

# August 2021 ISAP Newsletter

*Published monthly by International Student Admissions and Programs (ISAP) to provide reminders about F1 / J1 regulations, services, programs, and opportunities for involvement.* 

# WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

We're so glad you're here! As we had no new "in person" international students last fall, it's especially exciting to meet you in person this fall. Thank you for dealing with it all and following your dream on a path to UWG!

A special welcome **to two new students who join campus as sophomores** after studying with UWG online outside the US all last year!



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS AND DEADLINES

# **Full-Time Enrollment Requirements**

- Undergraduate -12 credit hours. Graduates 9 credit hours
- One online course within the requirements above is permitted.
- You cannot change your schedule after August 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm.
- Tuition and Fee Payment Deadline
- August 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm. You can pay tuition and fees online.
- Course drop occurs the next day for all unpaid balances.

# What about a Payment Plan?

- To set it up, visit <u>Nelnet (mycollegepaymentplan.com)</u>.
- More details about the payment plan are at this <u>Payment Plan link</u>.
- You can also visit the Student Accounts and Billing Services office in <u>Aycock Hall</u>, Room 101. **Health Insurance Waiver Request Deadline**
- September 18th, 2021. If the waiver is not approved by the fee payment deadline above, and you haven't paid your balance with the UHC fee, your courses will be dropped. If your waiver is approved, you will receive a UHC refund automatically. <u>Request a waiver here at the bottom.</u>



- **<u>UWG Athletics</u>** invites you to all events. Tickets are always free to students.
- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> Home Football Game, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> vs. Morehouse
- ✓ Celebrating 40 years in the <u>NCAA</u> (National Collegiate Athletics Association)

✓ **<u>To Tailgate</u>**: /'tāl,gāt/ verb. Host or attend an informal social gathering centered near the rear end of a truck (the tailgate) during American football season.

#### **RECAP OF SERVICES FROM NEW INT'L STUDENT ORIENTATION**

- <u>UWG Writing Center</u> 1<sup>st</sup> floor of TLC Building (Technology Learning Center)
- <u>UWG Counseling Center</u> 1<sup>st</sup> floor Row Hall
- <u>UWG Community Standards</u> (Student Conduct)

## **Other Reminders:**

- Legal drinking age in the US is **21.**
- Possession of pot in any form is **illegal** in Georgia and a "misdemeanor" (lower category) crime, with a fine up to \$1000 or 1 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 US travel ban.
- Driving and texting is illegal in Georgia.
- <u>UWG Academic Advising</u> located on the ground floor of the UCC, Room 207C
- <u>UWG Health Services</u> Call 678-839-6452 for an appointment, COVID test or vaccine.
- <u>UWG Recreation</u> University Center
  - Be sure to visit <u>Outdoor Adventures</u> to learn about low-cost off campus trips and gear.
- <u>UWG Career Services</u> 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Row Hall.
  - Don't forget to set up your "<u>Handshake</u>" Profile.
  - Part-time Job Fair, August 12th, Campus Center
- <u>UWG Police</u> Emergency? Dial 911 on any phone. Non-emergency? 678-839-6000
- <u>UWG Shuttle Schedule</u> & Banking
  - Shopper Shuttle: Wednesdays, 12p 3pm to stores, supermarkets and SunTrust Bank.
  - To set up a US account at SunTrust, ask for Theo Asante or call for more info: 678-664-3394
  - Visit UWG's Newnan campus too!

## **OFF-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOPS**



Thinking about a paid internship or working in the US after graduation? You will need <u>CPT or OPT authorization first.</u> The process requires completion of our free employment workshop. ISAP is offering 4 workshops this semester.

## Workshop Dates:

CPT (paid internships): Aug. 24, Sept. 14, Oct. 12 OPT (post-graduation employment): Aug. 26, Sept. 16, Oct. 14 **When & Where:** 1:30 – 2:30pm, Mandeville Hall Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor **Sign up:** Email <u>global@wesga.edu</u> to sign up.

#### **CONNECT WITH ISAP**

#### International Student Admissions & Programs (ISAP)



Mandeville Hall | Front Campus Drive <u>www.westga.edu/isap</u> | T: 678-839-4780 Live Chat box on our website M-F during business hours <u>global@westga.edu</u> (include your name and 917#) **Walk-in Advising:** M – F, 9:30am – 11:30am | 1:30pm – 4:30pm No advising Tuesday mornings.