



Travel Guidance for Fall 2025 Holiday Breaks

If you are considering international or domestic travel over the upcoming Thanksgiving and Winter Break, please read the information below as it contains critical information that may impact your travel plans.

Key Points to Review:

- **Travel Restrictions**: Restrictions remain in place for individuals from 19 countries.
- **Expanded Screening and Vetting for Visa Applicants**: The DOS now conducts a comprehensive and thorough vetting, including online presence, of all student and exchange visitor applicants in the F, M, and J nonimmigrant classifications. Please be mindful of social media posts etc., that could affect your receiving a visa or entering the U.S.
- **Visa Validity**: If your visa is expired and you plan to travel abroad, you must schedule your renewal interview in your country of nationality or residence or specified location.
- **Visa Revocation**: Visa revocation is when a visa is officially canceled, making it no longer valid for re-entry into the U.S. This can happen for reasons such as criminal convictions, security risks, or providing fraudulent information on an application. If a visa is revoked, the holder must apply for a new one before they can re-enter the country. Before traveling outside the U.S., we recommend verifying your visa status.
 - Note: The DOS typically sends revocation notices to the email address that a student provided on their visa application, which may or may not be their Clemson email. International Services is not automatically informed when a student visa is revoked and cannot verify the status of a visa. If you believe your visa may have been revoked, we recommend verifying your visa status by contacting the U.S Embassy that issued your visa, before traveling outside the U.S.
- **SEVIS Broadcast Message**: Reminders from SEVP to F and J visa holders on activities to avoid that could jeopardize nonimmigrant student status.
- **I-94 Fee Increase**: The cost at land borders has increased from \$6 to \$30. This increase does not apply to those arriving by land or sea.

Before Traveling Internationally:

- Submit the International Travel Update e-form in the [iStart Portal](#) to notify International Services of travel and to request a travel signature, if needed.
- Review the [Travel and Visa section](#) of our website for a list of required documents and visa renewal procedures.
- Check [U.S. Embassy appointment availability](#) and plan accordingly.
- Review the [International Travel Risk Assessment](#) for additional guidance on travel.

- Your F/J visa only allows re-entry to the U.S. If you plan to visit another country, check whether you need a separate visa for entry.
- If you are renewing your visa and employed at Clemson, contact your supervisor and [International Employment](#) in Human Resources to understand how potential travel delays could affect your work eligibility.

Traveling within the U.S.:

Carry your passport, printed copy of your most recent I-94, and printed I-20/DS-2019 when traveling within the U.S. You could be asked to present these documents to verify your immigration status. A travel signature is not required for domestic travel.

Returning to Clemson:

Continuing international students must return to campus by the first day of classes, **January 7, 2026**.

- If arriving after January 7 is unavoidable, you must confirm late arrival approval with your academic department and professors before your arrival date.
- If you are employed at Clemson, contact your supervisor to discuss how late arrival may impact your work eligibility.

It is important to review this guidance carefully to help avoid travel complications.

Please note: International Services can provide travel guidance, but we cannot offer legal advice or determine whether it is safe for you to travel. Travel decisions are personal and should be based on your circumstances, comfort level, and risk assessment. However, if you have any specific questions [schedule an advising appointment](#) or contact us at is@clemson.edu.

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