

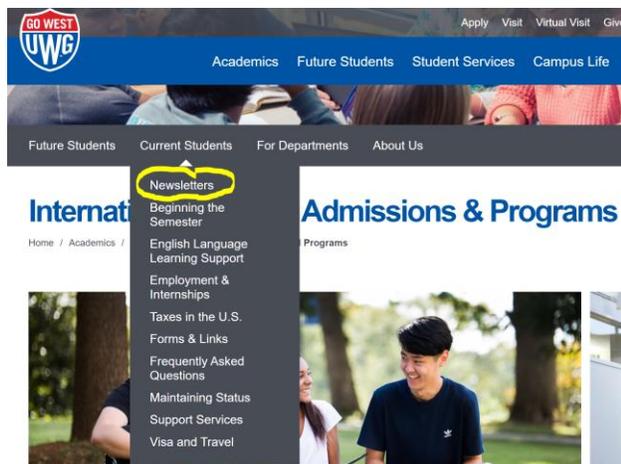


IMPORTANT UPDATES

May 14, 2020

Published by International Student Admissions and Programs (ISAP) to provide reminders about immigration regulations, services, and other important information.

Hello everyone! We hope you are well. Please read the updates below. For reference, these updates are posted on the ISAP Website. www.westga.edu/isap. You can also chat with us real-time during regular advising hours. The chat button is on our website.



OR



NEW UPDATES

ZOOM INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL TODAY: MAY 14TH, 2020, 2pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85966083927?pwd=M2hoZ1I5VjFTY29QMkE5SkUwMIJHZz09>

Meeting ID: 859 6608 3927 Password: gow3st **Reconnect. Enjoy. Smile.**

VIDEO – 2020 INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Enjoy this 2 min. video recap our wonderful Int'l Festival, which took place 2 days before campus shut down. Over 500+ students and 90+ volunteers. Thanks especially to Maisey Trouwloon, ISC President and members for helping organize the great event. Here it is:

<https://youtu.be/jDMxLcjVnyk>

US TAX FILING EXTENDED UNTIL JULY 15TH.

Both Federal and State of Georgia tax filing deadlines are extended 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, future visas can be denied and late fees added.
- If you apply for a future U.S. visa and you can't document your tax forms, your visa can be denied.

F1 & J1 EMPLOYMENT

• **AUTHORIZATION FOR SEVERE ECONOMIC HARDSHIP**

Work authorization based on "Severe Economic Hardship" is available. 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 of status.

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

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

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

FALL SEMESTER 2020 - *UPDATE*

UWG is planning normal operations this Fall with appropriate social distancing and PPE to be available. Details on how we will safely re-open campus are expected within 2 weeks. Stay tuned to the UWG homepage and UWG email. Summer is online only though.

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 re-enter the U.S. Check with your nearest U.S Embassy or Consulate website to follow procedures for remote 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 mobile 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.

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