



Greetings Global Vandals!

Wasn't the snow earlier this month a surprise? That's Moscow for you! We've officially entered the last leg of the semester. With the sudden bumping up of projects and assignments, these are the busiest, most challenging weeks for most of us. Good luck, International Vandals! Don't forget to notice the little musings of Spring around campus and be on the lookout for cherry blossoms and goslings in the arboretum.



- Razan Ahmed, International Ambassador

Program Extensions – Check your I-20/DS-2019

If your I-20/DS-2019 will expire on **Friday, May 10, 2024** and you need more time to complete your program of study, you must complete the [I-20 Extension Request Form](#) in iVandal **before** your current I-20/DS-2019 expires. **We are unable to extend I-20/DS-2019s after the end date has passed.**

If you are completing your program of study, you need to file for graduation. [Find more information on the Graduation Deadlines and Checklists page.](#)

As an F-1/J-1 student, you have several options following your final term.

Grace Period:

- F-1 students have a **60-day grace period** following the last day of your final semester of enrollment.
- J-1 students have a **30-day grace period** following the last day of your final semester of enrollment.

Use your grace period to do one of the following:

- Apply for post-completion employment authorization (OPT) or Academic Training (AT)
 - Transfer your SEVIS record to another school in the U.S. or a change of educational level at the U of I
 - Change to **another visa status**
 - Prepare to depart the U.S.
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Tax Season

All nonresident students/scholars who are present in the U.S. under F and J statuses **at any point in 2023** are required to file taxes – even if you did not make any income. The staff from the IPO are not authorized to offer tax advice, but the University of Idaho has partnered with [Sprintax Returns](#) to help you with your US taxes. **The deadline to file taxes is Monday, April 15.** For more detailed information, check our [U.S. Taxes for Non-Residents](#) page. **Please search your email for TaxTalk to find tax filing discount codes and more!**

Enrollment

Summer enrollment is not required for continuing degree-seeking students, ALCP students in F-1 or J-1 status must enroll full-time. Fall class registration opened **Monday, April 8.** All F-1 and J-1 students must enroll full time by the first day of the semester, **Monday, Aug. 19, 2024.** You should meet with your academic advisor or major professor to prepare your schedule so that you meet the in-person credit requirements at the campus listed on your I-20 or DS-2019.

Concurrent Enrollment

F-1 students are eligible for concurrent enrollment with a combination of courses at U of I and another university or college with IPO approval. Concurrent enrollment requests may be submitted in iVandal if:

- The combined credits for which the student is enrolled in the fall and spring term are the equivalent of a full course of study (i.e., undergraduates = 12 credits with a minimum of 9 credits in person, graduates = 9 credits with a minimum of 6 credits in person).

- More than half of the required course load is completed at U of I.
- The student has submitted the iVandal Concurrent Enrollment request and received written approval from an International Services advisor to concurrently enroll at U of I and another institution.

The concurrent enrollment request must be confirmed by your U of I academic advisor or major professor in the iVandal Concurrent Enrollment request. Students sponsored by a third party (e.g., SACM, OCD, KCO, etc.) must receive advanced written permission from their sponsoring agency for the courses offered at another institution.

The U of I IPO will send you written permission by email, based on evidence that the student's enrollment in both institutions is the equivalent of a full course of study

Questions about transfer course equivalencies? Meet with your academic advisor and [review the Transfer Equivalency System](#).

Students who wish to be admitted, enroll, and go to classes full time at an institution other than U of I need to submit an iVandal SEVIS transfer to the new institution.

Renters Insurance

Whether you live on or off-campus in an apartment, it is recommended that you purchase renters' insurance. Renters insurance provides coverage for your personal belongings such as laptops, clothing, books, furniture, bike, small appliances, etc. Your stuff may be covered under your renter's policy if it is damaged or lost due to events like a fire, flood or theft. [Learn more about renters' insurance providers](#).

While we cannot endorse these companies, we do recommend you review all the options and obtain coverage in case your property is damaged or lost.

