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October 7th, 2011



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New students - If you haven't already checked in with the Slutzker Center, please remember to do so immediately.

New to SU? Come and Mix it up!

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Mix It Up tonight @ 5:00pm at Schine 304 ABC

- **October 14 @ 220 Eggers Hall**
- **December 1 @ Schine 304 ABC**

Originally begun as a comprehensive program to prepare students for study abroad and to keep students connected to the skills and knowledge garnered internationally upon return to the home campus, *Mix It Up* is now hosted by SCIS to embrace all groups on campus, providing them with a space for dialogue and opportunities to work together on fun projects that focus on the international on the campus and in the city of Syracuse. Discussions and lectures explore identity, intercultural communication, and integration on the SU campus.

Coming Out Month: October Celebrates LGBT History

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Tuesday, October 11

University Lecture Series Presents: An Evening with David Sedaris

6:00 p.m. | Goldstein Auditorium

Join us for an evening with author David Sedaris, one of America's pre-eminent humor writers, in honor of National Coming Out Day!

Wednesday, October 12

Coming Out Stories

7:30 p.m. | Kittredge Auditorium, HBC

Share your experience with coming out as an LGBT person or as an ally to the community among supportive friends in celebration of Coming Out Month!

Thursday, October 13

6th Annual Out & Ally List

In honor of National Coming Out Day on October 11th, today's issue of the Daily Orange will feature the 6th annual Out & Ally list. Grab an issue and take a look at all of the out & proud LGBTQ people and allies on campus!

Friday, October 14

Ally Development "Train the Trainer" Session

1:30-4:30 p.m. | HL 115

Do you want to challenge homophobia and encourage others to act as allies to the LGBT community? Facilitators who complete this training can then lead one hour workshops to discuss how to be an ally to LGBT individuals. RSVP to dssutton@syr.edu.

Tuesday, October 18

Coming Out Month Keynote Speaker "How to Get Banned: Queer Activism, Art and the Story Behind Revolutionary Voices" A Public Lecture by Amy Sonnie ('98)

7:30 p.m. | Grant Auditorium, College of Law

Amy Sonnie, writer, activist and librarian, will address her controversial LGBTQ anthology and her personal journey as a social justice activist working on racial and economic justice, feminism, queer politics, media justice and youth rights.

Thursday, October 20

Ray Smith Symposium - "Sex and Power" "Sodo and His Friends: 'L'amore masculino' and Male Friendship in Early Modern Italy" A Public Lecture by Michael Rocke
7:00 p.m. | 500 Hall of Languages
For more information on the 2011-2012 Ray Smith Symposium, visit: <http://raysmithsymposium.syr.edu>.

Sunday, October 23

LGBTQA Family Weekend
Breakfast Reception
10:00 a.m. - Noon | LGBT Resource Center
Stop by with your family to take a tour of the Resource Center, meet the staff, and enjoy a continental breakfast. Free!

Friday, October 28

Film Screening— "black. womyn. conversations with lesbians of African descent."
4:00 p.m. | Nifkin Lounge, ESF Campus

Join us for a screening of this feature-length documentary focusing on the lives and views of lesbians of African descent from various backgrounds. Free and open to the public.

Friday, October 28

The Pride Union 'Mas-Queer-Ade' Ball
8:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m. | HL 500
Sponsored by Pride Union.
Put on your dancing shoes and celebrate Coming Out Month in style with Pride Union and Syracuse University

For more information [Click Here](#)

We are now on Facebook and Twitter!!

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<http://twitter.com/SlutzkerCenter>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Slutzker-Center-for-International-Services-SCIS/161252993906159>

Join us on Facebook, Follow us on Twitter and stay informed and updated about news, important announcements, seminar schedules, events, insights, galleries and much more!!



Full-time Course of Study

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NOTE: For Syracuse University F-1 students, a full-time course load is required during the Fall and Spring semesters. Full time enrollment means **Graduate** students must enroll for at least **9 credits** every semester. **Undergraduate** students must register for at least **12 credits** every semester. Students are not required to enroll in courses during the Summer. However, **if Summer session is your first semester** then you must maintain full time enrollment of at least 6 credits for that summer session.

Under Federal Immigration Rules, **to maintain F-1 status, no more than 3 online credits per semester may count towards the "full course of study" requirement.** For example, a graduate student required to register for 9 credits per semester to maintain full time status can take only 3 of those credits through an on-line class each semester – **6 credits must be live, in classroom courses.**

However, an F-1 student can take as many on-line or distance education as they wish (with SCIS's approval) during the Summer or over Winter break.

