

## September 2019 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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### UWG CLOSED MONDAY SEPT. 2 | LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

All UWG Campus offices, as well as banks and government offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> for Labor Day in the U.S.

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

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



## ORIENTATION VIDEO | FALL 2019

- UWG Welcomes 50 New Students from 19 Countries!
- Check out the 2 minute Orientation Highlights Video!
- Special thanks to <u>UWG Athletics</u>, <u>UWG Housing & Residence Life</u>, and <u>Campus Outreach!</u>







### **BE A STAR IN OUR NEW VIDEO!**

UWG's <u>official international video</u> is nearly 8 years old. Time for a new one! Over this semester, ISAP and UWG Communications & Marketing will be creating a brand new video similar in nature to the older one. If you are interested in being part of it, please contact: Rashika Webb, Int'l Student Coordinator: <u>rashikaw@westga.edu</u> We'll provide details later on.

### **SHOPPER SHUTTLE**

Reminder! The free "UWG Shopper Shuttle" continues on **Fridays only, 12pm - 4pm.** The shuttle picks up in front of Row Hall and takes you to Walmart / Target areas and back.

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

- Undergraduate: 12 hours, Fall and Spring | Graduate: 9 hours, Fall and Spring
- 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 October and December to ensure compliance.

# **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 <u>illegal</u> 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**



**September 6th |** International Farmer's Market, Atlanta!

Interested? Sign-up online at: Wolf Connect. If you miss this trip do not worry, ISAP will offer additional trips, so be sure to check your email or Instagram to know when!



**September 10<sup>th</sup> |** International Student Club 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting, 5:30pm

ISC's first meeting! Come play games, meet and mingle with other students to discuss on-campus events that YOU want / would like to see! We will meet Mandeville Hall Conference Room. No sign up required to attend. Just show up!



September 22nd | Japan Fest 2019!

With 22,000+ attendees in 2018, **JapanFest 2019** continues in its 33rd year as the largest Japan-related event in the Southeastern United States! In collaboration with Education Abroad we will be spending a Sunday at this festival.

Deadline: Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Spots are limited!! Sign-up via WolfConnect



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**



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. Sign-up required. Details are **HERE** 

- UWG Experiential Learning (Job) Fair: Sept. 17, Campus Center Ballroom, 2-5pm
- Bring your resume. Find internships, job shadow and other opportunities.

#### **UPCOMING DEADLINES**

- 1. HEALTH INSURANCE WAIVER: September 6, 2019. 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 <a href="https://example.com/here">HERE</a>
- **2. 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 30<sup>th</sup>. Details are <u>HERE</u>.

#### **CONNECT WITH ISAP**



- ISAP on IG | Click the Logo
- International Student Admissions & Programs (ISAP) @ UWG Mandeville Hall | Front Campus Drive www.westga.edu/isap

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.