

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN'S INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NEWSLETTER

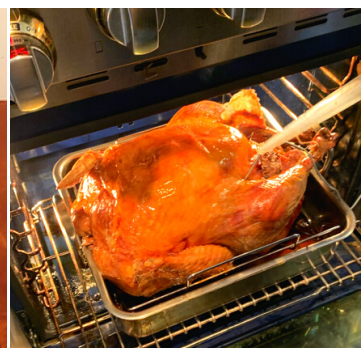
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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ENJOY AN AUTHENTIC THANKSGIVING FEAST

On Thursday, November 28th, many University of New Haven staff and faculty opened their homes to more than 15 international students to celebrate the U.S. American tradition of Thanksgiving. Students and their hosts enjoyed delicious meals of turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, and pies for dessert.

Students loved to have the opportunity to experience the tradition of Thanksgiving! We hope you all enjoyed a blessed and restful Thanksgiving break!



INTERNATIONAL SERVICES OFFICE WINTER BREAK SCHEDULE



As the semester comes to a close, keep in mind that the ISO will be closed during winter break from December 21 to January 1. It is very important to plan ahead and to be sure that you have an updated travel signature on your I-20 if you plan to travel internationally over break. **Please note the winter break schedule below:**

Final day open before winter break:
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20,
8:30 AM-4:30 PM

**ISO WILL BE CLOSED
DEC. 21-JAN. 1**

ISO will be open for emergency
travel signatures on:
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26,
8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Reopen after winter break:
THURSDAY, JANUARY 2,
8:30 AM- 6:00 PM



THE INTERNATIONAL SERVICES OFFICE
INVITES YOU TO A

Holiday Send Off Party

- Get a travel signature on your I-20 before winter break!
- Enjoy holiday treats like hot chocolate and gingerbread cookies
- Play fun games and activities & win prizes
- Say goodbye to ISO staff and friends before break

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH



MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

ISO OFFICE, 19 RUDEN ST.

VOLUNTEER AS AN

International Student Orientation Leader

THE ISO IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ARRIVAL AND ORIENTATION BETWEEN THE DATES OF JANUARY 13-25.

Interested students should email iso@newhaven.edu by **December 20th**.

Do you want to help new students arriving to the University of New Haven in January? Do you have valuable advice you want to share? Do you want to meet new people? Sign up to be an **International Student Orientation Volunteer!** We are seeking students to help with international student arrival, orientation and welcome events. Interested students should email ISO or complete the [Online Form here](#).



Global Student Leader Information/Brainstorming Sessions

- Wed., Dec. 11 11:00-12:00
Student Dining Room
- Wed, Jan. 29 12:00-1:00
Student Dining Room

INTERESTED IN BEING A GLOBAL STUDENT LEADER IN THE SPRING ?

Global Student Leaders are an incredible resources for new international students and participate in lots of fun social activities throughout the semester. If you are interested in being involved, please complete the [Global Student Leader Application form](#). We are also hosting GSL Information/ Brainstorming Sessions for students to learn about the program and share ideas.

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

ISO HOLIDAY SEND OFF PARTY

Friday, December 6th and
Monday, December 9th

10:00 AM- 4:00 PM

International Services Office

ACADEMIC CALENDAR REMINDERS

LAST DAY OF CLASSES IN FALL

Monday, December 9th

WINTER COMMENCEMENT

Sunday, December 15th

2:00 PM

Oakdale Theater

END OF TERM

Wednesday, December 18th

RESIDENCE HALLS CLOSE

Thursday, December 19th at
10:00 AM

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES OF SPRING SEMESTER

Wednesday, January 22nd

END OF SPRING SEMESTER

Wednesday, May 13th

Follow the ISO!



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Stop by the ISO Holiday Party on Friday, Dec. 6 or Monday, Dec. 9 between 10:00-4:00 to decorate and taste your own gingerbread cookie.

WRITING CORNER: DON'T OR DO NOT?

Do you often find yourself writing exactly like you're talking? This could be one of the foremost reasons why we end up using contractions in formal writing.

A contraction is commonly known as a shortened form of two words squeezed together with the omitted words replaced by an apostrophe. Contractions were primarily created for use in oral communication as a means to save time. According to most language experts, they symbolize informality, friendliness and take a more colloquial tone. Most commonly used contractions constitute, contracted nouns like can't, won't, and wouldn't and contracted nouns or pronouns like I'll, He's, and Jim's. It is not a well-known fact that using contractions should be avoided in writing unless its usage is warranted. This could be in informal forms of written communication such as text messages, memos, personal diaries, and blog posts. While there is no stated rule that deems using them in formal writing as taboo, many experts caution against their use. In view of the fact that formal writing is said to take a more serious tone. It is preferred not to use them in academic papers, business documents, professional emails and other forms of official correspondence. However, we still end up using contracted forms irrespective of the context we are writing in. Here is more information at your disposal to understand where it is preferred to use contractions:

- If you are producing a direct quotation or a quote in verbatim, from a book or from a person.
- If you are in fact writing about contractions and need to make use of them to explain with examples.
- If you are using idioms or phrases that originally make use of contractions in them.
- If you are making a comment to stress an off-the-mark point in an otherwise formal paper, to draw the reader's attention to the said statement, using contractions could actually be beneficial.
- If you are preparing a slogan or a catchphrase for an advertisement or the like, to keep the phrase short and to the point.

Given their frequent utilization in spoken language, contractions can be hard to spot when you are simply skimming through your paper. So, the next time you send that assignment out, make sure you proofread for don'ts, won'ts and can'ts.

AVOIDING SCAMS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

During the holiday season, scammers and hackers are looking for ways to crack into your accounts and make off with your cash or your identity.

Remember to be extremely cautious of anything that seems "too good to be true."

The University of New Haven Campus Police remind you to review the [Students Guide to Fraud Scams](#) targeting college students, attached to the email send with this newsletter.

In addition to holiday related scams, be very wary of emails- even from UNH students- that offer employment opportunities like babysitting or cleaning. These are typically scams and also a violation of F-1 visa regulations.

*Good Luck with
Finals and
Have a Wonderful
Winter Break!*