



April 2024 NEWS

Where has the time gone? Spring semester is almost over! Good luck with your final exams! Check out our reminders for the end of semester and the summer semester. Our office stays open all summer. We will continue to have Virtual Drop-In and Walk In hours as listed on our website.

End of Semester Reminders

- Approved Spring RCL for final semester but NOT graduating – Contact our office before the end of the semester to discuss your options.
- Graduating this semester – The 60-day grace period begins June 1, 2024 and ends July 30, 2024. During the grace period, students cannot work unless approved for OPT. Students can apply for OPT, get admitted to a new academic program, return home, or transfer to another school. To discuss any of these options, students should come to Virtual Drop in! **NOTE: If the I-20 end date is in the future, we will shorten the I-20 to May 31, 2024.**
- Admitted to another school in the US – Complete the Transfer Out eform in iStart.
- Leaving USF and returning home – Complete the Authorized Early Withdrawal eform in iStart.

Summer Reminders

- Continuing your academic program in Fall 2024
 - If the academic program does not require summer enrollment, you do not need to enroll in summer.
 - You can work full-time in an **on-campus job** from Monday, May 6 to Friday, August 23. No permission needed from our office.
- Planning to travel outside the US for the summer – Check your most recent I-20 for a valid travel signature. Signatures are valid for one year from the date of the signature. If you need a new one, complete the Travel Signature eform in iStart.
- Graduating in Summer – Students MUST enroll in at least one in-person course.

Changing Level at USF

- Admitted to a new level for Summer 2024 – You will need to provide updated financial documents to receive an updated I-20. Students must begin Summer A/C (May) and enroll FULL-TIME (9 hours for undergraduate students and 6 hours for graduate students).
- Admitted to a new level for Fall 2024 – You will need to provide updated financial documents to receive an updated I-20.
- Travel between levels – You would enter the US using the change of level I-20. This I-20 can also be used to obtain a new visa stamp.
- Immigration Check-In – Our office must activate the change of level I-20. Immigration Check-in consists of uploading updated immigration documents to iStart at the beginning of the first semester of the new level.

Last Days to File US Taxes

The deadline to file US taxes is April 15. If you have questions about filing taxes, see one of the resources below:

- [OIS Understanding Tax Filing Video](#)
- [Sprintax Walkthrough Video](#)
- OIS Sprintax Software In-person Help Sessions in BEH255
 - Tuesday, April 2, 2pm to 4pm
 - Friday, April 5, 10am to Noon
 - Tuesday, April 9, 2pm to 4pm
 - Friday, April 12, 10am to Noon (last session)
- Email Sprintax at hello@sprintax.com or use the 24/7 Live Chat function as you complete your forms

Remember to click on the get started link in the email that was sent to you from our office. This is the ONLY way to get the USF discount. If you did not get the email and were in the US in 2023, you can email oistaxquestions@usf.edu and we can forward the email to you.

OPT and CPT Information

Are you graduating this semester or this summer?

Your F-1 visa allows you to work in the U.S. for an initial period of 12 months after graduation. Now is the time to start your application in iStart. Please review the application information on our website [HERE](#). If you have questions after reviewing the material, join the OIS International Advisors for a Q&A session. This is a discussion. Please come with developed questions!

When: Friday, April 12, 10–11AM

Where: Teams

Registration: <https://cglink.me/2k5/r1947787>

Are you interested in applying for an internship during the Summer 2024 semester?

Now is the time to start your application in iStart. Please review the application information on our website [HERE](#).

If you have questions after reviewing the material, join the OIS International Advisors for a Q&A session. This is a discussion. Please come with developed questions!

When: Tuesday, April 16, 10–10:30 AM

Where: Teams

Registration: <https://cglink.me/2k5/r1947792>

USF Academic Reminders

Spring 2024 Semester and Beyond Important Dates

- April 26 – Last day of classes
- April 27- May 2 – Exam week
- May 4 – Official end of the semester for immigration purposes
- May 15 – Beginning of Summer A/C
- May 27 – USF Closed for Memorial Day
- June 19 – USF Closed for Juneteenth
- July 4 – USF Closed for US Independence Day
- August 26 – Fall courses begin

Join our BullsConnect Group - <https://bullsconnect.usf.edu/INTLSVCS/clu>





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Virtual Drop-In via Teams ([E-Form](#) in [iStart](#)) - Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 11am-1pm & Thurs 1pm-2pm

Walk-in Hours Tampa Campus ([BEH Map](#)) - Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 1pm-2pm & Thurs 2pm-4pm

Visit Schedule to USF St Pete & Sarasota- <https://www.usf.edu/world/international-services/about-us/contact-us.aspx>