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OIS Reminders for J-1 Non-Degree Visiting Students- October 2025

The JHU Office of International Services (OIS) will occasionally share timely immigration-related reminders, as well as relevant resources and updates with our J-1 Visiting Student community. Visit the OIS website for more information about our services and how to connect with our office:

<https://ois.jhu.edu>.

OIS Services and Advising

The OIS is a virtual service operation that supports our international students via electronic means. To quickly connect with a J-1 advisor, remember to use our dedicated service account: J1-Advising@jhu.edu. You can also refer to the OIS website for information related to your [J-1 Student immigration status](#).

Immigration Policy Updates

We encourage you to continue to check the OIS website for [Recent Federal Immigration Actions](#), as well as our [Immigration Policy Information and Frequently Asked Questions](#) webpage. If there are any updates relevant to our international community, we will post them here.

OIS would like to take this opportunity to ensure that our international clientele knows they are welcome here and will be supported as a vital part of the JHU family.

Travel Information

When considering travel, keep in mind that changes can occur at any time. If you cannot afford an interruption in your academic program due to an indefinite period abroad, you should carefully consider the need to travel outside the U.S. If you choose to travel, carefully review the “[Travel Information](#)” section of the OIS website and prepare the appropriate documentation before departing the U.S.

- J-1 Students who need a travel signature must request one at least 10 business days in advance of travel. You must submit the “Travel Signature/DS-2019 Reprint” eForm in iHopkins under the J-1 Student Services section.
- Review your I-94 record when you re-enter the U.S., ensuring it reflects the correct class of admission (“J-1”), date of admission, and admit-until date (“D/S” for J-1 Students).
 - Retrieve your electronic I-94 [here](#), print a copy, and carry it with you, as required by immigration law. If your I-94 contains incorrect information, email OIS for guidance on correcting it.

Announcements

Throughout the fall semester, OIS will be offering a series of workshops designed for our international clientele. A number of workshops will provide information and resources for J-1 Exchange Visitors at JHU. All workshops will be posted on our [website](#) with a link to register. (Recordings will also be made available [here](#) after each workshop). The upcoming October workshop for J-1 Exchange Visitors is below:

- **Understanding the 212(e) Two-Year Home Residency Requirement**
 - **What:** Virtual presentation to assist individuals in understanding the [212\(e\) Two-Year Home Residency](#)

[requirement](#), one of the commonly misunderstood aspects of the J Exchange Visitor Program.

- **When:** Thursday, October 23rd at 12:15 p.m.
- **Where:** Virtual presentation (Zoom)
- **Register here:**
https://jh.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Lj75GwLrR4ePtcHYBye4SQ

J-1 Visiting Student (Non-Degree) Reminders

- **Maintaining J-1 Status:** J-1 visiting students should visit the OIS website to review the requirements for [Maintaining J-1 Status](#). See important highlights below:
 - **Enrollment Requirement:** J-1 visiting students must register for the appropriate course(s) for each term/semester that they will be at JHU. Newly arrived and currently active visiting students should contact their JHU hosting department to complete registration for the current term/semester.
 - **Participation Requirement:** The U.S. Department of State requires J-1 Exchange Visitor program activities to be conducted **within the U.S.** on a full-time and primarily **in-person** basis. *Virtual or fully remote exchange programs are not permitted.*
 - **Address Reporting:** All J-1 students must report their local U.S. address and phone number to OIS within 10 days of a change. To review and update this information, follow these instructions: [J-1 Student Address Reporting](#).
- **Program Extensions:** If you plan to remain at JHU as a Visiting Student beyond your current DS-2019 end date, you must contact your hosting department administrator to request an extension at

least 1-2 months in advance. You may refer to the Visiting Student Extension Request Process [Timeline](#).*

- **J-1 End of Program/Departure Reporting:** Visiting students should submit the “J-1 End of Program/Departure” eForm in iHopkins prior to their departure from the U.S. at the end of their program at JHU. This eForm can also be used to report early departures.

Events & Resources:

This November, we join in celebrating [International Education Week \(IEW\)](#), a nationwide recognition of the transformative power of global learning and exchange. At JHU, our international students and scholars bring the world to campus—sharing traditions, perspectives, and stories that make our community richer, more vibrant, and deeply connected across cultures. OIS will share more information about IEW-related events in November.

The OIS website provides numerous resources for our international community. Be sure to check out [these resources](#), intended to promote and support health, safety and well-being while in the U.S.

For other upcoming Johns Hopkins events and activities on campus, check out the [JHU Events](#) page!

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