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## Going home for the Holidays?

If you will be **traveling outside the United States** during Winter Break, make sure you have a valid travel signature before you leave! You will need an unexpired travel signature from ISSS in order to reenter the United States after traveling abroad, including to Canada or Mexico.

ISSS will hold two Travel Signature Clinics this month at the I-House to help you quickly get a travel signature. More details on Page 2.

## You are invited for Thanksgiving dinner!

If you would like to experience a truly American holiday, consider participating in the University of Denver's Thanksgiving Holiday Dinner program for international students and scholars. ISSS is coordinating this program for DU faculty and staff to invite members of DU's international community to their homes for a Thanksgiving meal.

To participate either as a guest or as a host, please visit our website and complete the survey so that we can match you appropriately.

>> [Thanksgiving Holiday Dinner program](#)

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### Walk-in advising hours

MWF	10:00 a.m.—Noon
M—F	1:00—4:00 p.m.

### Contact us

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[www.du.edu/intl/iss](http://www.du.edu/intl/iss)

## Travel Signature Clinics

To facilitate your reentry into the United States after traveling abroad, it is necessary to have a valid travel signature on your I-20 or DS-2019. The travel signature is found on page 3 of the I-20 and on page 1 of the DS-2019. These signatures are valid for one year (6 months while on OPT).



To quickly obtain the travel signature, plan to come by the International House on **Thursday, November 10th** or **Wednesday, November 16th** between 1 p.m.—4 p.m.

You will need to bring your current I-20 or DS-2019, as well as those for any dependents traveling with you.

You can also request a travel signature during normal walk-in hours.

## Immigration Q&A

*“I want to take a Caribbean cruise but my visa is expired, could I still go?”*

If you travel to Canada, Mexico, or certain contiguous territories and islands near the United States for less than 30 days, you may re-enter the United States with an expired F-1 or J-1 visa. You are not eligible for this benefit if:

- You have been denied an application for visa renewal in any of these destinations during your trip.
- You are a citizen of Iran, Syria, Sudan, or Cuba.

You are generally not required to surrender your current I-94 card when you travel to Canada or Mexico for less than 30 days. If you are asked to give up your I-94 card, make sure you receive a new one when you come back into the United States. The I-94 card establishes your lawful presence in the United States.

### **Documents for Re-Entry into the United States**

Make sure you have the following documents with you when you re-enter the United States:

- Valid I-20 or DS-2019 with travel signature valid beyond planned reentry date.
- Unexpired U.S. visa (Canadian citizens are exempt from this requirement).
- Passport valid for the next 6 months.
- Transcripts (optional, but useful for verifying enrollment).
- Financial documentation (optional, but useful for verifying continued financial support).

For more details, visit our [Travel Information](#) web pages.



## Word of the Week

**Black Friday**—The day after Thanksgiving is sometimes referred to as “Black Friday.” It has become the busiest shopping day in the United States. Americans will rush to malls and department stores as early as 4 a.m. on Black Friday to take advantage of these special holiday sales. Some bargain hunters will line up for hours to be among the first to enter when the store doors open in order to get free or deeply discounted merchandise.

The day is called “Black Friday” because it is often not until around Thanksgiving that a retailer actually turns a profit for the year and is finally “in the black.”

## International Night for DU Basketball



Come join the international community and DU Athletics in cheering on our Pioneer Men’s Basketball team.

**Thursday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m.**

The Pioneers will be taking on the University of Southern Mississippi at the Magness Arena. Tickets to basketball games are free for students when they present their DU ID!



## Scholarship and Loan Programs

The **Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund** was set up to assist women from developing countries who are committed to improving the wellbeing of women and children in developing countries. The fund issues individual education scholarships of \$12,000-\$15,000. They are currently accepting applications for the 2012-2013 school year. Visit <http://www.mmmf-grants.org> for more information. The eligibility requirements are found on the Grants page.

The **Leo S. Rowe Pan American Fund** managed by the Organization of American States (OAS) grants interest-free educational loans to outstanding students, from Latin American and Caribbean OAS member states, to help them finance their higher education studies in the United States. Please visit their website for further information: <http://www.oas.org/en/rowefund/>



### **Need a car? Share one!**

The University of Denver has partnered with Enterprise Rent-A-Car to bring the company’s **WeCar** car sharing program to campus. **WeCar** offers the University of Denver campus community an around-the-clock access to hourly, daily and overnight car rentals; an efficient, affordable, sustainable transportation alternative, allowing members to maintain the benefits of a personal car while paying for the vehicle only when they use it.

