TRAVEL CLINIC - Travel Safe. Travel Smart
Fall 2015

- Are you traveling overseas and expect to return to UNCG?
- Are all your immigration documents in order?
- Do you want to avoid unnecessary hassles at the U.S. Port of Entry?
- Check out the latest information about what documents you need when returning to the U.S. Learn about topics such as valid travel documents, U.S. visa renewal and revalidation, foreign visas, and more.
Travel Healthy and Smart

- Routine and travel vaccines you need, Be careful what you eat and drink.
- Be aware of symptoms including fever and other symptoms.
- Monitor and track advisory updates (CDC & U.S. Dept of state).
Travel Warnings U.S. Dept. of State

2015 Hurricane and Typhoon Season

The Department of State alerts U.S. citizens to the Hurricane and Typhoon Seasons in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, the Caribbean, and the Gulf of Mexico. Hurricane and Typhoon Season will last through November 2015, though most tropical cyclones typically develop between May and October. Travel Alert.

Travel Documents
- Passports (U.S. Citizens)
  - Get or Renew Passport
  - Passport Forms
  - Check Status of Your Application Online
  - Lost or Stolen Passport

Resources
- Foreign Per Diem Rates
  - Travel Per Diem Allowances for Foreign Arms
  - More...
- Preparing for a Trip Abroad
  - Sign Up for Email Travel Warnings

Emergency Information
- For Americans Abroad
  - Grass Situations
  - Financial Assistance
  - Lost or Stolen Passports
  - Medical Emergencies
  - Victims of Crime

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Foreign Embassies in the U.S.
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Travel Outside U.S.
LESS THAN 5 MONTHS*

1. Passport valid for the next 6 months,
2. Form I-20 signed by an advisor at ISSS for travel within the last 9 months, or Form DS-2019 signed by your program sponsor within the last 6 months,
3. Valid F-1 or J-1 visa,
4. Documents proving financial support for the next 12 months,
5. Transcripts showing full-time enrollment every term of the academic year (and less than full-time approval forms, if any).

*If you plan to miss a semester. For example: spring, you MUST speak with the ISSS advisor as soon as possible.
Travel Outside U.S. 
MORE THAN 5 MONTHS

1. Passport valid for the next 6 months, 
2. New Form I-20 or Form DS-2019 marked "Initial Attendance" or "Begin New Program", **
3. Valid F-1 or J-1 visa, 
4. Documents proving financial support for the next 12 months, 
5. Transcripts showing full-time enrollment every term of the academic year (and less than full-time approval forms, if any).

**Re-entering with this document means that counting of your months of eligibility for off-campus work benefits will start over.
SPECIAL NOTES

- Graduate Students Who Have Completed All Required Course Work: Please contact the International Students and Scholar Services Office BEFORE you leave if you plan to remain outside the U.S. for an extended period of time.

- Transfer of School: If you intend to return to the U.S. for the purpose of attending a different school, you should
  1. Notify the UNCG International Student and Scholar Services Office (ISSS) of your intention.
  2. Obtain an I-20 form or DS-2019 form from your new school before you reenter the U.S. Entering the U.S. using documents from a school that you do not plan to attend causes serious immigration problems.
SPECIAL NOTES

- **International Students Who Are Studying Abroad:**
  If you will be studying abroad as a UNCG student next semester and you have not yet seen the ISSS advisor, please do so immediately.

- **International Student Athletes:** Contact your coach regarding travel dates in relation to athletic scholarship duties.
RENEWAL OF VISA

- Obtaining a renewal of your visa stamp may take several months.
- Please contact the U.S. embassy or consulate where you intend to apply to obtain visa processing times and requirements for visa renewal.
- A list of U.S. embassies and consulates is available at http://www.travel.state.gov
- An overview of visa appointments and processing times is available at http://www.travel.state.gov
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1. Passport valid for the next 6 months,
2. Form I-20 signed by the advisor at ISSS for travel within the last 9 months, or Form DS-2019 signed by your program sponsor within the last 6 months,
3. Documents proving ties to your home country (e.g. ownership of property, investments, inheritance, or a job to return to after completion of study),
4. Documents proving financial support for the next 12 months,
5. Transcripts showing full-time enrollment every term of the academic year (and less than full-time approval forms, if any),
6. Notarized copy of diplomas earned, if any.

