Update: OISS Hours on December 21st and 22nd and Over Winter Break

December 20, 2021

Due to the changing public health considerations, OISS is suspending its in-person pick up service and in-person travel signatures for Tuesday, December 21st and Wednesday, December 22nd. If you need to pick up a document or an in-person travel signature, you must do so by 5pm on Monday, December 20th. We apologize for the short notice. OISS will provide virtual support through 5pm Wednesday, December 22nd via email and OISS virtual drop-in hours [1].

Travel Signatures: If you are traveling or considering international travel over the break, please review the information in this recent OISS news article. A reminder that you do not need a valid travel signature to depart the U.S., rather you need a valid travel signature to re-enter the U.S. I-20 travel signatures can be given virtually and advisers will take care of these requests when they return on January 3rd. I-20 travel signatures are valid for 1 year (or 6 months if on OPT). DS-2019s signatures need to be mailed to you (cannot be done electronically) and are valid for 1 year for J-1 students and research scholars.

OISS will be closed along with the rest of the university starting on Thursday, December 23rd and we will return to work on Monday, January 3rd. If you have an urgent question that absolutely requires an answer before January 3rd, please email your adviser [2] with a copy to OISS Executive Director, Ann Kuhlman [3], and we will get back to you as soon as possible. They will be checking their emails every few days. If it is an emergency that involves your health or safety or that of a member of the Yale community, contact the Yale Police immediately at 203-432-4400.

Please note OISS advisers will be available for appointments when they return after the break, and you can
schedule a virtual appointment with them [here][2]. [OISS virtual drop-in hours][1] will also resume on January 3rd.

Our last newsletter of the fall semester was on December 16th, but we will be back in your inbox if any urgent news drops during the break. We will resume our weekly newsletters with the start of the spring semester.

OISS wishes you a restful and safe holiday and we look forward to being in touch with you in 2022!

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[1] https://oiss.yale.edu/about/connect-with-oiss/virtual-drop-in-hours
[2] https://oiss.yale.edu/about/connect-with-oiss
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