Travel Signature Reminder For Continuing Students and Scholars

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If you are a continuing student or scholar, this is a friendly reminder to check your I-20 or DS-2019 to ensure you have a valid travel signature before traveling and returning to the U.S. We've also included some important reminders for your arrival in the U.S.

Before You Leave

Travel Signature reminders: Before traveling and returning to the U.S. please check your I-20 or DS-2019 to ensure you have a valid travel signature. Remember that travel signatures are only valid for one year but can be used 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 in need a new travel signature, please contact your designated OISS adviser [1] and they will electronically send you a new I-20 or DS-2019 with a travel signature.

We've also 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.

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/J-1 student travel [2], or J-1 scholar travel [3]).

Below are some additional precautions you should consider taking before traveling:
1. Register your travel [4] with Yale. In the event of a major emergency, Yale will be able to contact you.
2. In an emergency, contact International SOS travel assistance [5]. 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.
3. Check your medical insurance [6]. 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.

Upon arriving to the U.S. check your I-94 record [7]. The I-94 document is your arrival and departure record that is automatically created online upon your entry to the U.S. Please check your I-94 record 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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