If it is your last semester and fewer than 12 credits are required to graduate for undergrads and 9 credits for grads; it is acceptable to carry only those credits required to complete your degree. **If a student needs less than a full course load in the final semester to finish his/her degree, the course(s) cannot be taken solely online or as distance education. You must be enrolled in a live, in classroom course during your last semester.**

Students considering on-line courses or courses at a different institution should first discuss the plan with an SCIS advisor. It is necessary to maintain valid F-1 status at all times.

If you are taking fewer than 9 credits this semester you must fill out a Certificate of Full-Time Status http://international.syr.edu/documents/forms/full_time_status_certification-Jan04.pdf

If this is your last semester you will have to fill out the Last Semester Memo <http://international.syr.edu/documents/forms/2008lastsemestermemo-su.pdf>

Summer Program Information Session - Bollywood Snapshots: SU Internships in Mumbai

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Come and learn firsthand about the largest film industry in the world! This four-week, 2- to 3- credit course introduces students to the history, aesthetics, language, business, and process of filmmaking in India. Through a combination of seminars with film directors and internships with production companies, students will discover the detailed inner workings of Bollywood. Students work on teams with film directors, producers, and other crew members. The program is supported by the Whistling Woods International Institute for Film, Television, and Media Arts. Field visits to Pune to visit the Film and Television Institute of India and the Film Archives, along with a tour of Bombay and nearby sites of cultural importance are included. Students will quickly learn to appreciate the history, aesthetics, language, business and process of filmmaking in India. Open to Syracuse University TRF and VPA juniors, seniors, and graduate students with a minimum of two production and/or writing courses.

Location: Newhouse 3, Room 327
Sponsoring department/organization: SU Abroad
Contact: SU Abroad; **E-Mail:** tzappola@syr.edu; 315-443-3471

[Click here for more information](#)



Caravanaserai: Music from Pakistan[Back>>](#)**An informance with Qawal Najmuddin Saifuddin & Brothers****Monday, October 10th 4 PM****Hendricks Chapel**

A dialogue is coupled with a sampling of music by one of Pakistan's esteemed qawwali ensembles. This is part of an extended residency hosted by ARTSwego at SUNY Oswego that is entitled Caravanaserai. It is a program launched by Arts Midwest on behalf of U.S. Regional Arts Organizations with support form the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art. This program is also linked to President Obama's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge in which both Syracuse University and SUNY Oswego participating.

Contact: Elizabeth Cronk; E-Mail: eacronk@syr.edu; 443-2902

Fall Receptions for prospective students[Back>>](#)

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions will welcome many visitors to campus for the Fall Receptions on Oct. 10, 28 and Nov. 18. Our guests will park in the Lampe Lot at Manley Field House Complex and take a shuttle to the Schine Student Center where the program begins. We thank you in advance for any assistance you provide visiting families and for helping to make the campus atmosphere warm and friendly.

[More information...](#)**Location: Across campus****Sponsoring department/organization: Office of Admissions****Contact: Charlotte Tefft****E-Mail: catefft@syr.edu; 443-1595****Syracuse International Film Festival: "Dolphin Boy"**[Back>>](#)**Syracuse International Film Festival: "Dolphin Boy"**

Wednesday October 12, 7p.m.

Palace Theater (2384 James St., Syracuse)

*Ticketed event: syrfilmfest.com

"Dolphin Boy" follows the story of a young boy who disconnects himself from people, after a violent attack on his Israeli village. Dramatic complications ensue when his father takes him to "swim with the dolphins" off the port of Eilat. Written, directed, and produced by Dani Menkan ("39 Pounds of Love") and Yonatan Nir ("Cutting Away the Pain"), the documentary was shot over four years, and vividly captures the healing power of nature.

Co-Sponsor: Visual Arts and Culture Working Group of The Mellon CNY Humanities Corridor

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FROM CUBA TO 'CUSE

A One Man Show
Written and Performed by
Jose Miguel Hernandez Hurtado

Friday, October 7th, 8 p.m.
Saturday, October 8th, 3 p.m.
\$10, doors open 30 min. before showtime

Community Folk Art Center
805 East Genesee Street, Syracuse, NY
www.communityfolkartcenter.org
Sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs at
Syracuse University

State of the Arts
CULTURAL RESOURCES COUNCIL
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From Cuba to 'Cuse
Friday, Oct. 7 at 8 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 8 at 3 p.m.

Tickets: \$10
Doors open 30 minutes before showtime.
Arrive early - seating is limited.

José Miguel Hernández Hurtado will present his one-man autobiographical production *From Cuba to 'Cuse* in CFAC's Community Black Box Theater on October 7 at 8 p.m. and October 8 at 3 p.m. His story tells of his immigration to the United States from Cuba and the culture clashes he encountered when he arrived.

