



Monthly Newsletter

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

Saint Louis University



Driving In Winter - What You Need To Know

We have already experienced our first snowfall of the year with more to come. Although snow is fun for sledding, snowball fights, and building snowmen, it can also be dangerous - especially when driving.

Avoiding unnecessary travel during winter weather is the safest option; however, there are some times you may need to drive in the snow/ice.

Reducing your speed is the most important thing to remember while driving in winter weather. In addition to slowing down, you should also increase your following distance (the amount of space between you and the car in front of you).

Before you drive in winter weather, you should take safety precautions to prepare your car, such as: wipe off all snow and ice completely (you should keep an ice scraper in your car), let the car warm up for a few minutes before beginning to drive, ensure your tires have proper traction, have more than

enough gas to get to your destination, and add some safety items to your trunk (blankets, coat, etc...).

What is black ice?

Black ice is transparent and is hard to spot, as it appears like the pavement.

What to do if you hit black ice:

- o Take your foot off the gas pedal
- o Don't slam on the brakes
- o Turn the wheel in the direction of the skid
- o If you can see areas of traction, move toward them to regain control
- o If you go off the road, steer toward an area that will cause the least amount of damage
- o If you must continue driving, drive slowly and use your hazard lights

*Bridges and overpasses freeze faster than roadways!

Stay safe!

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Travel Signatures - The Risk of Leaving Early/Arriving Late

Permission to Travel:

A travel signature confirms that you have valid visa status and are registered for courses for the next semester. OIS does not give permission to travel. There is no approval process for personal circumstances.

You should not leave the US before the end date of the semester (12/14). If you leave early, you should coordinate your departure with your professor. Professors decide the outcome of

your early departure, which may include: receiving a failing grade, dropping you from the course, asking that all work is completed before you leave, etc... ***It is against federal regulations to complete coursework for an in-person class, online outside of the US.**

If you leave early (before 12/14) or arrive late (after 01/12), you may experience difficulty re-entering the US. CBP officers can see in your SEVIS record if you have traveled outside of the recommended dates.



Meet: Yaswanth

Student Spotlight

Name: Yaswanth Dasari
Level: Graduate - 2nd year
Major: Information Systems

Yaswanth has 23 world records in art! He has mastered the skill of drawing with his hands, feet, and mouth - see a video here: [LINK](#). Yaswanth has exhibited at various galleries and is currently planning a Guinness World Record attempt with his students in St. Louis. He has taught many students and some have gone on to break records too! We are so proud of you and your talent, Yaswanth! Check out this video too: [LINK](#)



International Graduation Celebration

OIS Upcoming Events

Holiday Ornament Making

Date: 12/04/2024
Time: 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Location: Des Peres Hall, Room 108

International Graduation Celebration

Date: 12/13/2024
Time: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Location: CGC

Christmas on the Quad

Date: 12/07/2024
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: SLU Quad

*Register [HERE](#)



Things to Do: SLU, STL, + Surrounding Area



Saint Louis Zoo - Wild Lights

Date: November 29th - December 29th

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

Location: Saint Louis Zoo - Stl, MO

Price: \$10 - \$18

Walk through a winter wonderland with twinkling light displays and themed areas! Dates and prices vary.

[LINK](#)



Missouri Botanical Gardens - Garden Glow

Date: November 27th - January 4th

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Location: Missouri Botanical Gardens - Stl, MO

Price: \$22 - \$24

Featuring more than two million dazzling lights, Garden Glow transforms the iconic setting of the Missouri Botanical Garden into a wonderland, rich with mesmerizing displays. [LINK](#)



SLSO - Muppet Christmas Carol In Concert

Date: December 14th - 15th

Time: 7:00 p.m. , 2:00 p.m.

Location: Stifel Theater - Stl, MO

Price: Experience holiday magic as the Muppets rediscover the spirit of Christmas, accompanied by a live performance. [LINK](#)



Fox Theater - How the Grinch Stole Christmas the Musical

Date: December 27th - 29th

Time: 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Location: The Fabulous Fox - Stl, MO

Price: \$54 - \$120

Max the Dog narrates the story of the mean and scheming Grinch, in this holiday musical adaptation of the iconic Dr. Seuss tale. [LINK](#)



SLU - Midyear Commencement 2024

Date: December 14th

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Chaifetz Arena - SLU Campus

Price: FREE

Graduates who take part in SLU's Midyear Commencement Ceremony are individually recognized as they cross the stage. All are welcome to attend, and there is no limit to the number of guests each graduate is allowed.

*To participate in commencement as a graduate, you need to [apply for graduation](#) in advance. **Cap and gown required. You must arrive on time - late arrivals will not be let into the event.**





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 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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