March Highlights



March was filled with many wonderful moments with you all from the Holi event, Cruise the World and Boba & Board Games event.

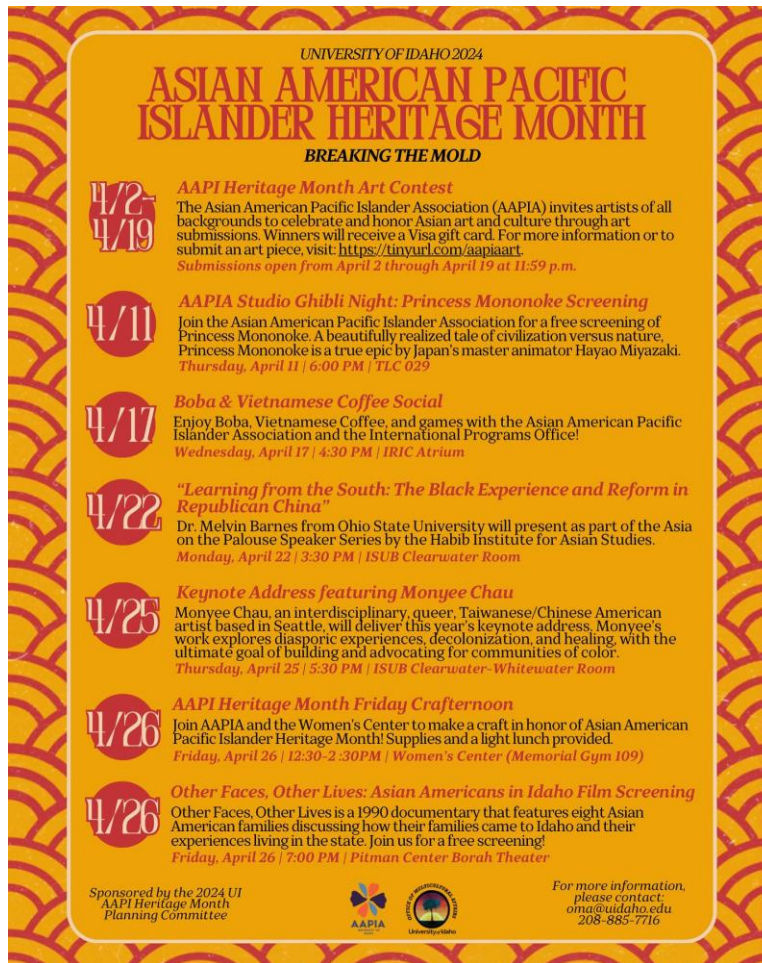
Cruise the World Reflections



Thank you for all your involvement and support with Cruise the World this year! We had several people say that this was the best year yet. You should all be very proud of yourselves. If you have a moment, please take some time to [provide your feedback about the event](#). This is always very helpful for us to include in our future planning.



AAPI Heritage Month Events

A vertical poster for AAPI Heritage Month events at the University of Idaho in 2024. The poster has a yellow background with a decorative border of red and orange geometric patterns. At the top, it says 'UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO 2024' and 'ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH' in large, bold, red letters. Below that, it says 'BREAKING THE MOLD'. The events are listed with dates in red circles and descriptions in black text. At the bottom, there are logos for the AAPIA and the University of Idaho, and contact information for the AAPI Heritage Month Planning Committee.

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO 2024

ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

BREAKING THE MOLD

4/2-4/19 **AAPI Heritage Month Art Contest**
The Asian American Pacific Islander Association (AAPIA) invites artists of all backgrounds to celebrate and honor Asian art and culture through art submissions. Winners will receive a Visa gift card. For more information or to submit an art piece, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/aapiaart>.
Submissions open from April 2 through April 19 at 11:59 p.m.