This event is made possible with public funds provided by the New York State Council on the Arts and administered through the Cultural Resources Council. Additionally, this performance at CFAC is sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs at Syracuse University.

Diversity Visa Lottery (Green Card Lottery) 2013 Announcement

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The U.S. State Department has published its announcement of the 2013 Diversity Visa Lottery. The Diversity Visa lottery (DV) is a program mandated under Section 203 (c) of the Immigration Act of 1990. The legislation makes available up to 50,000 permanent resident immigrant visas by random selection through an annual diversity visa lottery.

Natives of the following countries are **not eligible** to apply for the Diversity Visa Lottery because the countries sent a total of more than 50,000 immigrants to the United States in the previous five years: **BANGLADESH, BRAZIL, CANADA, CHINA (mainland-born), COLOMBIA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HAITI, INDIA, JAMAICA, MEXICO, PAKISTAN, PERU, PHILIPPINES, SOUTH KOREA, UNITED KINGDOM (except Northern Ireland) and its dependent territories, and VIETNAM.**

Persons born in Hong Kong SAR, Macau SAR, and Taiwan are eligible.

Changes in eligibility this year: For DV-2013, natives of South Sudan and Poland are now eligible for selection, while Bangladesh natives are now ineligible.

Entries for the DV-2013 DV lottery must be submitted electronically between noon, Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) (GMT-4), Tuesday, October 4, 2011, and noon, Eastern Standard Time (EST) (GMT-5), Saturday, November 5, 2011. Applicants may access the electronic DV Entry Form (E-DV) at <http://www.dvlottery.state.gov> during the registration period. Paper entries will not be accepted. Applicants are strongly encouraged not to wait until the last week of the registration period to enter. Heavy demand may result in website delays. No entries will be accepted after noon, EST, on November 5, 2011.

There are no costs or fees to register for the DV program. Persons submitting entries to the 2013 lottery will see a confirmation screen at the end of the successful submission, containing your name and a unique confirmation number. You must print this confirmation screen for your records using the print function of your web browser and **ensure that you retain your confirmation number.** Starting May 1, 2012, you will be able to check the status of your DV2013 entry by returning to <http://www.dvlottery.state.gov> Entrant Status Check and entering your unique confirmation number and personal information. Entrant Status Check will be the **only** means of informing you of your selection for DV-2013. Therefore, it is essential that you retain your confirmation number. The U.S. Department of State is unable to provide your entry confirmation number if it is lost.

Individual digital photographs of the DV applicant and his/her spouse and all children under 21 years of age must be submitted with the electronic application. The image file can be produced either by taking a digital photograph or by scanning a photographic print with a digital scanner. If an applicant does not have access to the internet, a third party can submit the application and electronic photograph on the applicant's behalf. However, only ONE application per applicant can be submitted.

There is no fee charged for entering the Diversity Visa Lottery. The Department of State does not endorse, recommend or sponsor any information or material from outside entities. The Department is aware that websites and email have masqueraded as official Diversity Visa Lottery facilitators. Registration for the Diversity Visa Lottery through the official, U.S. government website, www.dvlottery.state.gov is free of charge and notification of winning entries are posted on the Entrant Status Check at the U.S. government website beginning May 1, 2012.

ISSS-BU News subscribers are urged only to consult official U.S. government sources for information on the Diversity Visa Lottery. The lottery is a random drawing. Be suspicious of any organization that offers to increase your chances of being selected for the lottery if you pay them a fee. They are promising something that is false. Also, there is no charge to enter the visa lottery, unless you are required to pay a third party to submit the application on your behalf.

U.S. State Department's Official Instructions in English (16 page file) are available at:
http://travel.state.gov/pdf/DV_2013_instructions.pdf

Instructions in other languages are available at:
http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types_1318.html

General information on the Diversity Visa Lottery with links to other information can be found at: http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types_1322.html and at http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types_1318.html

The State Department is very concerned about website fraud in relation to the Diversity Visa Lottery. Visit this web page for warnings about fraud and scammers: http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types_1318.html The following information is related to the current year's program DV-2012, but it is still relevant. To read their warning, visit the following link: http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types_1749.html

International Students and Arrests

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Although it is not a pleasant subject, there are a few situations where an international student might be arrested in the United States and charged with a crime. Common misdemeanor or felony arrests can include theft, drunk driving, shoplifting (stealing goods from a store without paying for them) and drug possession (with or without intent to sell). Binghamton University has published an article that discusses the consequences such arrests can create with a student's U.S. immigration status, even if the charges themselves are dismissed or reduced. The article may be viewed at: <http://www2.binghamton.edu/iss/publications/instuarrest.html>

Important Reminders

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A Reminder About Optional Practical Training EAD Cards

F-1 students who have obtained authorization for Optional Practical Training from the USCIS are reminded to please email a copy of their EAD cards (front + back) to the SCIS at lescis@syr.edu so that we can keep a copy for your files. Having a photocopy in the SCIS could become very important to you in the future, if we need to verify your F-1 status or if the card is lost or stolen.

