

**December 2, 2024**

**Re: Travel Advisory for International Students During Winter Break 2024–2025**

Dear International Students,

As you prepare for winter break and make plans to travel internationally, we want to provide important guidance to ensure a smooth return to the United States for the Spring 2025 semester. While nothing definitive can be predicted regarding future U.S. immigration policies, it is essential to remain informed and prepared. As in the past, every new US administration may make changes to immigration policies which potentially may impact immediate and unexpected changes to entry/re-entry procedures for certain individuals.

We strongly recommend the following:

1. **Return Early:** Aim to re-enter the United States well in advance of the start of the spring semester to minimize the risk of being affected by any sudden changes in policy or heightened scrutiny at ports of entry.
2. **Carry Proper Documentation:** Ensure you have all necessary travel documents, including your valid passport, visa, I-20 or DS-2019 form with a current travel signature, and supporting documentation relevant to your visa status.
3. **Stay Informed on Policy Updates:** Frequently check official websites for travel updates, such as the of the [U.S. Department of State Embassies](#), the [U.S. Department of Homeland Security](#), and keep an eye out for communication from the CIE international student services office for the latest information.

This advisory is not reflective of any current or expected institutional policy but is offered as a precautionary measure to support your safe and timely return to the U.S. For any questions prior to travel, please e-mail [cie-student@csulb.edu](mailto:cie-student@csulb.edu).

We are committed to your success and safety and encourage you to reach out with any questions or concerns. Have a safe and enjoyable winter break!

Sincerely,

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