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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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ISAP COVID – 19 SAFETY REMINDER

There will be no in-person advising!

ISAP has updated our advising policy which can be read here:

<https://www.westga.edu/academics/isap/contact-us.php>

Face mask must be worn by everyone who enters Mandeville Hall.

ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR F1 / J1 STUDENTS

- Undergraduate: 12 hours, Fall and Spring | Graduate: 9 hours, Fall and Spring
 - If one of your in-person classes goes to online instruction, that is alright as long as you have 1 course that is on campus (should that happen you need to inform ISAP)
- All Students: Limited to 1 online course within the requirements above, each semester.
- Additional online courses are possible beyond the minimum requirements above. Contact ISAP if this is confusing.
- **ISAP will conduct enrollment audits in September and December to ensure compliance.**
- **Students inside the U.S.**
 - Should UWG go fully online and suspend all on-campus instruction, there is no need to worry about your status!

- **Students outside the U.S.**

- You can be full-time online, this will not affect your status.
- If you want to be part-time you must fill out a withdrawal request form. That can be found here: <https://www.westga.edu/academics/isap/forms.php>

UWG CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT >> [online here](#)

Please be reminded:

- The legal drinking age in the US is **21 years old**. When you enter a bar or place that sells alcohol, you will be asked for photo ID (DL or passport). If you are under the age of 21 you will not be served or allowed to buy alcohol.
- Possession, use or distribution of pot in any form is **illegal** in Georgia and in the US, despite being legal in some states.
- In Georgia, this is a "misdemeanor" (lower category) crime, with a possible fine of \$1000 or a year in jail. O.C.G.A. §16-13-2(b)
- A criminal conviction, including D.W.I. (Driving While Intoxicated) can lead to visa **revocation** and a 10 year travel ban to the U.S.

We encourage you to think wisely about your choices.

UPCOMING EVENTS



[Download WolfConnect](#), to view details and sign up for all campus events.



[West Georgia Outdoors](#), part of URec, offers all kinds of low-cost, off campus trips. See their calendar attached to this email.

EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOPS – ALL ONLINE

**TAKE
THE
NEXT
STEP...**



Thinking about a paid internship (CPT) or your first job in the US after graduation (OPT)?

You will need authorization first. Part of this process requires completion of our free employment workshop. ISAP is offering 4 workshops this semester. Sign-up required. Details are [HERE](#)

DATES

September 8th – CPT Workshop 1:30pm to 2:30pm

September 15th – OPT Workshop 1:30pm to 2:30pm

UPCOMING DEADLINES

- 1. HEALTH INSURANCE WAIVER: September 4th, 2020. Be Aware:** If the waiver is not approved by the fee payment deadline above, your courses will be dropped. If in doubt, pay the full balance. When your waiver is approved, you will receive a refund automatically later on. See details at the bottom [HERE](#)
- 2. FEE PAYMENT DEADLINE: September 4th at 11:59pm EST!** Link to pay is located here: <https://www.westga.edu/student-services/bursar/payment-of-tuition-fees.php>
- 3. PASSED! ADD / DROP DEADLINE: August 18th at 11:59pm EST!** Beyond this date you will no longer be able to add or drop classes without receiving a W (means that you have withdrawn from the class. There is no refund if you withdraw).
- 4. PASSED! CURRICULAR PRACTICAL TRAINING (CPT) APPLICATIONS:** CPT is a temporary work authorization for off campus internships) related to your field of study. The deadline to complete authorization for Fall 2019 CPT is **Friday, August 28th**. Details are [HERE](#).

CONNECT WITH ISAP



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T: 678-839-4780
- **Email Us**
Include your 917 and full name
- **Walk-in Advising**
Please sign-in at the front desk!
Monday – Friday (except Tuesday mornings)
9:30am – 11:30am | 1:30pm – 4:30pm.