

March 4, 2024



WE HAVE MOVED!

The International Students and Scholars Office (ISS) has moved to the second floor of the Student Services Building (SSB). To get to our office, take the stairs or the elevator to the second floor. You do not need to check in on the first floor. Once you reach the second level, you will first encounter the Undergraduate Education reception desk. Please let them know you are there to see us and you will be redirected. Keep in mind that the building and our office will be closed during the lunch hour (12:00 - 1:00 pm)

CAMPUS CLOSURE

 **RIVERSIDE** International Students and Scholars

IA Office
Closure

Due to the upcoming Spring Break, all offices will be closed on Friday, March 29, 2024. The International Students and Scholars Office will reopen again on Monday, April 1st.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT REMINDER (FULL TIME: 12 UNITS)

This is a reminder that international students are required by the U.S. government to enroll in 12 course units (CUs) each quarter (Winter, Spring & Fall) unless it is your final, graduating quarter. If you are in your final, graduating quarter you will need to let the ISS know by completing the [Reduced Course Load](#) request and send it to internationalstudents@ucr.edu.

Elective, non-required courses can count towards your 12 CU minimum requirement. It is important to also know that in order to qualify for OPT work authorization, you must have been full-time for 1 academic year (3 consecutive quarters) prior to your final, graduating quarter.

TAX INFORMATION

All students in F and J status and their dependents who were in the United States in the 2023 tax year are required to file tax forms. **Important: Tax Deadline - April 15, 2024**

During the workshops below, we will cover general information on:

- **Glacier Tax Prep (GTP)** software
- Filing federal taxes in the U.S. as a nonresident for tax purposes
- Filing state taxes in the U.S. as a nonresident for tax purposes

Tax Workshop

Mon. March 4, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

[\(Click to Register\)](#)

CA State Tax Franchise Board

Thurs. March 7, 12:00 - 1:30 pm

[\(Click to Register\)](#)

Tax Workshop

Thurs. April 4, 3:00 - 4:30 pm
([Click to Register](#))

UPCOMING ISS EVENTS

Peer Network Social: MARCH KARAOKE



Take a break from preparing for finals and sing your heart out at our annual karaoke night! We will be providing snacks and refreshments!

Date: Wednesday, March 13th

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Location: HUB 269

RSVP [here](#)

Language Circles

Learn or practice a variety of languages through informal conversations led by our Language Circle Moderators. All moderators are volunteers and native speakers of the specific language.

Official Language Circle Schedule for Winter 2024 (weeks 2 - 8):

Wednesdays in HUB 379	
11:00 - 11:50 am	Spanish
11:10 am - 12:00 pm	Mandarin
12:00 - 12:50 pm	Russian/English
2:00 - 2:50 pm	Italian

R'Time

A fun and safe space for International Student Women Free lunch and massages!

Meeting Times for Winter Quarter:

- **11:00 am - 12:00 pm in HUB 260**
 - Tuesday, March 5th

Hosted by the International [Students and Scholars, The Well](#), & the [Women's Resource Center](#).

For questions, please contact [Jacqueline Hernandez](#)



GRADSUCCESS COFFEE SOCIAL

GradSuccess Winter 2024 Coffee Social

The GSRC hosts Graduate Student Coffee Socials every week for graduate students and postdocs across campus.

Each week the Coffee Social is sponsored by a campus partner who shares about the resources they offer the graduate student community.

Date: Tuesday, March 5th & March 12th

Time: 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Location: Physics Courtyard

SPEECHCRAFT

SpeechCraft Workshop

Speech Craft is an 8-week workshop that will teach you the fundamentals of effective communication. This hands-on course will walk you through a series of exercises designed to show you how to be a more confident speaker, both in professional and personal settings.

Register [here](#) or using the QR code on the flyer.



SPEECHCRAFT ENHANCE YOUR COMMUNICATION
BOOST YOUR SELF-CONFIDENCE
DEVELOP YOUR LEADERSHIP
Presented By: Toastmasters Club Speakeasy 8704



Do you have an upcoming job interview?
Need to give an important presentation?
Are you making a toast at your sister's wedding?

Speechcraft is an 8-week workshop that will teach you the fundamentals of effective communication. This hands-on course will walk you through a series of exercises designed to show you how to be a more confident speaker, both in professional and personal settings.

TUESDAYS
MARCH 5TH - APRIL 23RD
12:10 PM - 1:00 PM

REGISTER HERE



IN PERSON: SKYE HALL 381E

ONLINE: VIA ZOOM

toastmasters.com/speakeasy/toastmasters/8704

WHEN LEADERS ARE PRESENT

ISS FORMS AND GUIDES

Did you know that you can find essential forms, guides, and information about maintaining your status, travel, and employment on our website? international.ucr.edu/students

- [Need a Form?](#)
- Learn about [F and J requirements](#)
- [Travel and Dependents](#)

Please note that we do not recommend travel at this time since things are difficult to predict with changing governmental regulations and travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please consult with an advisor before making travel plans.

- [Employment and Taxes](#)
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Contact Us

There are several ways you can reach our team. Our staff works Monday-Friday, from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (closed from 12:00 - 1:00 PM for lunch).

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Thank you from all of us in International Affairs!

As a reminder, the International Student News is an email for international students sent monthly. You will find important information from our office, such as:

- notices from the U.S. government
- reminders to ensure that you stay in status
- UCR campus updates and cultural event information

Please read the newsletter carefully. If you have any questions, please email our office at internationalstudents@ucr.edu.