Registered members have access to Ford Focus vehicles parked in specially marked spaces — one on the west side of Driscoll Student Center South and the other off High Street and Jewell Avenue near Centennial Halls.

[http://www.wecar.com/content/car-sharing/en\\_US.html](http://www.wecar.com/content/car-sharing/en_US.html)

## Spouses Corner



On **Wednesday, November 9th**, the Spouse Group met with Joyce to participate in a conversation game and to plan activities for the next quarter. This was the last Spouse Group event of the year.

The next activity will be on **Wednesday, January 11th**.

If your spouse is interested in joining the International Spouses Group, or if you would like to learn more their activities, please email Christine Cannan at: [christine.cannan@du.edu](mailto:christine.cannan@du.edu)

### International Student Support Group

Transition to the U.S. culture can be difficult, especially when the transition involves studying within that culture as well. This group will:

- Provide you space to share and get support around the transitions
- Learn effective strategies to deal with cultural adjustment
- Discover other concepts and ideas that may help you succeed at DU

**Location:** The Health and Counseling Center

**Day/Time:** To be determined based on participant availability

For any questions, please contact:  
Briana Hedman, M.A.  
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[Briana.hedman@hcc.du.edu](mailto:Briana.hedman@hcc.du.edu)

The Health and Counseling Center also has informal consultations at different times and campus locations if you wish to speak with a trained counselor. See HCC's "Let's Talk" page for more details.

## November International Lunch

We want to thank DU Athletics and Wells Fargo for sponsoring our International Lunch earlier this week. Approximately 100 students and staff partook in a Thanksgiving-themed meal of turkey, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, pumpkin pie and cranberry sauce.

There will be no lunch in December but make plans for the next luncheon which will be on **Tuesday, January 10, 2012**.



If you like good food from around the world, you can plan ahead by reserving the second Tuesday of each month in 2012 for the international lunch.

They are always held at the International House from Noon to 1 p.m.



## About International Student and Scholar Services

Our office strives to provide timely, accurate, and effective advising and assistance to international students, faculty, and staff in matters of immigration, communication, and cultural adjustment.

Our goal is to support the international community on campus so that each international student and scholar has a productive and fulfilling experience at DU. We aim to promote international awareness and understanding by working to support the positive impact international students and scholars have on the University.

## ISSS Office Hours during Winter Break

International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) will be open during normal business hours for most of Winter Break.

You may continue to email, call, or visit our office with questions for advisors, and you may submit document requests to us as usual.

However, all University of Denver campus offices will be closed Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 for Thanksgiving. We will also be closed the week of December 26th - December 30th. We will be unable to respond to telephone calls or emails during this time.

If you have an immigration emergency during the closures, please call Campus Safety 303-871-3000. You will be directed to the appropriate staff member for assistance.

### *Non-immigration Emergency Contacts*

#### **On-Campus**

Campus Safety - 303-871-3000

#### **Off-Campus**

Emergency Services - 9-1-1

## Mark Your Calendar

To find more events on campus and in Denver, check out:

**ISSS Programs and Events**  
[www.du.edu/intl/iss/events.html](http://www.du.edu/intl/iss/events.html)

**DU Calendar of Events**  
[ducal.du.edu/webevent/scripts/webevent.plx](http://ducal.du.edu/webevent/scripts/webevent.plx)

**City of Denver Calendar of Events**  
[www.denver.org/events](http://www.denver.org/events)

### **Thursday, November 10**

*Travel Signature Clinic*  
International House  
1:00 p.m.—4 p.m.  
>> *More information*

### **Wednesday, November 16**

*Travel Signature Clinic*  
International House  
1:00 p.m.—4 p.m.  
>> *More information*

### **Saturday, November 12**

*Free Day at Denver Zoo*  
10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.  
>> *More information*

### **Thursday, November 17**

*DU Men's Basketball*  
Magness Arena  
7:00 p.m.  
Free for students