



ISAP April 2021 Newsletter

International Student Admissions and Programs (ISAP)

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Published monthly to provide reminders about immigration regulations, services, programs, and opportunities for involvement.

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TAX FILING SEASON 2021 (FOR YEAR 2020) | DEADLINE: May 17, 2021



If you 1st arrived in the U.S. in 2020, even on the last day of December 31, 2020... **RELAX** – you have no tax forms or processes to do.

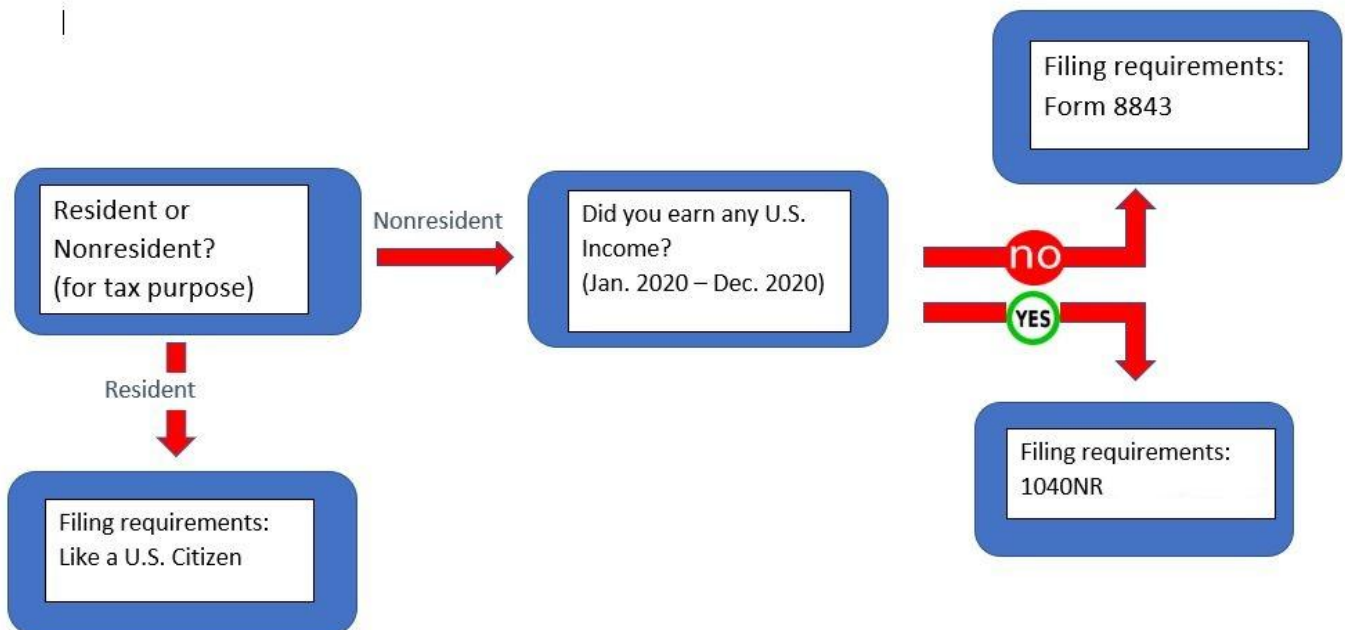
Everybody Else: *Do you want a refund?*

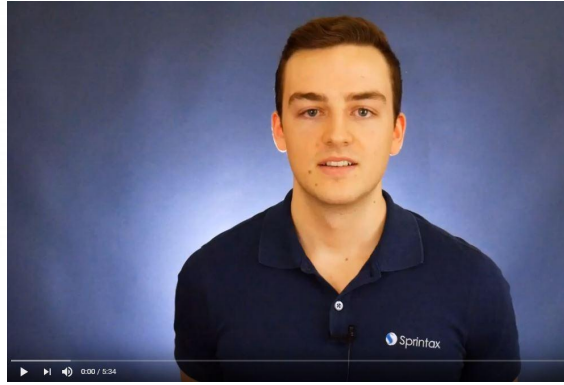
Then, you must file an **individual tax return** for a refund. Requirements are below.