Important Reminder from Human Resources

International students who have jobs on campus (GA positions, TA positions, RA positions and hourly wage assignments) are reminded to be sure to copy the appropriate Human Resources Office on campus for any change of U.S. address. Be sure to look at your address on your most recent pay stub. If it is not accurate, report it to your department or office where you work so that the address can be updated by your department. If you are on any payroll, your change of address is needed so that you can receive your W-2 Wage and Tax Statement forms in late January, as well as any checks that may be coming to you if you are leaving at the end of this semester.

Also, if you have obtained a social security number since starting work, it is essential that you report your social security number to your payroll office for W-2 purposes. If you are uncertain whether or not this is a problem for you, check your most recent pay stub, and look to see if your social security number as well as your current address are included properly.

SU Travels To Tulane On Saturday

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With a bye week just around the corner, the Syracuse football team (3-2) will look to go into the break on a positive note when the Orange travel to Louisiana to take on Tulane on **Saturday (8:00 p.m., SNY, Cox)**. SU is coming off a 19-16 double overtime loss to Rutgers in the BIG EAST opener last week, while Tulane fell to Army 45-6. Fans can listen to the game on Syracuse ISP Sports Network (TK-99.5 FM in Syracuse), Orange All Access. For game highlights, head coach Doug Marrone's postgame press conference and student-athlete interviews, sign on to Orange All Access following the game.

Syracuse Rideshare

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You share the road. Why not share your ride? Partner up when biking, driving, running, walking, busing for weekend road trips and rides for break.



Carpooling offers many benefits.

- **It's easy:** Carpooling is simple, easy to do and flexible
- **It's convenient:** Carpooling provides commuting convenience comparable to driving alone, but with less stress and companionship while you're commuting. Carpooling partners establish their own unique rules and arrangements that best meets the needs of their particular carpool.
- **It saves you money:** sharing the costs of driving and parking in these times of increasing gas prices can help you reduce your daily commuting costs. The more occupants in the vehicle the more you save.
- **It's less stressful:** Commuting with others means there's less frustration and you arrive at your job more relaxed and ready to work. If you're not driving, you might even be able to catch up on reading, get some extra sleep or work while commuting.
- **It's better for the environment:** Fewer cars on the road means reduced Green House Gas emissions and improved air quality.
- **It improves your available commuting options:** Carpooling offers a commuter option that may work for you better than other modes. It serves people who live where transit service may be limited and may fit your work schedule better than other options.

Check out SyracuseRideShare.syr.edu

SU Recreation Services

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Apple Picking at Abbott's Farm



Sunday, October 9, 2011
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Price: \$5.00 for SU Undergraduate Students
\$10.00 for all other SU and ESF ID card holders
(price includes transportation, admission to the farm, 5lb bag of u-pick apples and entrance to the corn maze)

Time: The bus leaves College Place (in front of Sims Hall) promptly at 1:00 p.m. and returns to SU at approximately 4:30 p.m.

To register for this trip, please visit:

<http://recreationservices.syr.edu/recstore/>

Department of Recreation Services
241 Archbold Gym 315-443-4386 (4FUN)

<http://outdoored.syr.edu>



This program is funded in part by the SU Undergraduate Co-Curricular Fee



Healthy Monday Syracuse

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Meditation Monday

Monday, October 3, 2011; 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Come relax and meditate in the Small Chapel at Hendricks Chapel. Free for students, faculty and staff!

Location: Hendricks Chapel, lower level small chapel

Price: free

Sponsoring department/organization: Healthy Monday Syracuse

Contact: Matt MacDougall

E-Mail: healthymonday@syr.edu; 443-4526

Move it Monday is a part of the Healthy Campus Initiative. This is a program that focuses on participation in activities that promote the various components of wellness on campus at little or no cost to the user. Various fitness classes will be offered for **FREE every Monday from 1:00pm-1:50pm** in the Flanagan Exercise Room on a first-come, first-served basis. The maximum enrollment for each class will vary based on the activity. Please arrive early for each class:

October 10 – Core N' More

October 17 – TBA

October 24 – TBA

October 31 – Power Hour

November 7 – TBA

November 14 – Line Dancing

November 28 – TBA

December 5 – TBA

December 12 – TBA

Colorful Women Therapy Group

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Colorful Women Therapy Group

Undergraduate & Graduate Women of Color

Possible Topics Include...

