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## WELCOME



*Hello and Happy New Year! As the new Director of International Student Admissions and Programs for UWG, it is my honor to welcome you to our beautiful campus. For those of you returning to UWG after your break, welcome back.*

*I am excited for all that lies ahead. I hope our monthly newsletter will help you be informed about steps to protect your status, to find support, and to take advantage of all that UWG has to offer you. Please drop by the ISAP office any time to say hello. We are glad you are here!*                      ~ **Sincerely, Brett Reichert**



ISAP is also thrilled to welcome 18 new international students this Spring! Not all are picture here, but here but they come from:

- China (2)
- Germany (2)
- Kenya (1)
- Curacao (The Netherlands) (1)
- Nigeria (1)
- S. Korea (8)
- United Kingdom (3)



## REMINDERS

- **FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT REQUIRED BY:** [January 11th, 5pm](#). Undergraduate - 12 credit hours. Graduates - 9 credit hours. No exceptions without approved RCL. Details are [HERE](#).
- **REDUCED COURSE LOAD (RCL):** If this is your final semester, or you have a valid medical reason to be under-enrolled, the deadline to request an RCL is: [January 11<sup>th</sup>, 4pm](#).
- **FEE PAYMENT DEADLINE:** The payment deadline for tuition and fees is [January 11<sup>th</sup>](#). After this date, your enrollment could be automatically dropped if not paid in full.
- **HEALTH INSURANCE WAIVER DEADLINE:** [January 15<sup>th</sup>](#). **Be Aware:** It may take 2-3 days for the waiver credit to appear on your student account after you request the waiver. However, if the waiver is not approved by the fee payment deadline, pay your full balance, including insurance. You will automatically receive a refund after the insurance waiver is applied. Details are at the bottom [HERE](#)
- **SEVIS REPORTING DEADLINE & GA DL:** All new and returning students have now been registered to “continued attendance” in SEVIS for Spring semester 2019. If you wish to apply for a Georgia Driver License (DL), you may now do so. Details are [HERE](#).
- **CURRICULAR PRACTICAL TRAINING (CPT) APPLICATIONS:** CPT is a temporary work authorization for practical training (off campus internships) directly related to your field of study. The deadline to complete authorization for Spring 2019 CPT is [Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm](#). Details are [HERE](#).
- **ISAP WALK-IN ADVISING HOURS:** Need immigration advising? Come by ISAP during walk-In advising (no appointment necessary): **T - F, 9:30 – 11:30 and M – F, 1:30 – 4:30pm**.

## DEADLINE: SPRING 2019 HEALTH INSURANCE WAIVERS: **JAN. 15, 2019**



If you wish to waive out of UWG insurance for Spring + Summer semester 2019, you must first enroll and activate your insurance before you can request a waiver by **January 15, 2019**. Coverage begins January 1, 2019 and ends July 31, 2019.

- **Note:** Waivers can take 2-4 business days to update on your bill. Therefore if waiver has not been approved by the fee payment deadline, pay your UWG bill. Then, when the waiver is approved, you will be refunded the UWG insurance charge.
- Waivers are not granted automatically, and you must renew your waiver each semester.
- If you'd like to keep your UWG Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP), there is nothing to do.
- For more information, please click and scroll to the bottom [HERE](#).


## TAX INFORMATION 2019 (FOR TAX YEAR 2018)



ISAP will provide information about U.S. Federal and State of Georgia Tax Returns each Spring ahead of the tax-filing deadline: [April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019](#).



### What you need to know now is:

- **DON'T BUY** Tax Prep Software: like TurboTax, H&R Block or any others! They were **not** designed for “Non-Resident” tax forms.
- ISAP will provide free access to special software called  in February for your Non-Resident Federal Tax Returns.
- Everyone has at least 1 federal tax form to complete, unless you arrived in the U.S. in 2019. In that case there are no forms to complete this year.
- For more info on this process, click [HERE](#).

## MAKE FRIENDS | GET INVOLVED



The best way to meet new people, improve your English and be successful in the U.S. is to make friends. The best way to make American friends is to get involved in a campus organization!

Pick an interest, sign up, show up and say hello! It's that simple.



- List of 150+ student organization at UWG is [HERE](#)
- To sign up, register in “OrgSync” [HERE](#)
- Attend the Winter Student Involvement Fair. See image below for details.

Learn & more  
ABOUT INVOLVEMENT  
WINTER STUDENT INVOLVEMENT FAIR  
50+ Student Organizations | Games, Prizes, Food | 10+ Campus Departments  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22ND  
11:00AM - 2:00PM  
CAMPUS CENTER BALLROOM  
CSI Center for Student Involvement  
Involvement Programs

## 2019 GEORGIA INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (GILC)

**What:** GILC happens each spring. It's a college student conference for international students and study abroad students from across Georgia over 1 weekend. Participants share ideas, network and above all, develop their leadership qualities and have fun! UWG can support up to 10 students.

**Dates and Location:** February 22-24, 2019

**Location:** Covington, GA (transportation provided)

**Cost:** *FREE* (funded by ISC and Study Abroad)

**Details:** More details about GILC are [HERE](#).

**To Apply:** **Registration Opens Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>**. Stay tuned!

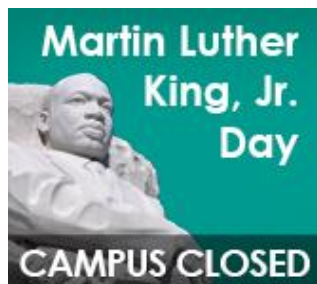


## SPRING SEMESTER CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT



- F1 & J1 students may be employed in non-federal work study jobs on campus up to 20hrs per week.
- J1 students must request employment authorization from ISAP.
- All employment requires application for a free Social Security Card.
- Instructions for the SSN application are [HERE](#)
- UWG campus jobs are listed [HERE](#)

## NATIONAL HOLIDAY



University of West Georgia will be closed: **Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019** in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. UWG will celebrate MLK on Wednesday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm in the Campus Center Ballroom. All are invited.

- UWG MLK Celebration details are [HERE](#).
- More information on the legacy of MLK Jr. is [HERE](#).

## ISAP FACEBOOK = Now 490 Likes!

All are invited to follow ISAP. Just click the icon below. We only post helpful reminders about deadlines, workshops, events and campus jobs.



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