

## Winter 2015 MID-QUARTER REMINDERS



**UCI campus is a smoking-free campus! Please be courteous and do not smoke when you are on campus. You can be ticketed by the UCI police for smoking on campus!**

### GRADUATION

Winter 2015 Graduation Ceremony and Luncheon will begin at 11:30 A.M. on Friday, March 20. If you are graduating this quarter, you should have already received an e-mail from our office.



**Please send any fun and cool pictures of yours to your advisor**, so we can include them in our photo slide show at the graduation!

Students who fail to attend the graduation will result in a delay of receiving your program graduation certificate which may be needed for visa renewal.



**TRAVELING OUTSIDE THE U.S.?** If you are going to travel outside the U.S., including Canada and Mexico, during the break (meaning you will return to UCI after this December), you must:

1. Make an appointment to see your advisor at least two weeks before your departure date to get a "travel signature" slip and form.
2. Follow the instructions here to submit your passport and I-20 to the immigration advisor: <http://www.uciesl.com/>
3. When you are returning to IUPP this **March (Spring) 2015**, bring your passport with the new I-94 form to your advisor to make a copy **AFTER** you return to Irvine, so our Immigration Advisors will update the record and confirm that you have returned.

### **Need to renew your F-1 visa or I-20?**

- For I-20 renewal, you must contact your IUPP Counselor immediately if your I-20 is going to expire within two weeks (14 days). Your I-20 must NEVER be expired.
- For F-1 visa renewal, you must return to your home country to renew your visa. Please obtain an official copy of your Study Abroad transcript from your Advisor BEFORE you leave Irvine. If you are NOT leaving the U.S., it is OK to have an expired visa.

**MOVING???** Please contact your advisor if you have changed your current mailing address! Since you are studying in our program, it is important that we have your correct address at all times!

If you are moving out of the Study Abroad apartment after this quarter, please **BE CAREFUL** when you sign the off-campus housing contract!!!



Feeling worried, sad, or unsafe? Please contact your Advisor immediately! Your Advisor is here to help you not only to succeed in your classes, but also your Advisor wants to see you are feeling happy to study here!



**FINAL GRADES:** Please make sure that you have a passing grade, which is at least a C, from all your classes now through the end of this quarter. If you have ANY questions or feel that you are not doing well and need some help, please contact your advisor *immediately*. Do not wait until the end of the quarter or it will be too late to change anything.

If you are on academic/attendance **PROBATION** this Winter 2015 quarter, please be reminded that:

- You cannot miss more than 20 hours from your TOTAL class hours; AND
- You cannot fail ANY class by the end of this quarter;
- **The consequences of not meeting the requirements are:** You may be subject to academic/attendance dismissal. This will have major negative effects, such as failing to obtain a visa to enter the U.S. again.

#### **WHEN DO CLASSES END THIS QUARTER?**

- **All Winter 2015 ESL classes will finish on Thursday, March 19.** – You must still go to the classes on this date, and there will be an ESL graduation on the same date starting at 5:30 P.M.! The ESL graduation is the celebration for your achievement for completing your ESL classes! There will be free food and beverages, and you will receive your ESL completion certificate (and any special awards) in front of hundreds of ESL students and your ESL teachers! We highly recommend that you attend the event, so you can cheer for yourself and your ESL classmates!
- **UCI classes will finish on Friday, March 20.**

#### **WHEN DO CLASSES START IN THE SPRING (March) QUARTER?**

1. UCI classes start on **Monday, March 30.**
2. ESL classes start on **Monday, April 6.** You must pick up your schedule outside the ESL office at 8:00 A.M. on Monday, April 6.
3. You should check with your IUPP advisor if you are not sure on which date you should return.

Please remember to check your email at least once a day, to receive any updated and important messages from your advisor and the school to which you have applied, such as UCI! **NOTE:** You should also have set up a **UCI Gmail** account already!  
**Please do not forget to check your UCI email account!**