- Interpersonal Relationships
- Stress Management
- Learn to Connect with Others
- Diversity Issues
- Academic Adjustment
- Identity Development
- Empowerment



Counseling Center
200 Walnut Place

Tuesdays 3:30pm – 5pm

For more information contact:
MJ Doh, Ph.D. or Kizzie P. Walker, Ph.D.

Phone: 315-443-4715

MEETING YOUR HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

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Please be certain that you are currently enrolled in an approved health insurance policy for the upcoming 2011 – 2012 academic year. If you have renewed or changed your health insurance please provide the Slutsker Center with an updated copy of it via e-mail lscis@syr.edu or in person. If you have questions, or need help enrolling in an approved health insurance policy, please make an appointment with an adviser at the Slutsker Center, or see Linda Deon at the Health Center for assistance.

Syracuse University Health Services has determined that many international students are not in compliance with immunization requirements defined by New York State public health law. Enrolled students found not to be in compliance risk strict administrative consequences including **inability to register, suspension of I.D. card privileges, and may be required to leave campus.**

You must be in compliance with these immunization requirements in order to remain on campus.

The Health Service will be sending an email to all those who are not in compliance via the syr.edu email address. Please watch for that notice (check your syr.edu email address!). If your registration is cancelled, you will also lose your F-1 or J-1 student status. Don't put yourself at risk. Contact the Health Service as soon as you receive that email!

Transferring out of SU?[Back>>](#)

If you are planning to transfer out of SU, the immigration regulatory process for **transferring** your F-1 status from Syracuse University to a new school in the United States requires you to complete a Transfer Out Form with the SCIS so that your federal SEVIS record can be transferred to your new school. The Transfer Out Form and more detailed information may be found on our website: http://international.syr.edu/transfer_out.htm

Is this your last semester at SU?[Back>>](#)

Students who will be completing their studies this December but have no plans to apply for practical training (F-1), academic training (J-1) or continue at a new school or in a new field or level of study (i.e. Master's, J.D., Ph.D), or seek a change of non-immigrant status must depart the United States within 60 days of their academic program end date if they are in F-1 status (see item #5 on your current I-20), or within 30 days if they are in J-1 status.

Studying Abroad?[Back>>](#)

Planning to Study Abroad during the Spring 2011 semester? If so, please talk to an international advisor at the Slutzker Center soon. There are steps which you must take in order to insure your continued non-immigrant status for re-entry to the U.S

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- **Although rare, a fire drill or evacuation could be an opportunity for a thief to strike. To prevent someone from taking your irreplaceable documents and passports we recommend the following:**

- **Keep your documents in a secure location.**
- **Be able to access and take your documents with you quickly if you need to evacuate the building.**
- **A small safe, briefcase, folder or backpack maybe the best way to keep your documents organized.**
- **Rent a safety deposit box at your local bank (i.e.: HSBC, Chase, etc.)**

You should never spend time searching for your documents in an emergency situation. REMEMBER, while you want to do your best to protect your valuable property, your personal safety is the highest importance in emergency!

- **Students who are planning to do an Internship the Fall or Spring semester should apply for Curricular Practical Training (CPT) Please remember that you have to register for at least 1 credit for CPT.**

Curricular Practical Training Seminar (CPT) – Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday @ 3:00pm and every 2nd Friday at 3:00pm.
Optional Practical Training Seminar (OPT) - Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday @ 3:45pm and every 2nd Friday at 3:45pm.

IMMIGRATION UPDATES[Back>>](#)**USCIS FY 2012 H-1B Cap Count****FY 2012 H-1B Cap Count**

Cap Type	Cap Amount	Cap Eligible Petitions	Petition Target	Date of Last Count
H-1B Regular Cap	65,000	36,300		9/23/2011
H-1B Master's Exemption	20,000	17,700		9/23/2011

For more information and latest updates on H1B Visa cap count, please visit the [USCIS](#) website.

<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.5af9bb95919f35e66f614176543f6d1a/?vgnextoid=4b7cdd1d5fd37210VgnVCM100000082ca60aRCRD&vgnnextchannel=73566811264a3210VgnVCM100000b92ca60aRCRD>

Is Your I-20 or DS-2019 Expiring Soon? Do You Need an Extension of Stay?

This is the time of year when many international students whose I-20 or DS-2019 will expire this December, but who will be continuing their studies for Spring 2012, are applying for an extension of stay. Students who will begin a new level of study (e.g., completing bachelor's and commencing master's or completing master's and commencing PhD) receive a new I-20 for the new level of study. Changes in level of study require an admission letter from the Graduate School (if completing a bachelor's and commencing master's) or from the student's academic department (if completing master's and commencing PhD) verifying that the student has been approved for the new level of study, and the semester that the new level will begin.

