

December 4, 2024



International Student News

Important Updates from



International Students and Scholars

CAMPUS CLOSURE

Upcoming dates for UCR Campus Closure!

- December 23 through January 2nd (Winter Break)

All offices and resources will be closed during these dates.

In case of an emergency, please contact the UC Campus Police at (951)-827-5222 or dial 911.

F & J Employment Regulations

On-Campus Employment

- F-1 and J-1 students can work no more than 20 hours per week on campus while school is in session.
- During the summer break, students may work full time on campus.
- J-1 students are required to let ISS know if they get an on-campus job as on-campus employment approval is required.
- On campus employment does not have to be related to a student's degree.

- F-2 students/dependents cannot work on or off campus.
- J-2 students/dependents must apply for an Employment Authorization Document from USCIS to obtain on-campus or off campus employment authorization.
- If you do not have an SSN number and get an on-campus job, F-1 and J-1 students will need to complete our SSN Verification form. **This form is only for on-campus employment.**

Off-Campus Employment

- Both F-1 and J-1 students must have prior approval and authorization in order to work off campus.
- Working off campus without authorization carries serious immigration consequences.
- Having a social security number does not mean that you have approval to work off campus. F-1 and J-1 students must meet the eligibility requirements and receive prior approval and written authorization for off-campus work/training.
- In the case of CPT for F-1 students and Academic Training for J-1 students, the training must be directly related to your degree and integral to your curriculum. Enrollment in an internship course is required.

To learn more about employment as an F or J student, please visit:

<https://international.ucr.edu/students/employment-and-taxes>.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: FEEDBACK



International Affairs: Feedback Survey

Thank you for participating in our events! Your feedback is important to us, and we would love to hear about your experience. Please take a moment to share your thoughts and let us know what topics or types of events you'd like to see in the future.

This survey will only take a minute of your time, but your input helps us create better experiences and programming for our community. We greatly appreciate your time and insights.

To participate in our survey, please click on the link [here](#).

If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at lauren.bracamontes@ucr.edu.

U.S. HEALTHCARE



Healthcare Reminder:

In the U.S., if you need medical care, there are three general options: the doctor's office, urgent care, and the emergency room. For most routine medical care, such as an appointment for a check-up with a doctor, you should go to a doctor's office. If you have UCSHIP (USHIP/GSHIP) insurance, you can visit [Student Health Services](#) located on campus. They can help with many types of routine healthcare, such as a yearly check-up, women's health, and laboratory tests, and will provide referrals if needed to other resources. Student Health Services also offers Telehealth (virtual) appointments.

Many doctor's offices are open from 8am-5pm, Monday-Friday. If you need medical care outside of these hours, you may need to visit an urgent care. The emergency room should only be used for true medical emergencies, as it can be expensive with limited coverage by insurance. Please see more information on Student Health Service's [website](#) and in [this graphic](#) provided by Student Health Services outlining when non-urgent, urgent, and emergency care should be used.

TRAVEL REMINDERS



Winter Travel Update:

Traveling? If you are traveling during winter vacation, please remember you need an updated travel signature on your I-20! Travel signatures are good for 12 months, but we recommend getting an updated one if yours is more than six months old. You can find more information on travel on [our website](#), and access the travel signature request form [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cookie Crush: Peer Network Social 🍪



Join us for a festive evening of cookie decorating, music, and warm drinks 🎵☕ as we celebrate the season with friends and creativity.

[RSVP here!](#)

- **Date: December 4th, 2024**
- **Time: 3:00 - 5:00 PM**
- **Location: HUB 269**

Lunar New Year Event: Peer Network Social 🧧

Stop by HUB 268 on February 30th from 2-4pm for some delicious Panda Express, lucky origami star-making, and red envelope decorating! 🥡✨
Don't miss out on the fun and good fortune! 🧧

- **Date: January 30th, 2025**
- **Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM**
- **Location: HUB 268**



Hosted by the International [Students and Scholars](#) office. For any questions please contact lbracamo@ucr.edu.

Riverside Festival of Lights at the Mission Inn Hotel & Spa in Riverside 🌲

Visit the Riverside Festival of Lights for a night of millions of holiday lights, holiday decorations, live music, rides, attractions, and food.



- **When:** The festival runs from late November to early January. The venues are typically lit from 7–11 PM daily, but times may vary.
- **Admission:** Admission is free, and visitors can take their own photos.
- **Where to learn more:** Visit RiversideFestivalofLights.com for more information.

MESCafé Fall 2024



Join the weekly program with coffee/tea, cookies, and conversations on a rotating topic!

- **When:** Happening Tuesdays starting 11am!

Finals Week Refuel

It's FINALS WEEK and we know you are tired, stressed, pressed for time, and probably hungry! SRC Cooking Well has you covered, head to the SRC south kitchen for a quick bite to eat to refuel and destress for the rest of your finals.

- **Date: Wednesday, December 11**
- **Time: 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM**
- **Location: SRC South Cooking Well Kitchen**

Career Center Resume & Cover Letter Writing Studio

A judgment free space for you to start your resume, your cover letter, or review your current resume and cover letter!



Date: Every Friday.
Time: 10 AM - 12 PM
Location: UCR Career Center

ISS FORMS AND GUIDES

Did you know that you can find essential forms, guides, and information about maintaining your status, travel, and employment on our website? international.ucr.edu/students

- [Need a Form?](#)
- Learn about [F and J requirements](#)
- [Travel and Dependents](#)
- [Employment and Taxes](#)

Contact Us

There are several ways you can reach our team. Our staff works Monday-Friday, from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (closed from 12:00 - 1:00 PM for lunch).

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Thank you from all of us in International Affairs!

As a reminder, the International Student News is an email for international students sent monthly. You will find important information from our office, such as:

- notices from the U.S. government
- reminders to ensure that you stay in status
- UCR campus updates and cultural event information
- **Please read the newsletter carefully. If you have any questions, please email our office at internationalstudents@ucr.edu.**

