Welcome New Students!

The Office of International Students (OIS) welcomes you to Rutgers University–Camden! We value the richness you bring to the university and the community. This semester, we are excited to welcome students from Australia, Austria, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, and Taiwan. We are delighted you have chosen Rutgers–Camden and we are sure you will find your experience here to be academically rewarding and personally fulfilling.

Our office is committed to providing quality advising services and supportive programming to our international student population. We encourage you to contact the OIS with any questions you might have. Once again, welcome to Rutgers–Camden!

The OIS has a New Location

The Center for International Programs has moved! Our office is now located on the first floor of 215 N. Third Street (the Camden Apartments residence hall). Please feel free to stop by with any questions or to enjoy the student lounge space! *Bring your student ID to enter the building*

Important Dates + Events

- **JAN 27**
  - Campus Involvement Fair
    - Campus Center MPR
    - 12:00-1:30 p.m.
  - Last Day to add or drop a spring semester class without a W grade
- **JAN 28**
  - OPT Workshop
    - OIS Conference Room
    - 12:20 p.m.
  - A Capella Group Blue Jupiter
    - Campus Center MPR
    - 8:00—9:30 p.m.
- **FEB 1**
  - International Student Association Meeting
    - OIS Conference Room
    - 12:10 p.m.
- **FEB 2**
  - Chinese New Year
    - MPR
    - 6:30—8:30 p.m.

Announcements

- If it is your final semester and you will be taking less than a full-time course load, please submit a Reduced Course Load form to the OIS.
- Current students: If you do not already have one, pick up the new version of your I-20 by Monday, February 1st.
- Remember: Health insurance exemption forms are due no later than Friday, February 5th.
- Bring your student ID to enter the new OIS Office at 215 N. Third Street

Birthdays!

Aylin (1/1), Sai Shashank (1/2), Sarah (1/13), Dev (1/25), Min Kyung (1/28), Sro (1/30), Aimen (1/30), Issa (1/31)
CULTURE CORNER: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Who was Martin Luther King, Jr.?

Martin Luther King, Jr. was an activist, minister, humanitarian, and leader in the African American Civil Rights Movement. He is best known for advancing civil rights through nonviolent civil disobedience. King organized many events in the 1950s and 1960s, including the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the March on Washington. At the March on Washington in 1963, King delivered his most famous speech, “I Have a Dream,” where he called for an end to racism in the United States. King went on to win the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Sadly, Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in 1968. His legacy lives on, however, and “Martin Luther King, Jr. Day” is now an American federal holiday observed on the third Monday of January each year.

What does Martin Luther King, Jr. Day represent?

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day aims to bring together Americans to support the African American community and their push for equality. The Day is often associated with community service or volunteerism. In fact, Rutgers–Camden organizes a “Day of Service” every year on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day where Rutgers students, faculty, staff, and friends can help organizations located in Camden.

JANUARY EVENTS IN PHILADELPHIA: TOP THINGS TO DO VIA VISITPHILLY.COM

In addition to the many events on campus this month, there is a lot to do across the river in neighboring Philadelphia. VISITPHILLY.COM, the official travel and visitor site for Philadelphia, has put together a list of “Top Things to Do in Philadelphia in January 2016.” Here are some fun and interesting activities for you to experience:

- **Center City Philadelphia Restaurant Week** (January 17-22 and 24-29, 2016): Nearly 120 restaurants are participating in this year’s Restaurant Week. Enjoy prix-fixe menus ranging from $20-$35 at some of the finest restaurants in the city.

- **Philadelphia Auto Show** (January 30—February 7, 2016): Do you love cars? The Philadelphia Convention Center is exhibiting 700 pre-production, classic, and eco-friendly vehicles at this exciting event.

- **Blue Cross RiverRink Winterfest** (open until March 6, 2016): Enjoy ice skating and winter activities at Penn’s Landing on the Philadelphia waterfront.