4/11 **AAPIA Studio Ghibli Night: Princess Mononoke Screening**
Join the Asian American Pacific Islander Association for a free screening of Princess Mononoke. A beautifully realized tale of civilization versus nature. Princess Mononoke is a true epic by Japan's master animator Hayao Miyazaki.
Thursday, April 11 | 6:00 PM | TLC 029

4/17 **Boba & Vietnamese Coffee Social**
Enjoy Boba, Vietnamese Coffee, and games with the Asian American Pacific Islander Association and the International Programs Office!
Wednesday, April 17 | 4:30 PM | IRIC Atrium



4/22 **"Learning from the South: The Black Experience and Reform in Republican China"**
Dr. Melvin Barnes from Ohio State University will present as part of the Asia on the Palouse Speaker Series by the Habib Institute for Asian Studies.
Monday, April 22 | 3:30 PM | ISUB Clearwater Room

4/25 **Keynote Address featuring Monyee Chau**
Monyee Chau, an interdisciplinary, queer, Taiwanese/Chinese American artist based in Seattle, will deliver this year's keynote address. Monyee's work explores diasporic experiences, decolonization, and healing, with the ultimate goal of building and advocating for communities of color.
Thursday, April 25 | 5:30 PM | ISUB Clearwater-Whitewater Room

4/26 **AAPI Heritage Month Friday Crafternoon**
Join AAPIA and the Women's Center to make a craft in honor of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month! Supplies and a light lunch provided.
Friday, April 26 | 12:30-2:30PM | Women's Center (Memorial Gym 109)

4/26 **Other Faces, Other Lives: Asian Americans in Idaho Film Screening**
Other Faces, Other Lives is a 1990 documentary that features eight Asian American families discussing how their families came to Idaho and their experiences living in the state. Join us for a free screening!
Friday, April 26 | 7:00 PM | Pitman Center Borah Theater

Sponsored by the 2024 UI
AAPI Heritage Month
Planning Committee

For more information,
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Other Upcoming Events

- [English Conversation Hour](#) from 4-5 p.m. Thursdays at the IPO Event Center.
- **ASUI elections** for President, Vice President and Senators are from [April 15th](#) to [April 17th](#). Check your Vandal email on April 15 to access the link to the ballot. Here are links to the Instagram campaign pages for some of the candidates to learn more about them: [Peyton & Jack](#) , [Martha & Emma](#)



- Humanitarian Engineering Corp BASH Fundraiser at 6-8:30 p.m. on Friday, April 26, at the 1912 Center (412 E Third St).
 - All the proceeds will go towards improving water and sanitation systems in rural Bolivia.

The poster features a light blue background with a stylized illustration of a desert canyon with a blue lake at the bottom. A hand in a patterned sleeve points from the top left towards the text. In the top right corner, there is a circular logo for the Humanitarian Engineering Corps, which includes a house icon and the text 'Humanitarian Engineering Corps'. The main text is centered and reads: 'Let's Go To the 14th Annual HEC BASH! Dinner! Drinks! Live Music! Games! Silent Auction! April 26th 1912 Center 6:00 PM'. To the left of the date, it says '\$30 Pre-Sale \$35 At Door'. Below this, there is a QR code on a small card that says 'Humanitarian Engineering Corps'. To the right of the QR code, it says 'To access Pre-Sale: Scan QR code and show the receipt at door. Pre-Sale closes April 24st.'. At the bottom, a grey banner contains the text 'Proceeds go towards helping improve water and sanitation systems in rural Bolivia'. Below the banner, there are two logos: 'MAIALINA pizzeria napoletana' on the left and 'HUNGA DUNGA' on the right.

Let's Go To the 14th Annual

HEC BASH!

Dinner! Drinks! Live Music! Games! Silent Auction!

April 26th
1912 Center
6:00 PM

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MAIALINA
pizzeria napoletana

HUNGA DUNGA

- [Moscow Welcome Table](#) at 6 p.m. Monday, April 29, at the 1912 Center (412 E Third St).
- A free dinner with the Moscow community! [Reservations required.](#)

Please visit our [Events Calendar](#) for more information on upcoming events.

We look forward to what this new semester beholds for all of you! Please let us know if there's anything we can to help make this semester a fantastic one for you.

Sincerely,

The IPO Team

Connect with us!



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