



IMPORTANT UPDATES

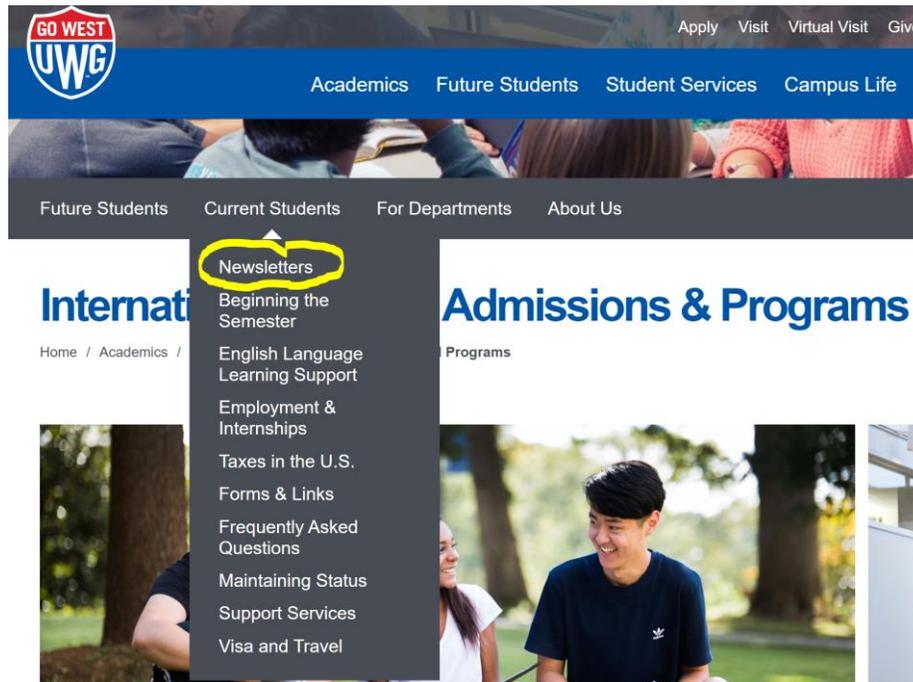
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Published monthly by International Student Admissions and Programs (ISAP) to provide reminders about immigration regulations, services, programs, and opportunities for involvement.

Hello everyone! We miss you and hope you are well. Please read the updates below. As we have more information, we'll let you know. For reference, older topics listed below are posted on the ISAP Website. www.westga.edu/isap.

Feel free to message, chat or email us with your questions.

NEW UPDATES BELOW.

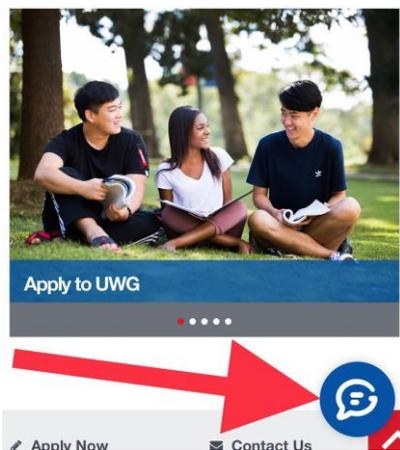


- E-SIGNATURES NOW ACCEPTED ON I-20's & DS-2019's
- WAIVER OF SAT/ACT/GRE/GMAT EXAMS FOR FALL ADMISSIONS
- SUMMER SEMESTER ONLINE COURSES
- J-1 VISA EXTENSIONS AUTOMATIC
- GRADUATION & MY DIPLOMA
- REMOTE / ONLINE HELP WITH SPRING CLASSES
- LIBRARY BOOKS & RENTAL BOOK RETURN
- UWG REFUNDS FOR SOME SPRING FEES

NEW UPDATES

ISAP NEW CHAT BOX

ISAP Staff is available to chat with you in real time during our normal walk-in advising hours M-F. The chat box is on our home page. Give up at least 45 seconds to respond please. If you leave the chat before we can reply, it won't work. **Try it out.**



ISC (International Student Club) WANTS YOU

Description & Mission: International Student Club (ISC) exists to provide international students with leadership, advocacy, guidance, out-of-class support and personalized assistance. In addition, the ISC exposes international students to social and intercultural contacts, and to helpful resources.

