The fall semester is almost here and we know many of you will be returning to campus soon! We've compiled a list of travel reminders for you to review before heading to the airport, as well as after you arrive in the U.S.

Before You Leave

Pack all of your immigration documents in your carry-on: review what you need to carry with you and ensure your immigration documents are valid for travel (F-1 [1], J-1 student travel [1], or J-1 scholar travel [2]).

Ensure you have a valid travel signature: If you are a returning student or scholar and traveling back into the U.S., you need to ensure you have a valid travel signature from our office; this will be on the second page of your I-20 or the first page of your DS-2019.

Travel signatures are valid for one year and good for multiple entries. If you are an F-1 student and need a travel signature, please contact your designated OISS adviser [3] 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 also contact your OISS adviser, but your form will need to be mailed to you.

Below are some additional precautions you should consider taking before traveling:

2. Register your travel [5] with Yale. In the event of a major emergency, Yale will be able to contact you.
3. In an emergency, contact International SOS travel assistance [6]. 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.

4. Check your medical insurance [7]. 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 [8] 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 [3].

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