March 2022 Newsletter

Published monthly by International Student Admissions and Programs (ISAP) to provide reminders about immigration regulations, services, programs, and opportunities for involvement.

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TAX FILING SEASON 2022 (FOR TAX YEAR 2021) | DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2022

If you 1st arrived in the U.S. in 2021, RELAX – nothing to file this year.

Everybody Else: Do you want a refund?

You need to understand your tax filing requirements and the chart below.

The #1 Question About Taxes in the U.S.

Q: I’m not a U.S. citizen, so why do I need to do this?

A: The US government might owe you a refund. If you don’t ask for it, you won’t get it. If you ever apply for a future visa, status or a Green Card, all tax records will be required for
every year. Filing a tax form each year is the law for everyone in the U.S., regardless of income or employment.

1. Watch: this short video intro above, from Sprintax.
2. Sign up and Attend: “Let’s Taco Bout Taxes” info session with w free food.
3. If you miss the info section: Follow the easy steps provided on our revised ISAP tax information page. ISAP cannot assist you in preparing them or repeating the information session on an individual basis.

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ALERT VIDEO | TAX SEASON IS ALSO FRAUD SEASON

- ISAP has received reports of unknown individuals pretending to be IRS agents who try to collect payments via high pressure calls or emails. Ignore such contact!! Ask ISAP first. Please watch this short VIDEO about tax fraud. Spread the word!

NEED TAX INFORMATION? Let’s Taco Bout it!

LET’S TACO’ BOUT TAXES

FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH, 2:00 PM
MANDEVILLE CONFERENCE ROOM RSVP TO: DPLUMMER@WESTGA.EDU

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

“Spring forward, Fall backwards”. This means on March 13th, the time moves 1 hour forward during the night. It also means you “lose” an hour of sleep. Most devices set themselves these days, but be aware.
HAPPY SPRING BREAK, MARCH 21–25, 2022.

Have a great spring break everyone!

TRAVEL SIGNATURE REMINDER | FORM I-20 OR DS-2019

If you plan to travel abroad over Spring Break and return, consider issues related to Coronavirus first, or ask ISAP.

In any case, don’t forget to request an updated travel signature by requesting it via email, if your last one is more than 6 months old.

Please review our travel information page also before booking any international travel.

SUMMER/FALL 2022 COURSE REGISTRATION

Currently enrolled students this Spring 2022 may register for Summer/Fall 2022 courses beginning April 1, 2022.

Be sure to check your MyUWG for any holds on your account and take care of them.

- Please review international student enrollment requirements
  - Standard Int'l Enrollment Requirements
    - Minimum Credit Hours Required in Fall and Spring:
      - Undergraduate Students - 12 credit hours (limited to 1 online course)
      - Graduate Students - 9 credit hours (limited to 1 online course)
- Don’t hesitate to contact ISAP if you have questions.

How Do I Register for Classes?
Go to the Banweb tab in your MyUWG portal at https://www.westga.edu/student-services/Registrar/registration-information.php
EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Before you can work off campus for any reason, you need authorization. Come learn about it at our free employment workshop: 2 this semester. Sign-up required. **RSVP to: dplummer@westga.edu**

*So, what is Curricular Practical Training (CPT) or Optional Practical Training (OPT)?*

- CPT – Authorization for paid off-campus internships
- OPT – Authorization for employment in the U.S.

after graduation

All Employment Workshops for Spring 2022 are held at the ISAP Office located in Mandeville Hall

**Upcoming Workshop Dates:**

- March 11th, 2022 – Curricular Practical Training (OPT)
- March 23rd, 2022 – Optional Practical Training (CPT)

For more details see [International Student Employment](#)