INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2025



REGISTRATION FOR THE SPRING 2026 TERM IS NOW OPEN!

Before registering, be sure to meet with your academic advisor to plan your schedule and view <u>your registration checklist and resources</u>.

Remember to resolve any holds (such as financial, health, or legal presence) that may prevent registration.

- Undergraduate Students: 12 credit hours per term.
- Graduate Students: 9 credit hours per term.
- Only 3 credit hours of online coursework may be applied toward the full-time enrollment requirement above.

Graduate students should confirm enrollment limits in the <u>Graduate School</u> Handbook.



SUPPORT FOR OUR JAMAICAN STUDENTS

Our thoughts are with the Jamaican community as Hurricane Melissa continues to impact the region. If you or your loved ones have been affected, please remember that Clemson stands with you and we are here to support you in any way we can.

If you need assistance or just someone to talk to, International Services is always here for you.

I-20 AMENDMENTS



Did you know your I-20 and DS-2019 has an end date?

Your I-20/DS-2019 lists your program end date. If you will not complete your degree program by that date, you **must** request an extension **BEFORE** the expiration date.

Extensions can be submitted via the iStart Portal beginning November 5, 2025 after registering for Spring 2026 courses.

Reasons for an extension include:

- Academic delays or changes in program/major
- Documented medical reasons
- Research complications or additional requirements

How to Request an Amendment:

- Register for Spring 2026 courses
- Complete the <u>I-20/DS-2019 Form Amendment e-form</u>
- Have your academic advisor explain the reason for the extension.
- Provide proof of sufficient liquid funding (assistantship, personal/family support, etc.) for the future extension period requested.

Extensions must be submitted early — IS office cannot extend if your I-20 program end date is already expired. Amendments can also be used to change your major/program, change your education level, shorten your program end date



THANKSGIVING: WED - FRI., NOV. 26 – 28 (NO CLASSES, UNIVERSITY CLOSED THURS. & FRI.).

WINTER BREAK: LAST DAY OF CLASSES - FRI., DEC. 12, 2025

COMMENCEMENT - WED., DEC. 17- THU 18, 2025

NO CLASSES - FRI., DEC. 15, 2025 - WED., JAN. 7, 2026.

UNIVERSITY CLOSED MON., DEC. 22 - FRI., DEC. 26, 2025

International Services has received many inquiries concerning domestic and international travel over the semester break. Up-to-date travel guidance can be found on our <u>Immigration Updates</u> page. Also, don't forget to request a travel signature on your I-20 or DS-2019, if needed.

- Request a Travel Signature through our iStart portal.
- Signatures are valid for 12 months (Enrolled F-1 students) or 6 months if you are on OPT.
- If you are traveling inside the U.S., you do not need a travel signature.

IMPORTANT:

- For domestic travel, you should carry a printed copy of your I-94 record, your visa, and bio page of your passport to verify your immigration status if asked.
- If you maintain your F/J visa status, you can remain in the U.S. with an expired F/J visa. However, if you depart the U.S. with an expired visa, you must renew your visa abroad to request re-entry into the U.S.

Our office asks that all students traveling internationally update us through the <u>F-1</u> <u>International Travel Update</u> E-form regardless of the validity of their travel signature and visa.



If you have an urgent immigration issue when International Services and the University are closed, please call Clemson University Campus Police (CUPD) at **864-656-2222** for assistance.

For an emergency requiring immediate assistance from police, fire, or ambulance services for medical emergencies, fires, or life threatening situations, **dial 911.**