

# **September 2020 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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### STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE CHARGES & WAIVER PERIOD

This fall, there was a delay in adding charges to your student account for health insurance. The charges have now been added. **Deadline to Pay or Waive the Insurance** (if you have eligible alternate insurance coverage): **Friday, Sept. 4**<sup>th</sup>.

## **Action Required:**

- Log into your student account on Banweb and pay the additional balance.
   OR
- 2. Request a Waiver at the "Insurance Waiver" link at the bottom of this page:\_
  <a href="https://www.westga.edu/academics/isap/healthinsurance.php">https://www.westga.edu/academics/isap/healthinsurance.php</a> Specific requirements for alternate coverage are also provided on that page.

Please let us know if you have any questions about these arrangements.

### **WELCOME BACK PAUL**

ISAP is pleased to welcome back Paul Sargent, who resumed full-time duties Monday, August. 24th. Paul is an integral part of the ISAP team, and his return is a testament to UWG's commitment to continuing to expand international admissions and support.

Paul received this special cake from a student(s) and offered these words:

"Thank you to all of you who sent kind words to me over the last month. Your support was very much appreciated, and I'm thrilled to be back on campus to help you again!"





## **UWG IS TEST OPTIONAL THROUGH 2021\***

For Undergraduate Admissions: SAT & ACT are temporarily waived.

**For Graduate Admissions:** GMAT is temporarily waived for our MBA and MPA programs. However, GRE may still be required for other programs.

In lieu of these standardized admissions exams, decisions are made based on your UWG application, academic transcripts, GPA (grade point average), essays & recommendations. You may submit standardized scores if available.

#### Start Here:

https://www.westga.edu/academics/isap/international-admissions.php Please let your friends know who may be interested in joining us at UWG!

# **UWG CLOSED MONDAY SEPT. 7th | LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**

All UWG Campus offices, as well as banks and government offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> for Labor Day in the U.S.

ISAP will not be processing any forms or checking email until Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 am.



In case of emergency, please call UWG Police at 678-839-6000. Enjoy your long weekend!

## **ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR F1 / J1 STUDENTS**

- Undergraduate: 12 hours, Fall and Spring | Graduate: 9 hours, Fall and Spring
- Due to the pandemic, the gov't has authorized additional online courses beyond the usual limits in order to maintain full-time enrollment. Please contact us if you have questions during these unusual enrollment circumstances about requirements.
- ISAP will conduct enrollment audits in October and December to ensure compliance.

## **UWG CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT >> online here**

## Please be reminded:

- Legal drinking age in the US is **21 years old**. Be prepared to show photo ID (DL or passport) in order to purchase or order.
- Marijuana is illegal in Georgia and in the US, regardless of other state laws. Possession of pot in Georgia is a crime with a fine up to \$1000 or a year in jail. O.C.G.A. §16-13-2(b)
- D.W.I. (Driving While Intoxicated) can lead to visa <u>revocation</u> and a 10 year travel ban.

We encourage you to think wisely about your choices.

## **VIRTUAL ZOOM EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOPS**



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 5 workshops this semester. Each will be offered via Zoom. Sign-up

required. Details are **HERE** 

#### **CONNECT WITH ISAP**



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Live Chat with Us

Click the chat box on any ISAP webpage. Resumes 8/31/2020

- 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.