Good Luck with Exams & Happy Holidays

Congratulations on making it through the Fall semester!

Here at ISS, we want to wish everyone the best of luck with your upcoming final exams, papers, and projects. We know that this time of year is extremely stressful. You can speak to a professional 24/7 with Keep.meSAFE. TLS also offers workshops to help you succeed on your exams.

And, after finishing exams, if you'd like to celebrate with us, please join us for our annual Winter Break Club where you can enter our gingerbread house contest and learn about all the holidays and events happening in Montreal over the holiday break.

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We wish you a healthy and safe end of 2022.

International Student Services

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Immigration & Health

Holiday Travel

Are you travelling outside of Canada over the holidays while waiting for your student permit extension or restoration application to be approved?

For students with a pending study permit extension application

If you plan to return to Canada after your study permit has expired, you will not benefit from maintained status upon your return. This applies to you if your study permit has already expired OR will expire before
you leave Canada OR will expire while you are outside of Canada. As a result, you may be denied entry to Canada. If you are allowed to enter Canada as a visitor, you will not be authorized to study or work in Canada until your new study permit has been issued.

**NOTE:** Your study permit extension application will continue to process even if you leave Canada.

U.S. citizens and U.S. permanent residents are eligible to apply for a new study permit at their Port of Entry.

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For students with a pending study permit restoration application

If you leave Canada before a decision is made on your restoration application, your application will become invalid and you will have to submit a new study permit application from outside Canada.

In order to return to Canada, you will need to apply for a new study permit from outside of Canada and withdraw your restoration application made from inside of Canada. You can only resume your studies once a new study permit has been issued.

**NOTE:** U.S. citizens and U.S. permanent residents are eligible to apply for a new study permit at their Port of Entry.

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***IMPORTANT FOR ALL RETURNING STUDENTS***

If you will be travelling over the holidays, you must have a valid eTA or TRV to return to Canada (US citizens and permanent residents are exempt). When applying for a study permit from inside Canada (extension or restoration), you have to apply separately for a TRV once your study permit application is approved.

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Graduating students and the Post-Graduation Work Permit

**Is Fall 2022 your final term of studies? Are you hoping to work in Canada after the term ends?**

If you have maintained full-time status in every semester of your program with the exception of your final term and have always respected the limit of allowable work hours during your studies, you are authorized to continue to work until the first date that you receive official confirmation of program completion. You must then stop working. You can resume working only once you have submitted an application for the Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) from inside Canada while holding a valid study permit OR once you have obtained your PGWP.

*Official confirmation of program completion can either be a Proof of Graduation Letter that you can generate yourself on Minerva after Senate meets on February 15, 2023 or a Post Graduate Work Permit Letter that you may be able to obtain from Service Point before Senate meets (if you meet certain conditions).

Please see our WORK FAQs for more information on the PGWP and for details on how many hours you can work on and off-campus while you wait to receive proof of program completion.

***IMPORTANT***

If you are full-time and authorized to work in the Fall 2022 term but you have not been full-time in every other semester of your program, you must stop working once the Fall 2022 term officially ends.

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International Health Insurance plan

You have access to full travel benefits on the IHI plan as long as you do not have symptoms of COVID-19, have not tested positive for COVID-19 (or awaiting a test result), and have not been in contact with anyone who tested positive in the last 14 days before leaving Canada.

If you plan to travel outside of Canada during the holiday break, please review our website to find out more about your travel health insurance coverage under the IHI plan.

Upcoming Programs & Events

Join us for a Gingerbread House Contest (with Prizes!) and a Presentation from Montreal Tourism

Find out about all the events happening in Montreal over the Winter Break

Montreal Tourism in collaboration with International Student Services will host our annual winter break club - an informal night of merriment and creativity.

First, Montreal Tourism will present some fun events in Montreal taking place over the winter break. ISS will provide a gingerbread house kit and attendees can join us in our annual gingerbread house decorating contest. Gift cards to be won!

Registration
Grads: Tuesday, December 20, 5pm
Undergrads: Thursday, December 22, 5pm

ISS at Mac Campus: January 3, 2023!

Join us at our Meet and Greet at Mac Campus
When: January 3rd, 1pm - 4pm
Where: Where: MS2-022/ Faculty Lounge

- Meet new and returning International Students
- Ask an immigration question to an ISS Advisor
- Ask a question about your IHI Plan
- Have a snack and hang out!

No registration required
MISN's International Festival

The festival will include representation from clubs and organizations (you) to promote cultural diversity through sharing of food, fun and performances. This registration form guarantees your organization one booth at the festival where food will be sold and served to event attendees.

Date: January 26, 2023 (to be confirmed)
Venue: SSMU Ballroom

Booth Registration: https://forms.gle/mk8MWC2oQtt7fL1W6
Performance Registration: https://forms.gle/vUkS1is8p9rxu3c36
Contact MISN for any questions with subject line "International Festival"

December Celebrations Around The World

Second Advent Sunday: Dec 4
St. Nicholas Day: Dec 6
The Feast of St. Ambrose: Dec 7
Unduvap Full Moon Poya Day: Dec 7
Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Dec 8
Saint Kliment Ohridski's Day: Dec 8
Udhauli Parva: Dec 8
Virgin of Caacupé Day: Dec 8
Third Advent Sunday: Dec 11
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe: Dec 12

Fourth Advent Sunday: Dec 18
Dōngzhi Festival: Dec 21
Christmas: Dec 25
Boxing Day: Dec 26
Synaxis of the Mother of God: Dec 26
Hanukkah: Dec 18-26
Feast of the Holy Family: Dec 30
New Year's Eve: Dec 31
Kwanzaa: Dec 26 - Jan 1

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