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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 until the last minute! All requests in iStart take 3-5 days to process.

FALL BACKWARDS

Daylight Saving Time Ends Nov 5, 2017, so “fall back.” This means turn back your clocks 1 hour on Saturday night, Nov. 4. Sunday morning, there will be more sky light, but evening will be dark sooner.
International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) is bringing back our exciting EAT Program event for Fall 2017! GSU Perimeter College faculty and staff are invited to host international students and scholars for dinner on **Friday, November 10, 2017**.

ISSS invites the GSU Perimeter College community to show our support for our international students and scholars, and help create this unique opportunity for cross-cultural exchange and making new connections. Please join us!

**APPLICATION DEADLINES**

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**INFO & SIGN UP:** [http://isss.gsu.edu/eat-program/](http://isss.gsu.edu/eat-program/)

- For questions, please contact Veronique Barnes at vbarnes8@gsu.edu or 678-891-3236

**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](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.
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](https://www.state.gov) and [U.S. Department of Education](https://www.ed.gov), 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](#) <<

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**Holidays around the World!**

**Dunwoody Campus**
Tuesday, November 14, 2017
NB 2100/2101
12 – 1 P.M.

**Clarkston Campus**
Wednesday, November 15, 2017
CN 2240
12 – 1 P.M.

Prizes and Thanksgiving meal samples
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.
Remember to apply for Graduation

The Office of the Registrar encourages Associate’s Degree Candidates to apply for graduation in the semester in which they earn their 30th semester hour, approximately two semesters preceding the expected graduation date. For more information, click HERE.

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