As the fall semester is coming to an end, there are several immigration related issues you need to be aware of:

1. TRAVELING OUTSIDE THE U.S.
2. TRAVELING WITHIN THE U.S.
3. EMPLOYMENT DURING WINTER BREAK
4. CURRICULAR PRACTICAL TRAINING (CPT) OR CO-OP (Internship)
5. GRADUATE SCHOOL/IGSS OFFICE CLOSURE FOR WINTER BREAK

1. TRAVELING OUTSIDE THE U.S.:
If you plan to travel outside the U.S. during the break, be sure that you have a valid visa and a travel signature that is less than 1 year old on your I-20 or DS-2019 form. If you need a new travel signature, please drop off your I-20 or DS-2019 at the front desk of the IGSS office and allow one day for processing. For general travel instructions visit our website at https://graduateschool.vt.edu/student-life/immigration-services/travel/reentry.html.

2. TRAVELING WITHIN THE U.S.:
Carry your passport, I-20 or DS-2019 form, and printed I-94 record when you travel in the U.S. These documents are your official identifications that verify your legal status in the U.S. You should be able to present them upon request by a government official.

3. EMPLOYMENT DURING WINTER BREAK
International students may work on-campus full-time during the winter break. For payroll purposes the winter break begins on Saturday, Dec 23 and ends on Friday, Jan 12. F-1 and J-1 (VT-sponsored) students may work up to 40 hrs/wk during these times. Students on assistantships should also read the policy on accepting and reporting additional employment: https://graduateschool.vt.edu/funding/assistantships.html.

4. CURRICULAR PRACTICAL TRAINING (CPT) OR CO-OP (Internship)
If you are applying for CPT for the spring semester, please submit your application for CPT no later than Monday, Jan 8, but preferably earlier to allow 2-3 weeks for processing. For additional information, visit our website at https://graduateschool.vt.edu/student-life/immigration-services/employment/cooperative-education-program.html

5. GRADUATE SCHOOL/IGSS OFFICE CLOSURE FOR WINTER BREAK
IGSS and the rest of the Graduate School will be closed from noon on Friday, Dec 22 through Tuesday, Jan 2. We will re-open on Wednesday, Jan 3 with regular business hours.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please contact us at igss@vt.edu, or by calling 231-8486. You can also stop by 120 GLC to see an immigration advisor during our walk-in advising hours of MWF 1-4 and TTh 9-12.

On behalf of our immigration advisors in IGSS I wish you all the best for the end of the semester and the upcoming break!