International Student Services (along with most RIT Offices) will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 25, and we may also be closing early in the afternoon of Tuesday, May 26 due to the Chase Corporate Challenge taking place at RIT that evening. About 10,000 people come for that running race, and so it may be hard to get on and off campus that evening.

We will be open with normal hours (8:30-4:30, M-F) all summer (but closed on July 3, when RIT is closed for the day to celebrate American Independence Day).

In an emergency, you can contact the RIT Public Safety Dispatcher at 585-475-3333 and ask them to reach Jeff Cox or Lilli Jensen.

Please read the reminders below:

1) Travel signatures on your I-20 or DS-2019 (if you wish to re-enter the US)
2) Employment authorization needed before working off-campus
3) RTS decision to cancel the #68 bus from Bennington Hills takes effect May 23, 2015

1) Travel signatures on your I-20 are good for the full academic year.
   So, if you had your form signed on or after August 15, 2014, then you do not need a new signature until September 2015. (DS-2019 travel signatures are good for 12 months). We ask that returning students not come to our office for a new travel signature until after September 1st as we will be very busy checking in about 800 new students up until then. More info: http://www.rit.edu/studentaffairs/iss/travel

Visa renewal – IF you are traveling outside the US, and your visa has expired, please read: http://www.rit.edu/studentaffairs/iss/travel

2) You will need written employment authorization before working off campus

Be sure to first obtain employment authorization on a new I-20 or DS-2019. This is needed for Co-op, full time offers after graduation, etc. On-campus employment during the summer is allowed at a full-time rate with no special permission needed. More info: http://www.rit.edu/studentaffairs/iss/immigration-visas/f-1-employment
3) RTS decision to cancel the #68 bus from Bennington Hills takes effect May 23, 2015

Below is the message that I sent out to all students in April:

Attention International Students who might live off-campus after May 23:

Please be advised that the RTS public bus #68, (currently with stops at Crittenden Way, Marketplace, Bennington Hills, Westbrooke Commons, and RIT) will only run through May 22, 2015.

RTS is not planning to renew the #68 bus route for the summer - or for the upcoming 2015/2016 academic year.

If you live in one of the above locations and rely on the #68 bus, you should start planning alternate transportation options for this summer and beyond, or move to an alternate apartment complex, or apply to live on-campus.

At this point, these are all the details that I have and I wanted to share this news with you promptly.

I am part of an RIT committee that is examining the impact of this change on students. If I receive any new information, I will let you know, but for now, I would strongly suggest that you develop alternate transportation plans or living arrangements.

The RTS #24 bus will continue to serve commuters coming to RIT. If you run a google map search with the phrase “apartments near 14623” you can compare those apartments with the #24 route for compatibility. The #24 schedule can be found here: http://www.myrts.com/Maps-Schedules/RTS-Monroe/Schedule-pdfs and RIT shuttle routes are available here: http://www.rit.edu/fa/facilities/pats/transportation/bus.html

All of these are subject to change for the summer & upcoming fall.

Finally, we recommend you browse our website www.rit.edu/iss if you have other questions to see if we have an answer already posted. If you have a suggestion for how we can improve our website - or any other services we offer, please send it in! (iss@rit.edu) We encourage you to LIKE our new Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/RITiternational for updates throughout the summer.

Have a great summer!

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