



Monthly Newsletter

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

Saint Louis University



Spring Course Registration and Cold Weather - Fast Approaching!

Spring 2025 course registration has begun! Meet with your academic advisor, faculty mentor, or program coordinator to discuss your eligibility for registration. You should also check your email for communication about registration.

Register for classes as soon as possible in order to have the schedule you want - classes fill up quickly!

Registration dates:

- Graduate students: 7 a.m. - Nov. 4th
- Seniors (90+ earned credit hours): 7 a.m. - Nov. 5th
- Juniors (60-89 earned credit hours): 7 a.m. - Nov. 12th
- Sophomore (30-59 earned credit hours): 7 a.m. - Nov. 19th
- Freshmen (0-29 earned credit hours): 7 a.m. - Dec. 3rd

*Check your earned credit hours in Banner.

If you have a hold on your account, you will be unable to register for classes. Common holds include: registration advisor meeting, student

health immunizations, student accounts third-party billing. To release a hold from your account, you should contact the designated office listed here:

[LINK](#)

Cold Weather

Registration isn't the only thing starting in November - cold weather has begun! In St. Louis, temperatures in the Winter average 29°F or -2°C. It is necessary to purchase and wear appropriate cold-weather gear. Some Winter weather items you will need are: hat, scarf, gloves, coat, long pants, long-sleeve shirts, warm socks, closed-toe shoes. If you drive a vehicle, be aware that the roads become slick with ice - drive slow and carefully! Although cold weather can be dangerous, it can also be fun! Sledding, ice skating, and building a snowman are all Winter activities you can do in Forest Park!

Office of International Services

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TRAVEL ENDORSEMENT

This page, when properly endorsed, may be used for re-entry of the student. This endorsement is valid for one year.

Designated School Official	TITLE
_____	_____
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Winter Break Travel Signatures and Scams - IMPORTANT!

Travel Signatures:

Travel signatures for Winter break travel:

Dec. 14th - Jan. 12th.

You should submit a travel signature request in the student portal if you have plans to travel outside of the US.

*If you leave early, you CANNOT complete coursework for in-person classes, online. Returning to the US late (after January 12th) is strongly discouraged - you may be denied entry to the US if you choose to attempt this.

These are United States regulations on student visas.

Scams:

Please read this article to learn about common scams and how to avoid them: [LINK](#)

If you receive communication you believe to be a scam, you should report it to SLU ITS:

ask@slu.edu.

*You should ask your OIS advisor if you are unsure if something is a scam or not.

Tip: avoid answering calls from unknown phone numbers.



Meet: Chandana

Photo by: Ashish Kande

Student Spotlight

Name: Chandana Janardhan

Level: Graduate - 2nd year

Major: Public Health

Chandana spent her Summer internship encouraging and spreading awareness of basic health check-ups in African American communities. Additionally, she assisted in organizing a Health Camp in collaboration with doctors and church trustees. Currently, Chandana volunteers at a local school to support them in their robotics courses. Thank you for all of the volunteer work you have done, Chandana!



OIS Essentials

OIS Upcoming Events

OIS Essentials: Navigating U.S. Social Culture

Date: 11/12/2024

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: CGC

International Trivia Night

Date: 11/22/2024

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: CGC

OIS Thankful Tree

Date: 11/11/2024 - 12/01/2024

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: OIS



Things to Do: SLU, STL, + Surrounding Area



Blue Strawberry - Skylark Brothers

Date: November 14th

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Blue Strawberry
Showroom and Lounge - Stl,
MO

Price: \$20

This rock band is comprised of members from St. Louis! Enjoy listening to roots rock, St. Louis classics, and some new original songs.



St. Louis Public Library - Percussion From Around the World

Date: November 18th

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: St. Louis Public
Library - Stl, MO

Price: FREE

Music lovers and families are invited to experience the vibrant and diverse realm of percussion! Listen to global rhythms while experiencing the joy of music.



Brahma Kumaris - Diwali Celebration

Date: November 16th

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Location: Maryland Heights
Community Center - Maryland
Heights, MO

Price: Voluntary Contribution
this event includes an
interactive workshop,
meditation, dance
performances, food, a Goddess
exhibit, and more! [RSVP](#)



St. Louis Blues - Game vs Minnesota Wild

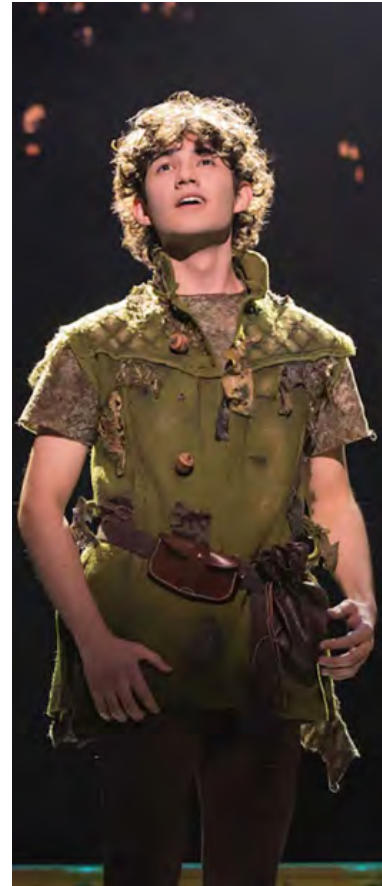
Date: November 19th

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Enterprise Center,
Stl, MO

Price: \$21+

Cheer on our local NHL team, the St. Louis Blues, in their game versus the Minnesota Wild! Food, drinks, and Blues merchandise are available for purchase. View the full list of tickets and prices: [LINK](#)



SLU Graduate Student Association - Peter Pan @ The Fox

Date: 11/15/2024

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: The Fabulous Fox
Theater

Price: \$12.50

*This event is for graduate students.

Join the Graduate Student Initiatives team for a night at The Fox!

Enjoy the hit Broadway musical: Peter Pan - This Way to Neverland. This all-ages show is filled with excitement.

Join Peter Pan and the Darlings on an adventure to Neverland! One companion ticket per student can be purchased for \$25.

Buy your ticket here: [LINK](#)





Newsletter Quiz - Prize Opportunity

Did you read the entire newsletter? If so, this is your chance to test your knowledge to potentially win a prize!

A quiz will be posted at the end of each newsletter about the content: immigration, events, etc....

The highest correct scores will be entered for the chance to win a small prize. One prize will be awarded per newsletter.

A new quiz will be posted each month. Quiz results will be posted in the next month's newsletter.

Winners will be notified via email. If the winner does not claim their prize within a week of being emailed, a new student will be chosen.

Quiz link: [QUIZ](#)



Student Spotlight Nominations

The next Student Spotlight could be you! Submit a nomination for yourself or a friend by scanning the QR code below, or by clicking the link.

SLU International Students can be nominated for ANY positive reason - good grades, a unique talent, helping in the community, obtaining a great internship, etc...

Students who are selected for a Student Spotlight will receive an email from OIS. The chosen student will need to report to OIS to have a professional photo taken within the dates/times listed in the email. If the student nominated does not appear for their photo, a new student will be selected in their place.

Nomination link: [FORM](#)



Thank you for reading!

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