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Monthly Newsletter

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

Saint Louis University



Registration Dates - Summer and Fall 2025 Courses

*Please make sure to read emails from the university about course registration. Visit this link for more information about course registration: LIN

During the three weeks of registration time-ticketing, students will be able to register based on their earned credits, which are ranked from highest to lowest.

Graduate - Monday, March 24th:

- 54 and above 8:50 a.m.
- 41 and above 11:50 a.m.

Graduate - Tuesday, March 25th:

- 30 and above 9:15 a.m.
- 21 and above 12:15 p.m.

Graduate - Wednesday, March 26th:

- 17 and above 8:50 a.m. • 12 and above - 11:50 a.m.

Graduate - Thursday, March 27th:

- 7 and above 9:15 a.m.
- 0 and above 12:15 p.m.

Undergrad - Friday, March 28th:

- 123 and above 8:50 a.m.
- 107 and above 11:50 a.m.

Undergrad - Mon., March 31st:

- 96 and above 8:50 a.m.
- 90 and above 11:50 a.m.

Undergrad - Tuesday, April 1st: • 84 and above - 9:15 a.m.

- . 80 and above 12:15 p.m.

Undergrad - Wed., April 2nd:

- 76 and above 8:50 a.m.
- 72 and above 11:50 a.m.

Undergrad - Thursday, April 3rd:

- 66 and above 9:15 a.m.
- 60 and above 12:15 p.m.

Undergrad - Friday, April 4th:

- 54 and above 8:50 a.m.
- 50 and above 11:50 a.m.

Undergrad - Monday, April 7th:

- 47 and above 8:50 a.m.
- 42 and above 11:50 a.m.

Undergrad - Tuesday, April 8th:

- 36 and above 9:15 a.m.
- 30 and above 12:15 p.m.

Undergrad - Wed., April 9th:

• 21 and above - 8:50 a.m. • 16 and above - 11:50 a.m.

Undergrad - Thurs., April 10th:

- 15 and above 9:15 a.m. 12 and above - 12:15 p.m.

Undergrad - Friday, April 11th: • 0* and above - 8:50 a.m.

Each student will get a "time ticket" that shows the earliest date and time they can start registering for classes.

you can expect:



OIS + SLU Events

Knowledge -



Commencement (graduation) - Important Information

<u>Regalia Requirement:</u>

It is time to order your regalia (cap and gown) for the spring 2025 commencement ceremony. You can purchase the required garments here (through the Billiken shop): <u>LINK</u>

Proper regalia, meeting SLU standards, is required in order for students to participate in pre-commencement, and commencement activities. (You must also apply for graduation.) <u>The deadline to order regalia for in-store pick-up</u> is MARCH 7th, 2025!



Student Spotlight

Name: Elizaveta Kuchkarova Level: Undergraduate - 3rd year Major: Finance

Liza is one of the two amazing Undergraduate International Ambassador Coordinators in OIS! Liza has worked hard assisting with the planning and execution of many OIS events, such as international student orientation. She serves a a leader for fellow international students and has even helped lead ambassador training. We are so proud of Liza for everything she has accomplished - thank you for all you do!

Invitation Letters:

As a policy, <u>SLU no longer issues invitation</u> <u>letters for students</u>, as the Department of State has advised against the practice.

The consulates do not consider invitation letters when determining eligibility for a B-1/B-2 tourist visa.

You may choose to write a letter of support with an explanation of your plans, especially if your friends/family will be staying with you during their visit.

For more info about the tourist visa, visit: LINK



OIS Upcoming Events

OIS Essentials - Navigating Immigration Rules for F1 Visa Holders

Date: 02/28/2025 Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Location: BSC, Room 251

Holi

Date: 03/22/2025 Time: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Location: Tegeler Front Lawn

OIS Essentials - Employment

Date: 03/27/2025 Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Location: BSC, Room 251



Things to Do: SLU, STL, + Surrounding Area



Lift Every Voice - SLSO Concert

Date: February 28th <u>Time:</u> 7:30 p.m. <u>Location:</u> Stifel Theater - Stl, MO <u>Price:</u> \$29+ (grad involvement has limited tickets for \$12) Join SLSO and IN UNISON Chorus for a joyful celebration of Black History Month, showcasing the magnificent variety and depth of Black musical expression! Link



Mean Girls Musical -The Fox Theater

Date: March 14th - 16th Time: 5:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Location: Missouri Botanical Gardens - Stl, MO Price: \$35+ (grad involvement has limited tickets for \$12.50)

Direct from Broadway, MEAN GIRLS is the hilarious hit musical from an award-winning creative team, including book writer Tina Fey. LINK



Mardi Gras Parade -Soulard

Date: March 1st <u>Time:</u> 11:00 a.m. <u>Location:</u> Soulard Neighborhood, Stl, MO <u>Price:</u> FREE The 2nd largest Mardi Gras in the US is located in St. Louis! Complete with a parade, vendors, and music, you don't want to miss this opportunity to experience Mardi Gras! <u>LINK</u>



Gospel Music Revival City winery

Date: February 28th <u>Time:</u> Doors - 6:00 p.m., Start -7:30 p.m.

Location: City winery - Stl, MO Price: \$25+

All aboard Black History Month with Jai Brenai Productions, as they give a spirited soul experience! Travel through the creativity of Jayonna Sims as she takes the music soul train through the timeline of gospel music. LINK



STL Holi 2025 - Fusion STL

<u>Date:</u> March 15th <u>Time:</u> 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. <u>Location:</u> Stacy Park -Olivette, MO <u>Price:</u> FREE

FusionSTL and ARCEOS Events, in partnership with the City of Olivette, are bringing the biggest Holi -Festival of Colors celebration in greater St. Louis area. This event includes: color throwing, live music and performances, food and drinks, and cultural exhibits and activities. Organizers have asked that you wear white clothing you don't mind getting colorful, and that you refrain from bringing outside colors and food. This is a family-friendly event for all ages. 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. Winners will be notified vie 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





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