Students with I-20s or DS-2019s expiring in December 2011 but who will continue their studies at SU **must** begin the extension of stay process (or change in level of study process) well before that date so that the new I-20 is issued before the I-20 expiration date.

Complete information and the required forms are available on-line at: http://international.syr.edu/documents/forms/I-20_Extension.pdf

Don't Be Fooled by Copycat Immigration-Help Sites[Back>>](#)

Some private websites that charge to prepare immigration forms mimic the look and feel of official government sites, leading users to mistakenly believe they are dealing directly with the government and paying USCIS fees. Many copycat sites add to the confusion by charging applicants the same amount for preparing an immigration form that USCIS charges for filing that same form.

As a result, some applicants have sent forms to USCIS without submitting the filing fees. These applicants mistakenly believed they had paid the USCIS filing fee when they paid the private firm for preparing the forms.

To learn more, visit: <http://blog.uscis.gov/2011/09/dont-be-fooled-by-copycat-immigration.html>

Housing and Safety[Back>>](#)**Housing Update : Address Change**[Back>>](#)**Address Change?**

All International Students and Scholars that will be moving into their new on-campus and off-campus housing must update their US Address where you will be living during this Fall semester via your **"MySlice self-service"** and select CURR address.

You must update your address immediately in order to be in compliance with the Immigration Regulations. If you do not update your address we will not be able to register your record with SEVIS and you will be jeopardizing your Immigration requirements to comply with reporting changes of addresses while you are here in the USA studying at Syracuse University.

Please always update your address within 10 days of your move on MySlice.

Department of Public Safety Reminder[Back>>](#)

FOR YOUR SAFETY, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- To safeguard your personal property—DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PROPERTY UNATTENDED
- On campus after dark, use DPS' free escort service. Off campus, use SU Home (it's free), call 443-SAFE (7233) for more information about these services.
- Centro Bus or taxi service.
- Walk, bike or jog in groups of three or more – away from bushes, cars, and other objects a suspect could hide behind.
- Look and listen. Headphones and cell phones can create tunnel vision.
- Travel in well-lighted and well-traveled areas.
- Keep porch lights on at night.
- Don't approach strangers or let them get close to you.
- If you think someone is following you, switch directions or cross the street. Go toward an open business or lighted house.
- Have your house or car keys in hand before you reach your door.
- Know where "Blue Light" phones are and how to use them.
- If someone tries to rob you, don't resist. Give up your property, not your life.
- Try to get a description of the suspect(s) and any associated vehicle & tag number.

The 2011 edition of "Your Safety and Security at Syracuse University" is part of Syracuse University's ongoing commitment to the prevention of crime. It is available online at: <http://publicsafety.syr.edu/PublicSafety/ckfinder/userfiles/files/2011%20Clery.pdf>

The booklet includes information on crime prevention, residential security, crime reporting policies, fire safety and crime statistics for the calendar years 2008, 2009, and 2010.

Getting Repairs Made in Your Apartment

As a tenant, you are entitled to a livable, safe and sanitary apartment. Failure to provide heat or hot water on a regular basis or to rid an apartment of insect infestation is an example of a violation of this entitlement.

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Keeping Good Rental Records

Lack of knowledge regarding leases or other rental agreements can cause a variety of problems. By keeping records of rental repair requests, security deposit disputes, and other important issues related to rental agreements, you can alleviate many of these types of problems. The most frustrating problems occur when the tenant cannot document their grievances. To prevent this, start a rental file as soon as you sign the lease and add to it throughout your lease term. A rental file is easy to keep, considering the money you may recover through rental modification or qualifying for full return on your security deposit. If a rental problem arises, it is easier to negotiate a solution with the landlord when you have written records that show the extent of the problem, what you asked the landlord to do about it, and how the landlord responded.

Your Rental File Should Hold:**A Rental Log**

Use a simple notebook to write all dates and times you contacted or tried to contact your landlord; make a note of any discussion. Logs are a useful permanent record of how the landlord did or did not respond to problems.

Apartment Condition Checklist

This is proof of the condition of the apartment when you move in and out. Keep a copy and send the original to the landlord by certified mail and return receipt.

Correspondence With Your Landlord

Make any complaints or concerns in writing and keep copies on file. All verbal requests should be followed up in writing with copies in your file.

Reports

Keep copies of the Certificate of Suitability, building inspection reports, police reports, and any other reports from other agencies.

Photographs

Photos may be the evidence you need to document a repair or security deposit problem. Photos should be dated and signed by a witness.

