Spring Break Travel Reminders & OISS Hours

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Spring break is almost here! OISS will be open during our regular business hours throughout spring break, but please note we will not be open in the evenings March 11-22.

Travel Signature reminders: If you will be traveling internationally over Spring Break, please check your I-20 or DS-2019 to ensure you have a valid travel signature before traveling and returning to the U.S. Remember that travel signatures are only valid for one year, but for multiple entries. Travel signatures can be found on the second page of your I-20 or the first page of your DS-2019.

If you are an F-1 student and need a travel signature, please contact your designated OISS adviser [1] and they will electronically send you a new I-20 with a travel signature. If you are a J-1 student or J-1 scholar and need a travel signature, please follow these directions [2] to request a new electronic travel signature.

Below are some additional precautions you should take before traveling this spring, so please read through this list!

- Register your travel [3] with Yale. In the event of a major emergency, Yale will be able to contact you.
- In an emergency, contact International SOS travel assistance [4]. All members of the Yale community are automatically enrolled with International SOS (ISOS), which provides pre-travel consultations and 24/7/365 domestic and international emergency medical, security and travel assistance for Yale travelers and accompanying family while more than 100 miles from home.
Check your medical insurance [5]. Check with your medical insurance provider before you travel to verify coverage of routine medical needs and coverage limitations while you are outside the U.S. For students enrolled in Yale Health Basic and Hospitalization/Specialty Coverage, your Yale Health insurance coverage is good worldwide in the event of a health emergency.

?After You Arrive in the U.S.

Check your I-94 record after you enter the U.S.: I-94 is your arrival and departure record that is automatically created online upon your entry to the U.S. After you arrive at Yale, please check your I-94 record [6] and make sure you have been admitted in the correct visa status and for the correct duration (i.e. for D/S, duration of status). If you see an error in your I-94 record, please contact your OISS adviser [1].

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