ISSS News

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Announcements

ISSS Walk-In Advising Hours—New Spring Schedule!

**Walk-In Advising Hours for Spring 2017 (exceptions):**

- **General Advising Hours**
  - Monday through Friday: 10am to 3pm
- **Sponsored Student Advising Hours**:
  - Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 12pm-3pm
  - Tuesday and Thursday: 10am - 12pm and 1pm - 3pm

The front office will still be open from 9am-4:30pm for you to pick-up documents at the front desk and you can email ISSS anytime at **ISSS@colorado.edu**.

**ISSS Emergency Grants**

**Deadline: Thurs, Feb 2nd, 2017 @4pm**

Every fall and spring semester, ISSS administers emergency funding for continuing F-1 and J-1 students with financial emergencies.

- Grant amounts vary according to available funds and demonstrated need.
- With a limited amount of resources, not all applicants will be able to receive a grant.

If you are in need of emergency funding, please review the **application instructions** and apply by the deadline shown above.
Immigration News

Full-Time Enrollment Requirement

All F-1 and J-1 students are required to maintain full-time enrollment every Fall and Spring semester.

- **Undergraduate Students**: At least 12 credit hours
- **Graduate Students**: Usually a minimum of 5 credit hours but will depend on your graduate status and level of course enrollment. Graduate School rules for full-time status apply).

Please note: Dropping below a full course of study without prior approval from ISSS will result in the termination of your immigration status.

- After February 11, please see an advisor in ISSS for prior authorization before you drop a class if it will make you less than full-time enrolled.
- **All students who are under-enrolled on February 16, 2017 will lose their F-1 or J-1 status**.

Incomplete Withdrawal (IW), Incomplete Pass (IP), or Incomplete Fail (IF) Grades:

- Getting a grade of IW, IP, or IF counts toward full-time minimum requirement for enrollment purposes (not for work authorization purposes) as long as the course is an on-campus course, thesis hour, independent study, or dissertation hour.
- Students who are considering taking an incomplete in a course through Continuing Education should come speak with an ISSS advisor BEFORE taking an incomplete.

If You Are Waitlisted in a Course!

If you are currently on a waitlist, please make sure you are enrolled in the course by February 3, 2017.

- If you are not taken off the waitlist and enrolled by this date, you will need to make a special request to the instructor to be enrolled on a Special Action Form.
- If you are showing as under-enrolled and are adding a course after Jan 24, 2017, ISSS will need a copy of the Special Action Form in order for you to be considered full-time enrolled.

Events
Important Dates

Jan 25: Last day to add a class in MyCUinfo
Feb 1: Last day to drop a class without tuition/fee charges and without a W grade
Feb 3: Tuition & fees payment due
Feb 3: Last day to select or waive health insurance plan
Feb 3: Last day to submit required immunization forms
Feb 16: The deadline to be enrolled full-time. Anyone who is under-enrolled or drops below a full course of study after 2/17/17 without prior approval, will lose their F-1 or J-1 status.

Events on Campus

Every Friday: International Coffee Hour
Jan 24: The Power of Speech
Jan 24: Conversation Circles with Project Nur
Jan 26: International Tea Talks
Jan 26: International Talent Show
Jan 28-29: Emotional Intelligence Workshop
Feb 8: Speed Friending
Feb 8: Resume Building Career Workshop
Through Apr 3: International Photo Contest

Community Corner

Looking for something to do in Boulder this winter?

Weather in Boulder can be unpredictable. Don't let the snow slow you down. Check out the top 10 things to do in Boulder during the winter.

How did you enjoy winter break?

Did you go home or discover a fun activity here in the U.S.? Send us a photo and a short description of your winter break adventures. You could be featured in future issues of ISSS News!

Get Featured
International Tea Talks

Come network, share experiences, and build practical skills with fellow international students. No sign-up required; tea and light snacks will be provided.

- Thurs, Jan 26, 2017
- 11:30am-12:30pm
- Center for Community (C4C), JD Abrams Lounge (3rd Floor)

International Student Guide Program

International Student & Scholar Services is seeking students to participate in the International Student Guide Program (ISG). Guides are matched with an incoming international student to serve as a resource. Guides participate in international orientation, gain leadership skills, and develop meaningful relationships with students across the globe. Apply to be an ISG!

Interested in becoming a Student Ambassador?

The application for students interested in joining Student Ambassadors this spring is open! Please review the Student Ambassador website for application details. The deadline to apply is January 27th at 5pm.

Delegation of Russian Professors Visits CU Boulder Writing Center

Eight professors from Russian universities visited CU Boulder in October as the first stop on their cross-country trip to learn about American writing centers. Selected by the State Department as part of the International Visitor Leadership Program, the delegation attended an afternoon seminar followed by a Q&A. Writing Center Director, Eric Klinger, described the mission, philosophy, and operational structure of the CU Boulder Writing Center. Drs. Kristin Drybread and Scott Holman, consultants from the Graduate Writing Support Program, presented a talk on best practices for submitting academic publications.

During the visit, the delegation also stopped by Chautauqua Park to get a closer view of Boulder’s famous Flatirons. Irina Korovina, an Associate Professor of English from Mordoviya State University, said the meeting was “interesting and immensely useful” for her plans to develop a writing center. Iuliia Sazanovich, a Lecturer of Foreign Languages at St. Petersburg National Research University of Information Technologies later wrote that the CU visit was “one of the most memorable moments” of their trip.
The CU Boulder Writing Center was established in 2004 and serves as a cultural crossroads for CU students, faculty, and alumni from around the world. Last year, international students made up about 30% of the Writing Center’s visits. Writers from across disciplines and skill levels value one-to-one tutorials designed to help them communicate more clearly and effectively. Writing consultants receive training in best practices for assisting English Language Learners, and many also have experience teaching collegiate writing and English as a foreign language.

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