March 2021 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 2021 (FOR TAX YEAR 2020) | DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2021

If you 1st arrived in the U.S. in 2020, 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.
Be aware: the Sprintax code provided by ISAP is only for use by UWG international students who are enrolled or on OPT. Sharing the code with anyone else is a basis for termination of your status.

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!

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL MARCH 2ND & 3RD, 2021!

All details and links at >>>> UWG International Festival Homepage
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

“Spring forward, Fall backwards”. This means on March 14th, 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.

NEED TAX INFORMATION? Let’s Taco Bout it!

To sign up, email: rashikaw@westga.edu

HAPPY SPRING BEAK, MARCH 15 – 19, 2021.

Have a great spring break everyone!
If you plan to travel abroad over Spring Break and return, consider issues related to Corona virus first, or ask ISAP. You could be stuck in quarantine as conditions spread.

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.

**EVENTS**

Be sure to check out [WolfConnect](https://wolfconnect.wustl.edu) for more!

**Greek Village Open House** – March 3rd and 4th. Go take a tour of the Village and the Village Houses!

**Donut Stress** – March 8th @ Center Point Suites Lobby to have some sweet treats as you prepare for midterms and get some tips!
**St. Patrick’s Luck of the Irish** – March 19th @ University Suites Community Room. Wear something green and participate in several different stations!

**SUMMER/FALL 2021 COURSE REGISTRATION**

Current student registration begins March 29, 2021

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

**How Do I Register for Classes?**
Go to the Banweb tab in your MyUWG portal at [https://myuwg.westga.edu/](https://myuwg.westga.edu/)

Here also is a PowerPoint with steps on **How To Register**

**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: 4 this semester. Sign-up required. Details are here at [International Student Employment](#)

**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 2021 are held virtually using Zoom at 1:30 - 2:30pm

**Upcoming Workshop Dates:**

- March 11th, 2021 – Curricular Practical Training (CPT)
• March 18th, 2021 – Optional Practical Training (OPT)

To sign up for more details see International Student Employment

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