Are you traveling abroad? Prepare for re-entry to the U.S. before you travel!

Required items:

- Passport valid for at least the next 6 months.
- Valid F-1 or J-1 visa stamp (check expiration date and number of entries allowed).
- Recent OISS advisor signature on I-20 or DS-2019 (request 3 days in advance).
- Receipt for payment for I-901 SEVIS fee. Find it online: https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee.

Additional recommended items:

- Recently issued financial support documents.
- OISS letter confirming lawful F-1 or J-1 status (request one week before your trip).
- DePaul University Student ID card.
- DePaul transcript showing your course history. Request your unofficial transcript online: http://sr.depaul.edu.

For a more detailed explanation, please visit: http://www.ice.gov/sevis/travel/faq_f.htm.

Upon return to Chicago:

Please bring your new I-94 card to us so we may add a photocopy to your OISS student file. This small white card (which should be stapled to your passport) is an important legal record of your travel. It is the form distributed on the airplane before landing and officially date stamped by a U.S. border official. Make a photocopy for your own records as well.

Please see your OISS advisor if:

1. You will travel during your period of authorized Optional Practical Training (OPT).

2. Your passport will expire sooner than 6 months from your date of return to Chicago or your F-1 or J-1 visa stamp will expire before your return.

3. You will be outside the U.S. for more than 5 months, or you are currently in violation of your F-1 visa status.

4. You are planning a brief trip to Canada, Mexico, or certain islands in the Caribbean on an expired F-1 or J-1 visa stamp. This can be complicated and risky, but it is sometimes allowed. Before your OISS appointment, please read the information online at: http://www.ice.gov/sevis/travel/faq_f2.htm#Toc81222014.