Off-Campus Housing 101

It is that time of year: time to begin looking for off-campus housing for the 2011-12 academic year. The rental season begins very early in Syracuse, but that does not mean that you have to sign a lease right now; you should not rush to sign a lease and should learn about off-campus housing prior to making the decision to move off-campus. A lease should not be signed until the property has been researched, roommates are confirmed, and the lease has been reviewed by Student Legal Services.

There are a number of rental units available in the University area and one of the best sources for advice and information about off-campus housing are friends and classmates. Another good place to search is Orange Housing. Orange Housing maintains a web site of apartment offerings in the neighborhoods adjacent to campus. The Orange Housing website is www.orangehousing.com. It is important to keep in mind that this local company is not affiliated with Syracuse University or SUNY ESF and there are absolutely no guarantees about the quality and reliability of the information posted on the website. Orange Housing also offers roommate searches, sublet listings, and information relevant to apartment hunters. Apartment listings can also be found in the *Daily Orange* and at www.apartmentfinder.com.

Your first step in your apartment search is determining your needs. Important considerations include:

- Distance from campus
- How much you can afford for rent and utilities
- On or off-street parking
- Number of roommates
- Furnished or non-furnished apartment
- Length of lease
- Pets

Once you have determined your needs you will want to view two or more rentals that meet your criteria. Check out each apartment thoroughly; don't be afraid to test faucets, doorknobs, etc. and make sure you are satisfied with the safety features available (window locks, security lights, etc.). You should talk with the current tenants about the apartment; ask about location and experiences with the landlord. Once you decide on an apartment and have done all needed research, you should have the lease reviewed by Student Legal Services.

The Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services (OCCS) is a resource that you should also utilize in your search for off campus housing. OCCS staff will assist you in your search by educating you on what is needed to have a successful off-campus living experience. OCCS is available for in person assistance at 754 Ostrom Avenue, via phone at 315-443-5489, online at offcampus.syr.edu, via email at offcampus@syr.edu

Apartment Safety Tips

Burglars strike in any neighborhood. They are opportunistic and always look for such easy targets as homes that are left open, not well maintained, out of eyesight or earshot of neighbors, or obscured by landscaping or fencing. The best way to minimize your chances of becoming a victim is to take sensible precautions.

The following tips offered by the City of Syracuse Police Department are designed to help you reduce your chances of becoming a victim of crime. You may already be aware of some strategies, but others may be new to you. Remember to trust your instincts and use common sense. Do not let yourself become a victim of a crime!

Before Renting an Apartment

Survey the residence for the following security features:

- Does the apartment have metal or solid core wooden entry and exit doors? Are these doors equipped with deadbolts? Are the locks mounted securely? Have the doors been re-keyed since the last tenant moved out?
- Can visitors be observed without opening the apartment door either through a door "peephole" viewer or window?
- Does any outside vegetation block doors or windows from public view? Does the vegetation provide places or concealment at entrances at or along walkways?
- Is there adequate lighting at the building entry doors and along walkways? Are the outer doors kept locked at all times?

In Your Apartment

- Keep your doors locked at all times, especially when you are alone, sleeping, or the apartment is unoccupied (even if only for a few moments).
- Determine who is on the other side of the door before opening it. Have repair or service personnel show official identification and confirm their presence with the person requesting the service. Delivery persons should remain outside to await the person requesting the delivery.
- If you return home and something looks questionable (e.g., a slit screen, broken window, or open door) do not go inside. Call the Syracuse Police Department from a safe location.
- Be sure you have blinds or curtains on your windows to discourage window peepers. Always keep your windows covered at night and leave lights on in two or more rooms.
- Make a list of your valuables and record any serial numbers.
- Be sure all outdoor lighting fixtures are in working condition. Ask your landlord to make immediate repairs.
- Place items of value out of sight and in locked areas. Do not leave valuables unattended in such common areas as laundry rooms and lounges.
- Ask your landlord to maintain and trim shrubbery.

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Landlord Information Sharing Program

The **Landlord Information Sharing Program (LISP)** is designed to provide students with a method for communicating with each other from year to year about their rental housing challenges and successes.

Process

Any Syracuse University or SUNY ESF student can fill out a Comment Form found on our web site at offcampus.syr.edu or in our office at 754 Ostrom Avenue. Students must clearly explain their concerns or issues in the form provided or by attaching a separate typed letter. They must use facts to describe the situation that is the basis for their documentation—they cannot simply provide an opinion of their landlord with no supporting factual basis.

OCCS staff would also like to hear about any positive interactions that students might have with their landlords. If students have positive experiences that they would like us or other students to know about, they should send us a letter clearly explaining the interaction, using facts to describe the situation—they should not simply provide an opinion of their landlord with no supporting factual basis.