The #1 Tax Question from International Students:

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 the proper tax form each year is the law, regardless of whether you had any income or employment the previous year. You may only need to file form 8843, which doesn't mean you owe taxes, but you still have to file the correct form.*





1. **Watch:** this short video intro above, from Sprintax.
2. 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.

BE AWARE: TAX SEASON IS ALSO **FRAUD SEASON**



- ISAP has received reports that individuals pretending to be IRS agents may contact you via email or phone to apply pressure to get you to pay by phone. **Ignore them!** Ask ISAP first. Please watch this short [VIDEO](#) about tax fraud and help spread the word!

Additional Information

- Quick reminder: **Form 1098-T (T=Tuition): It's for citizens and permanent residents only, but all students receive the form.** It's not for *nonresident tax returns*. However, the form may be useful for your personal records in case your home country's tax system asks you to document your foreign tuition expenses.
- **Thinking about Investing in Robinhood?** Sprintax has [a useful blog about this topic](#) and other such investment schemes. Be aware. As you go through your filing process in Sprintax, it will take care of these calculations for you if needed.
- **Regarding Form 1042-S** To get your 1042-S you need to email the Office of Student Accounts and Billing Services at studentaccounts@westga.edu

IMMIGRATION EXTENSIONS, GRACE PERIODS & SUMMER ENROLLMENT

Not graduating yet? It's your responsibility to check your I-20 program end date! If the end date is this semester, but you're not graduating yet, you **MUST** request an extension before expiration. Otherwise, your status will automatically end. ISAP cannot fix that.

Graduating but not staying for OPT? You have an automatic 60-day grace period to stay in the U.S. Please see details at [Current Students Maintaining Status](#)

Staying in the US till Fall? If you are a current student who will continue this Fall you are not required to enroll over the summer, but you can if you wish.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES *OUTSIDE THE U.S.* FOR UWG STUDENTS

Christie Campus Health's mental health support program is available to any USG student outside the US – including international students in over 200 countries and in culturally appropriate counseling in each participant's local language.

Available services:

- 24/7/365 Support Line staffed by expert counselors. Dial +44 20 8987 6588
- Five, no-cost Treatment (Therapy) Visits per issue per year, in your own language
- Counseling offered through: telephone or video.
- Wellness Hub: studentconnect.resourcesforyourlife.com
- Details at: [this link > Support & Services > Your Health](#)

TRAVEL SIGNATURE REMINDER FOR YOUR I-20 OR DS-2019

If you plan to travel abroad after this semester, don't forget to request an updated travel signature by ISAP if your last one is more than 6 months old.

Also be sure to view the [coronavirus travel guidelines](#) on the CDC website as you could potentially be unable to return to the U.S.



Please review our [travel information](#) page also before booking any international travel

SUMMER / FALL 2021 COURSE REGISTRATION

Currently enrolled students can register for Summer/Fall 2021 from the dates below if there are no holds or balances owed on your account. Be sure to check!

Current *Seniors & all Graduate level students* – March 29
Current *Juniors* ss# ending in 50-99 – March 30
Current *Juniors* ss# ending in 00-49 – March 31
Current *Sophomores* ss# ending 50-99 – April 1
Current *Sophomores* ss# ending 00-49 –April 2
Current *Freshmen* ss# ending 00-49 – April 5
Current *Freshmen* ss# ending 50-99 – April 6

How Do I Register for Classes?

Go to the Banweb tab in your MyUWG portal at <https://myuwg.westga.edu/> or watch this PowerPoint on [How To Register](#)

IMPORTANT PAYMENT DEADLINES

Please see the new [Office of Student Accounts and Billing](#) (former Bursar) for details.

RESEARCH PROJECT ASSISTANCE APPRECIATED

Student Carly Ogletree is seeking participation of international students in a 15-minute interview that seeks to answer the question: “Why do international students choose to attend UWG?” If you are interested in helping please contact Carly Ogletree at cogletr3@my.westga.edu

UWG EVENTS

Be sure to check out [WolfConnect](#)!

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9:30am – 11:30am | 1:30pm – 4:30pm