To Join: Just log into WolfConnect (<https://uwg.campuslabs.com/engage/>) and type in the search box "International Student Club." After you select the club hit the blue button that reads "Join." It's free and no dues. An ISC officer will accept your request to join.

Nominations for New Officers Open Until May 12th: Current members receive a google survey to nominate new leadership each year. For those wanting to be Officers you must have been active in the club the year prior to nominations.

Questions? Contact Rashika Webb, the Advisor for ISC at rashikaw@westga.edu or contact a current member of ISC.

US TAX FILING EXTENDED UNTIL JULY 15TH.

Both Federal and State of Georgia tax filing deadlines are delayed until July 15, 2020. Everyone who was in the U.S. even 1 day in 2019 has at least 1 required form (form 8843 – takes 5 minutes to complete), regardless of income. ISAP offers a free code to use Sprintax to prepare your non-resident forms.

What do I do? Where's the info? <https://www.westga.edu/academics/isap/taxes.php>

Most Common Question: What if I don't file any tax forms since I'm not a U.S. citizen?

- If the U.S. or Georgia owes you money, you won't get it.
- If you owe U.S. taxes and don't pay them, future visas could be denied and you could owe late fees.
- If you ever apply for a future U.S. visa and you can't document your tax forms, your visa could be denied.

F1 & J1 EMPLOYMENT

• **AUTHORIZATION FOR SEVERE ECONOMIC HARDSHIP**

If you are in the US and feel you need work, you may apply for work authorization based on "Severe Economic Hardship". First, review the information on our website, then contact ISAP. DO NOT simply work off campus without authorization. That would be a basis for termination.

<https://www.westga.edu/academics/isap/employment.php>

• **AUTHORIZATION FOR REGULAR F1 OPT, OR J1 AT EMPLOYMENT**

If you are about to graduate and wish to stay in the U.S. to work, you will need to apply for authorization. The link above contains all the details. Contact ISAP with questions.

SHELTER IN PLACE IN GEORGIA - *UPDATE*

Georgia Gov. Kemp is maintaining the "State of Emergency" orders until May 12th. However, the "shelter in place / stay at home" orders were partially lifted statewide on April 24th. All residents are still required to maintain social distance. Wear a mask in public when possible or near others. No groups larger than 10 people. Wash hands frequently.

FALL SEMESTER 2020 - UPDATE

At the present time, UWG is planning normal operations this Fall. UWG and the University System are forming groups to recommend a safe and measured return to campus, to be announced. We don't expect to return to campus in the month of May. Stay tuned to the UWG homepage and UWG email.

FALL 2020 COURSE REGISTRATION – NOW OPEN

Go to the Banweb tab in your MyUWG portal at <https://myuwg.westga.edu/>
Or, view the PowerPoint with steps on [How To Register](#)

VISA RENEWALS

If you are outside the U.S and your visa has expired, you will have to renew your visa to return to campus. Check with your nearest U.S Embassy or Consulate website to follow procedures for remove visa renewal.

BYE-BYE DUO, HELLO “ONE LOGIN”

UWG will be phasing out the multi-factor authentication “Duo” system this year. The new system is called “One Login.” To use it, you will need to download a new phone app called “Protect1”. More information is at: <https://www.westga.edu/its/onelogin/step-by-step.php> Once you have it working, you can log-in to your Banweb and delete Duo.

UWG INTERNATIONAL ENROLLMENT STATISTICS – UPDATED

Take a look, based on Fall 2019 enrollment.

<https://www.westga.edu/academics/isap/assets/docs/2019VisualEnrollmentReport.pdf>

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