November 1st
Daylight Savings Time ends at 2AM. Set your clock back one hour.

November 11th
Veterans Day

November 24th
Thanksgiving Day

SPECIAL U.S. DATES:

SISS will be closed: November 11th through 13th
November 26th through 27th.

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CAMPUS DATES:

- November 2nd
  Winter Quarter Pass 1 Begins
- November 14th
  Winter Quarter Open Registration
- November 23rd
  Winter Quarter Pass 2 Begins
Document Production Delays

During the week of November 9th, SISS will be upgrading its software. During the upgrade, there will be some delays in document production. There will be no document production between November 9-13th.

If you need a document or travel signatures by November 9th, please submit your request by November 3rd.

Remember all travel signatures are suspended for students that are F-1 and not on OPT, because all F-1 students not on OPT will get a new I-20 during the middle of November with a travel signature.

Document production after November 3rd will require longer than usual processing times. From November 3rd until the end of the fall quarter, documents may require up to 14 business days for processing. Please plan accordingly.

What this means to you as an international student:

1) Need a service by SISS before November 13th? Deadline to submit it is November 3rd. Processing times for requests after this date will be longer than normal.

2) SISS will be closed November 11th through November 13th.

3) Processing times for SISS can take up to 14 business days until the end of the Fall quarter.

Thank you for your patience as we upgrade to new, innovative tools to help better serve our international students and scholars.
ATTENTION F-1 STUDENTS

Employment Workshops

Would you like to gain some work experience directly related to your major in the U.S.? Will you be completing your academic program in Fall, Winter, or Spring? Then, you should consider applying for OPT.

Optional Practical Training is an employment benefit of the F-1 status. It allows F-1 students to gain practical employment experience in their field of study at the appropriate degree level.

OPT can be granted for 12 months with the possible extension for an additional 17 months (with STEM major and E-Verify employer). The work authorization for OPT is the Employment Authorization Document or EAD card, issued by USCIS (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services).

SISS is now requiring that all international students attend an OPT Workshop prior to meeting with an advisor.

If you are planning on completing your academic program in Fall 2015, Winter and Spring 2016, and would like to apply for OPT, you must attend a workshop. This workshop will review OPT concepts and timelines and will walk you through the application process step-by-step.

Remaining OPT Workshops this Fall:

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Not graduating soon? If you are interested in work experience, please attend our Curricular Practical Training (CPT) Workshops during Winter Quarter, or visit this webpage. Further details to be announced soon.
Thank you to all staff, volunteers, and participating international students for making September a very successful month of International Student Orientations and SISS Check-In!

Students who participated in SISS Graduate, Transfer and EAP Orientations had the opportunity to enter into a raffle drawing for prizes. Students who filled out a survey were entered into the raffle for these prizes:

- Whole Foods Bag packed with a variety of goods
- C.R.E.A.M. Gift Card ($20)
- Avid Reader Bookstore ($5)
- VISA Gift Card ($50 & $25), courtesy of cort.com
- Rocknasium - Pass for free day with equipment/class
- Rocknasium - Pass for 10 free yoga classes
- Rocknasium - Free 1-month membership

**Grand Prize:** AT&T Motorola X Smartphone

**Grand Prize:** Thanksgiving Tour to Santa Barbara, LA & Las Vegas

**Congratulations to our winners!**


Thank you to our local sponsors who donated these prizes!
Hey everyone,

ISC is hosting its annual Thanksgiving Trip to San Francisco:

**ISC Thanksgiving Trip to San Francisco**

**Date:** November 26th (Thursday)

**Time:** ~8am leave Davis, ~8pm return to Davis from San Francisco

On this trip, you will travel roundtrip via bus and you will have the opportunity to explore San Francisco with the guidance of students who are familiar with the area!

*Spots fill up fast, so please complete the survey to secure your spot!*

If you are interested in this event, please fill out this [survey](#).

*Note there is a $20 fee involved which will cover round trip transportation costs.

If you are interested in becoming a VOLUNTEER, please fill out this [survey](#) (someone who wants to lead students around San Francisco).

Once you finish the survey we will update you with more information about the trip!

We hope you are as excited as we are about this trip!

ISC Board

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Yanlin (Alice) Li


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Mark you calendars! The Global Ambassadors are excited to host Karaoke Night! We will have songs, dancing, SNACKS and a great time! Hope to see you all at this free event!

Presented by:

SISS Global Ambassadors

Contact the Global Ambassadors on Facebook for more information.
Global Engagement Mondays

Join these weekly discussions with Americans and the international community to share and learn about common topics of interest in a relaxed, casual environment.

Topics:
Nov. 2nd: Food - Yuck & Yum
Nov. 9th: Music & Arts
Nov. 16th: Autumn & Winter Holidays
Nov. 23rd: Health & Wealth

Every Monday
NOVEMBER
Open to All

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Room 1120, Cowell Building
All you need to bring is yourself and your insight!
Optional: Bring your friends along, too!

For more information, visit:
siss.ucdavis.edu

Questions? Contact Jeremy Truong
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A program of SISS.
Sponsored by UC Davis Extension Center for International Education.
International Cafes are an excellent opportunity to meet and interact with international and domestic students! Help yourself to free food and drinks and participate in the themed craft or activity.

**When:** Tuesday, November 17th

**Where:** Student Community Center, Room D

**Time:** 2 - 4 PM

**Theme:** Interactive Games *(Board Games and more!)*

We are always looking for student-led themed craft or activity ideas! In previous years, we have had henna, origami, card making, and more. If you have a theme idea, please contact Robin Ducatillon at rducati@ucdavis.edu.

_Sponsored by:_

![UC Davis Services for International Students and Scholars]
This special event is put on by International House Davis.

Events and Opportunities

I-House Thanksgiving Dinner

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE DAVIS presents

THANKSGIVING DINNER 2015

A traditional, American, Thanksgiving dinner!

When: Saturday, November 21st, 2015
Doors open at 5:30pm
Buffet starts at 6:00pm

Where: I-House Community Room
10 College Park, Davis, CA 95616

Tickets: $15.00 Non-refundable

Tickets are now on sale for $15 per person and may be purchased on-line by going to the I-House website.

Order soon, as tickets sell out quickly.
THANKSGIVING TRIP
LAS VEGAS, HOLLYWOOD & SANTA BARBARA

TRIP DATE:
November 26 - 29  (4 days, 3 nights)

PRICES  (Per Person, USD)  Prices After Discount
Quad occupancy  ................. $295  $355
Triple occupancy  ............... $465  $425
Double occupancy  .............. $545  $475
Single occupancy  .............. $620  $580

OPTIONAL Grand Canyon Bus .... $95

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Sign up online by October 15th
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Happy Autumn!

Read next month’s Newsletter for upcoming events, updates, and more!

Sincerely,

The Services for International Students and Scholars

Photo from the International Center Groundbreaking Ceremony in February. The new International Center is scheduled to be completed in Summer 2016.
"Like" us on Facebook for continual updates on important information and fun events!

"UC Davis Services for International Students and Scholars"

And now, SISS tweets! follow us on Twitter! You can find live updates and photos at @ucdSISS_events!

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Thank you for reading

If you would like more information on any of the articles, or have an upcoming event that you would like advertised in our next newsletter, feel free to contact Jeremy at jgtruong@ucdavis.edu.