s checked at the door.
FALL BACKWARDS
Daylight Saving Time Ends Nov 5, 2017, so “fall back.” This means turn back your clocks 1 hour on Saturday night, Nov. 4th. Sunday morning, there will be more sky light, but evening will be dark sooner.

REMINDER: ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR F1/J1 STUDENTS

- Graduate Students: 9 hours in Fall and Spring
- Undergraduate Students: 12 hours in Fall and Spring
- All Students: limited to 1 online course per semester.
- Enrollment details, click >> HERE

GSU HOUSING FALL 2017 CLOSING
International residents who are not attending GSU for the spring 2018 semester and will be returning home must make travel arrangements accordingly. They will be required to vacate by Wednesday, December 13, 2017 (12:00 pm). All International residents will receive detailed Fall 2017 closing information from the residence hall staff during their fall closing floor meetings.

CHRISTMAS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

Christmas International House, sponsored by the Atlanta Ministry with International Students, is a nation-wide ecumenical-based organization providing friendship and hospitality to international students during two weeks of the Christmas holidays Dec. 18, 2017 to January 2, 2018. For more info or to register, visit http://www.christmasih.org. The CIH application will close on November 15. 2017.

Please note: GSU is not affiliated with AMIS or this program. The information is provided only as a service.

ISAC - INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
UPCOMING EVENTS

All ISAC events are free to all GSU students with valid Panther ID

- The Latin American Student Association hosts: “Día De Los Muertos” a colorful and vivid traditional event. November 1, 2015, 7 pm, Hurt Park.
ENHANCED SECURITY SCREENS BY JANUARY 2018 ON ALL INT’L FLIGHTS TO THE U.S.

Airlines Prepare for Changes in U.S. Airport Security Measures

Security changes to pass on to your international business travelers

What are the security changes?
The U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will require stricter passenger screening for all U.S. bound flights to comply with government requirements designed to avoid an in-cabin ban on laptops. The screenings could include:

- Short security interviews
- Inspections of personal electronic devices
- Other measures aimed at keeping airline travels and crews safe from the threat of explosives.

Who is affected?
The new measures will apply to all inbound flights to the U.S. from 280 airports across 105 countries around the world, affecting approximately 2100 commercial flights and 325,000 passengers every day.

When will these changes take effect?
The new security measures were announced on October 26, 2017. Some airlines have already implemented the changes in their security screenings, while other airlines were given permission to not implement the new security screenings until January 2018.

What does it mean for business travelers?
For passengers, the most obvious change will be increased security screening. All passengers – including U.S. citizens – will be questioned before boarding the aircraft. Some airlines may require a written form, while others will include a personal interview. These screenings may result in longer wait times. Most airlines are advising travelers to arrive earlier than usual at the airport.
GSU RECREATION CENTER EVENT

- Hike and Hammock High Shoals Falls

Come enjoy the beautiful fall colors of orange, gold, yellow, brown, and hike and hammock at High Shoals Falls on **Saturday, November 18, 2018**. Email touchtheearth@gsu.edu for pricing and more information!

GRADUATE STUDENTS: REMINDER ABOUT NEEDS SURVEY FOR YOU

Dear International Graduate Students, you recently received an invitation via iStart message to participate in a needs analysis survey about your academic work at GSU and future career goals. This will help the ESL (English as a Second Language) Dept. review and create better support resources for you. The survey is still open and only takes 4-5 minutes. Please click >> HERE << to complete the survey.

EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOPS

Thinking about your next paid internship or your first job in the US after graduation?

You’ll need to apply for CPT or OPT. Part of the process is to complete an employment workshop. Sign up via iStart is required. ISSS is offering 7 workshops this semester (Only three left). Learn all about it >> HERE.

ISSS FACEBOOK LIKES = 2,509 (+9)

Just click the Facebook icon to the left to like our page. ISSS only posts helpful reminders about office updates, deadlines, workshops, events and campus jobs. For questions about any of the information mentioned above, contact:

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