- If your F-1 or J-1 visa is valid but punctured, crossed out, damaged or mutilated in any way, you may be required to obtain a renewal of your visa.
Visa Appointment and Processing Wait Times at Travel.State.Gov

Visa Appointment & Processing Wait Times

Advance travel planning and early visa application are important. If you plan to apply for a nonimmigrant visa to come to the United States as a temporary visitor, please review the information provided below where you will find:

Wait Times for Embassy/Consulate
New Delhi

Nonimmigrant Visa Type | Appointment Wait Time
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Visitor Visas | 7 Calendar Days
Student/Exchange Visitor Visas | 7 Calendar Days

About Wait Times
* Calendar days refer to every day of the week, including days when embassies are closed (such as weekends and holidays).
* Work days refer only to days when the embassy is open and does not include weekends and holidays.
* The All Other Nonimmigrant Visa wait time DOES NOT include K or V visa applications, which are processed similar to immigrant visas. A, G, and NATO applications are excluded from these wait times, as they are processed separately.
AUTOMATIC REVALIDATION

- If you travel to Canada, Mexico, or certain islands near the U.S., it may be possible for you to reenter the U.S. even if the F-1 or J-1 visa in your passport has expired.
- In certain situations, you may not be able to return to the U.S. and may be forced to return to your home country to renew your visa.
- Automatic revalidation is not permitted if you have been denied visa renewal at a U.S. consulate in any of these destinations.
  1. Visit must be for less than 30 days
  2. You must retain your current I-94
  3. Carry a copy of the automatic revalidation rule to provide to the port of entry if necessary

- In certain situations, you may not be able to return to the U.S. and may be forced to return to your home country to renew your visa.
Transit Visas

1. Transit visas required for nationals of certain countries (e.g. Nigeria)

2. Waiver of transit visa requirement for particular valid U.S. visas (e.g. India)
APPLYING FOR VISAS OF FOREIGN DESTINATIONS

- If you are planning to travel outside the U.S. to visit a country that is not your own, find out if you are required to obtain a visitor’s visa to visit that country.
- For a list of foreign consulates and embassies in the U.S., visit http://www.state.gov/s/cpr/rls/fco/
- Apply early! Visa processing can take several weeks depending on the season and country.
Automation of I-94 Process

- Upon your entry into the United States, you will receive an entry stamp on your passport, including the date of admission (entry into the United States) to the United States, class of admission (F-1) or (J-1) and D/S (Duration of Status).
Steps to Obtain I-94 Record

1. Visit the following website to obtain your I-94 number: www.cbp.gov/I94
2. Enter the information as it appears on the travel document you used to enter the United States.
   - Family Name: (As it appears in your student visa)
   - First (Given) Name: (As it appears in your student visa)
   - Birth Date: (In the format MM/DD/YYYY)
   - Passport Number: (As it appears on your passport biographic page)
Steps to Obtain I-94 Record

- Country of Issuance: (As it appears on your passport)
- Most Recent Entry Date: (The date you entered the United States. As it appears on the entry stamp assigned next to your visa stamp, this date can be found on the admission stamp located in your passport).
- Class of Admission: (Select the corresponding visa type from the drop down menu. i.e., F-1 or J-1).
- (3) Select [Submit]
Each time you travel outside the U.S. and return to UNCG, it is your responsibility to bring your passport along with all your immigration documents to the International Student and Scholar Services Office (ISSS) so that we may make photocopies not only of new documents but also of any old documents which contain additional information.

It is a government requirement that we maintain current copies of your documents.
CURRENT DOCUMENTATION

- Each time you travel outside the U.S. and return to UNCG, ensure you carry the most current I-20 form which includes your current academic level, major and biographical information.

- Ensure you carry a copy of your student transcript and registration for the next term/semester. i.e., spring 2016.

- For students attending INTERLINK, please carry a letter issued by INTERLINK to confirm your return to intensive English courses in the next session (January).
QUESTIONS?

Have a fun and safe trip!

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