

March 7, 2025



International Student News

Important Updates from

UCR

International Students
and Scholars



SPRING IS HERE!

Dear Students,

Happy March! We hope that your studies, research and projects are going well as the Winter quarter winds down. Please make sure you are checking your UCR email address regularly for important announcements and information from our office. We send important updates about travel and other matters to your UCR email address.

We recently had a very successful workshop from WR Immigration on Post graduation employment options and Immigration updates: a Summary of Legislation, Executive Orders and Policies with Potential Impact on the International Student and Scholar Community. Thank you to all who attended! If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the slides, email us at internationalstudents@ucr.edu.

Immigration Reminders F and J Students

Maintaining your F-1 and J-1 Status

Review the regulations you have agreed to follow while in the United States.

- Re-read the regulatory fine print on your I-20 (page 3) and DS-2019 (page 2).

- Review the information on our [website](#) about maintaining your status as an F or J student inside the United States. Visit [Study in the States \(F-1\)](#) and [Bridge USA \(J-1\)](#) for additional information.
- Consult with an International Student Advisor in the ISS office **before** travelling outside of the United States.
- **[Know what to expect when traveling into the U.S. Ports of Entry.](#)**
 - <https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/what-do-when-encountering-law-enforcement-airports-and-other-ports-entry-us>

U.S. Immigration Documentation Reminder

This is a reminder that international students are required by the U.S. government to carry the following documents while in the U.S. and when traveling within the U.S.

- Passport, valid at all times
- [I-94](#), obtained through the U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- I-20 or DS-2019, issued by UCR's International Office

SPRING BREAK

The desired break after a long winter quarter is almost here! The spring break will be from **Monday, March 24th to Friday, March 28th. All offices will be closed on Friday, March 28, 2025.** The International Students and Scholars Office will reopen again on Monday, May 31st.

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IA Office
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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead an hour!

Daylight saving time begins this Sunday, March 9th at 2:00 am. All non-automatic clocks should be manually set forward one hour at 2:00 am.



ISS FEEDBACK SURVEY

Dear Highlanders,

As we move forward we would like to gain your valuable feedback to improve ourselves and provide the best events that you would love to engage in. Hence, your feedback is significantly important for us to measure our performance throughout the year. Please give us a minute of your time and fill this survey form. [HERE!](#)

FRAUD AND SCAMS

Important information about scams and fraud

Unfortunately, there are many fraudulent actors who use fear to try to scam or trick students into providing personal information, such as bank accounts, credit card numbers and SSN numbers.

These bad actors will disguise an email address, phone number, website URL or text message to convince someone that they are interacting with a trusted source.

Please remember that:

- No legitimate source is going to call and demand immediate payment over the phone for anything. They are also not going to legitimately call you and threaten to deport you.
- If you receive a phone call, email message or text message like this, do not provide any personal information. Please hang up and reach out and report the incident to our office and the UCR police department at 951-827-5222 or crimeprevention@ucr.edu.
- Students can choose to make their UCR public profile “private” if they choose. To do this, you can log-in to your RWeb and in the top left access the privacy settings to change your profile from being public in the UCR directory to private.

Information about common scams and fraud can be found at the following links.

- [International Students and Scams](#)
- [Common Fraud Schemes from the FBI](#)
- [USCIS -Avoid Scams-Common Scams](#)
- [Beware of Phishing Scams targeting the UCR community](#)
- [Job Scams Resources from the Career Center](#)
- [IRS Tax scams and fraud](#)

UPDATE RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

U.S. Address | Have You Moved?

The U.S. government requires that F-1 & J-1 students report any residential address change within 10 days of moving. If you’ve changed your residence address, it is time to update your [ISS Portal](#) with your U.S. Local Address. Please take a moment to log in

- Click on ‘Personal Information’
- Click on ‘U.S. Address (Update within 10 Days of Any Changes)’
 - Make any updates to your Local Address

Click ‘Save’ at the bottom of the page.

TAX INFORMATION

All students in F and J status and their dependents who were in the United States in the 2024 tax year are required to file tax forms. **Important: Tax Deadline - April 15, 2025**

During the workshops below, we will cover general information on:

- **Glacier Tax Prep (GTP)** software
- Filing federal taxes in the U.S. as a nonresident for tax purposes
- Filing state taxes in the U.S. as a nonresident for tax purposes

Tax Workshop

Thurs. April 3, 3:00 - 4:30 pm
([Click to Register](#))

For more information on filing California state taxes, you can also view the following recorded webinars presented by the California Franchise Tax Board.

- **Webinar 1:** [CA State Filing Basics](#)
- **Webinar 2:** [Completing Form 540NR](#)

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Workshop	Date & Time (PST)
Academic Training Workshop (J-1 students)	Wed. March 12 11:00 am - 12:00 pm (Click to Register)
OPT Workshop	Tues. April 8 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm (Click to Register)
CPT Workshop	Tues. April 15 2:00 pm - 3:00 PM (Click to Register)

UPCOMING ISS EVENTS

Peer Network Social: Board Game Social.

Take a break from preparing for finals and enjoy board games with your friends! We will be providing snacks and refreshments! **RSVP** [here](#)

Date: March 7th, Friday

Time: 2:30 - 4:30 PM

Location: Student Services Building, 2nd Floor,SSB-2201 Conference Room.



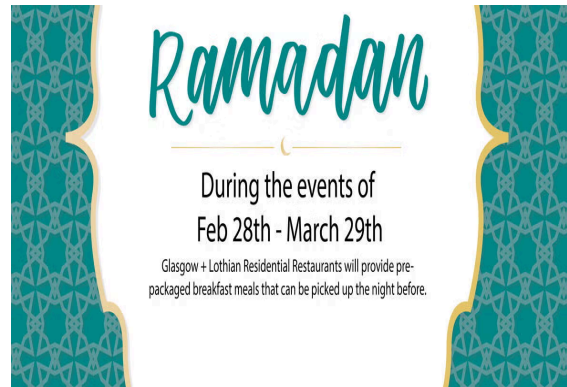
CAMPUS INFORMATION

Ramadan 2025 Campus Dining Options

Students with a dining plan can request Suhoor Packs at Glasgow and Lothian Residential Restaurants using their meal swipes. Simply ask the cashier for a pre-packaged Suhoor Pack.

Available Dates:

Friday, February 28th – Saturday, March 29th, 2025



For more details, including dining hours, visit our website at dining.ucr.edu

Surprise Snack giveaway with ASUCR Internal

ASUCR Internal Affairs will be surprising students in Rivera and Orbach with a snack giveaway (time is a surprise)! They will be handing out snacks while supplies last. Check [ASUCR Internal Affairs Instagram](#) or the [UCR Library's Instagram](#) the day of the event for a hint on the time.



Date: Monday March 10th - Tuesday March 11th, 2025

FREE Stress-Relieving Events at the UCR Library for UCR Students

This quarter, we have FREE craft events (we're supplying everything that you'll need), food giveaways, contests, and more—just for students! Our partners this quarter are ASUCR Internal



Affairs, The Well's Active Minds, the Academic Resource Center (ARC), and Basic Needs. Please

check out the UCR [event calendar](#) for more information.

Dates: Monday, March 10th - Thursday, March 20th, 2025

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](#)
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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.