

# *INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TRAVEL INFORMATION*



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# *ISS Travel Information for International Students*

- Travel information sent to all Purdue International Students before Spring Break
- Travel Information consisted of the following:
  1. Travel Signatures
  2. Plan for delays at the U.S. Port of Entry
  3. Plan for delays in renewing your U.S. visas
  4. General Advice for all International Students
  5. When in doubt, consult with ISS

# *Travel Signatures + Study Abroad Students*

- **Travel Signatures:** Prior to departure, please review your most recent I-20 or DS-2019 document to be sure you have a valid signature for reentry to the United States.
- More information on travel signatures for reentry to the United States is available on ISS [F-1 Travel Abroad](#) website and on ISS [J-1 Travel Abroad](#) website.
- **Study Abroad Students:** Please carry a copy of your confirmation letter for your study abroad program with you as additional documentation at airport security.

# *Plan for delays at the U.S. Port of Entry*

- Occasionally you may be asked to wait in **secondary inspection** while an immigration officer reviews additional information about your eligibility for admission to the United States.
- Keep calm and provide the officers with answers to any questions and other documentation or information they might ask you to provide.
- Please plan connecting flights accordingly.
- Secondary Inspections Resource: Review this ["Dreaded SSSS"](#) article prior to departure.

# *Plan for delays in renewing your U.S. visa*

- Remember in [almost all instances](#), you MUST have a valid student visa together with your I-20 or DS-2019, and passport valid for six months into the future to enter the U.S.
- If the student visa in your passport has expired or will expire prior to your return to the U.S., you MUST renew your visa ([with a few exceptions](#)). Changes at the U.S. embassies and consulates could severely delay the visa renewal process.
  - *If your student visa has expired, we do not recommend traveling outside the U.S.*
  - *If you plan to travel to apply for a visa renewal over the summer break, please know that your application could be delayed due to limited availability of appointments and/or the requirement to participate in an in-person interview with a U.S. consular official and/or referral for further administrative processing and/or unexpected closing of U.S. Embassies or Consulates forcing you to travel to another city or country to renew your visa. Please plan accordingly.*

# *General Advice for all International Students*

- Please visit the [official I-94 website](#) to view and download a copy of your most recent I-94 after each time you return to the U.S. Your most recent I-94 should reflect:
  1. The date you entered the U.S.
  2. Your visa status (F-1 or J-1).
  3. And, the Admit Until Date MUST be marked D/S for duration of status.

*Any deviation from these three elements is a reason to [contact ISS](#).*
- Please print and carry the copy of your most recent I-94 record of admission with you AT ALL TIMES while you are inside the United States. This is the ONLY evidence that you entered the United States legally and for the duration of your status.

# *Check with ISS before traveling*

- Please visit the [contact student services](#) web page to learn how to obtain answers to most of your frequently asked questions related to travel and reentry into the United States in F or J status. *Please do not rely on message boards, social media, friends, Reddit, or google searches unless they lead you to Purdue's ISS webpages.*
- **Contact ISS before you travel** via Phone, E-form, WebEx drop-in sessions, or Quick Q&A session. Details here:  
<https://www.purdue.edu/gpp/iss/student/StudentcontactInfo.html>
- Kind greetings and safe travels to all!

# ***PURDUE UNIVERSITY STATEMENT ON STUDENT VISAS***



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# *Purdue Statement on Student Visas*

April 9, 2025

[Purdue News](#)

- As is the case with universities across the country, Purdue has been in contact with any individual who has been impacted by a change in their visa status.
- Impacted individuals are encouraged to contact the embassy of their home country and to seek outside legal assistance.
- Purdue continues to provide support to those impacted, consistent with our responsibilities as a host institution.

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April 21, 2025

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- We are providing both overarching and tailored support to those impacted, consistent with our responsibilities as a public, land-grant host institution in an evolving context of recent federal actions and court cases.
- Student visa inquiries should be directed to Chris Collins, Director of International Student Services ([ccollins@purdue.edu](mailto:ccollins@purdue.edu)).
- Director Collins will further assist with additional resources as necessary (ODOS, CAPS, and the like, depending on individual needs).

# *ISS CONTACT INFORMATION*



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## 1. Student Services Phone:

- Call **765-494-5770** to speak with a student counselor, available by phone at the times below. **Have PUID ready.**
  - Monday - Wednesday; Friday @ 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
  - Monday - Friday @ 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM
  - Note: Counselors not available Thursday mornings

## 2. Ask Student Counselor [ASC] E-Form:

- To obtain a written response from a student counselor about F and J student regulations pertaining to F-1 and J-1 students and their dependents, submit e-form [MyISS>General Services>Ask Student Counselor](#)

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## 3. WebEx Drop-In Sessions:

- WebEx Drop-ins are intended for F-1 and J-1 students that can be addressed in < 10 minutes. Admitted on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- [Click here to attend an ISS WebEx Drop-in at the times listed below.](#)  
Have PUID ready.
  - Monday - Wednesday; Friday 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM
  - Thursdays 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM

## 4. Quick Question & Answer [QQA] Session:

- Actively enrolled international students may schedule a **15-minute** in-person Quick Question & Answer session with a student counselor on our [QQA scheduling site](#). Detailed instructions [here](#).

***THANK YOU***



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