What happens when a Comment Form is filed?

OCCS staff will review all completed Comment Forms. If any include unprofessional language or are not appropriate to share with other students, it will be returned to the student with a letter explaining why. OCCS staff will forward a copy of the submitted Comment Form to the student's landlord. The landlord may respond to the concerns or issues directly or may respond by sending a letter to the OCCS. If the OCCS receives a response, a copy will be mailed to the student. OCCS staff will keep a copy of all Comment Forms and landlord responses in our office at 754 Ostrom Avenue. All names, contact information, and any other identifying information will be redacted from the Comment Forms and responses. Other SU/SUNY ESF students will be able to view your Comment Form and your landlord's response when they are searching for off-campus housing.

We encourage students viewing the landlord files to consider not only the number and type of concerns or issues raised, but the landlords' responses to them. Please note that the views expressed in these materials are solely those of students and local property owners and not those of Syracuse University.

Sometimes your landlord may not respond to your concerns or issues, or may respond unfavorably. OCCS staff will work with you throughout the process to seek to accomplish a resolution to your problem. When appropriate, OCCS staff will refer you to agencies that are better able to assist you, such as the Syracuse Police Department, City of Syracuse Division of Code Enforcement, Conflict Mediation Center, Student Legal Services, etc.

Lease Disputes and General Landlord Complaints

- If you have a disagreement with your landlord concerning either of your responsibilities, it is best to try to reach an agreement.
- After reaching an agreement with your landlord in person or over the phone, follow up your discussion in writing. Include anything you or your landlord agreed to in your letter.
- If a dispute still exists between you and your landlord, you may want to consult Student Legal Services (443-4532). They can provide free legal consultation and advice about landlord-tenant issues.
- You can also file a complaint against your landlord with the New York State attorney general's office. To obtain a complaint form, call 448-4800 (ask for the Consumer Affairs Department) or 1-800-771-7755 (Consumer Helpline); visit www.oag.state.ny.us (go to Consumer Issues); or contact The Office of Orientation and Off-Campus Programs.
- When you file your complaint with the attorney general's office, include a copy of your lease and copies of any correspondence you've had with your landlord concerning the problem.
- Once you file your complaint, staff from the attorney general's office will conduct an informal mediation session between you and your landlord, usually by phone, and provide advice for resolving the dispute.

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Reminder: Parking Regulations In University Neighborhoods – by OCCS

Parking in the neighborhoods surrounding campus may be a new experience for some. To avoid ticketing and towing, and to help maintain the quality of life in the University area, members of the University community are reminded to observe city parking regulations.

Many city streets have alternate side (odd-even) parking, which takes effect at **6 p.m. On odd dates, parking begins at 6 p.m. on the side of the street with odd address numbers; on even dates, parking begins at 6 p.m. on the side with even-number addresses.**

Parking illegally on a city street creates traffic hazards to motorists and pedestrians, obstructs vehicular and pedestrian traffic, prevents emergency vehicles from entering areas, and delays public services such as trash collection and snow removal. And parking on front lawns and across sidewalks is not only illegal, but also poses a safety threat to pedestrians who are forced to walk off the sidewalks.

To reduce and discourage illegal parking, the Syracuse Police Department will strictly enforce the parking regulations in the University area and will routinely conduct Ticket and Tow Operations in persistent violator areas.

Drivers should obey the posted parking regulations in order to avoid being ticketed and towed, and should be mindful that failure to respond to parking violations may result in collection agency involvement or other punitive action against the registrant and/or the vehicle.

Cell phone Offers to SU International Students



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- Waived security deposit for one line of service (only available only at Company Owned Retail Stores, not available online or at Authorized Dealers.)
- Prices reflect 18% Syracuse University Student Discount Code [2386165](#)
- Rates apply to calls made from within the U.S., Puerto Rico and U.S Virgin Islands
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T-Mobile also offers prepaid [Pay-As-You-Go plans](#). Which are designed for single subscribers (no family plans) who are in the USA for only a couple of years. For further details please check the following website

<http://www.t-mobile.com/shop/plans/prepaid-plans.aspx>



Pedestrian Safety Tips

Stay safe while you're walking to campus. Here are some tips:

- Use sidewalks and paths whenever possible.
- Use crosswalks, and don't start walking until you see the "WALK" signal.
Walk facing traffic so you can see vehicles as they approach, and they can see you.
- Always walk in groups of three or more!
- Remember, pedestrians only have the right-of-way if a driver sees them! As a driver, it is important to be familiar with pedestrian safety laws. When a pedestrian is crossing at a crosswalk, drivers must wait until the pedestrian has *completely* crossed the street and has reached the other side safely.
- When making a right-hand turn at a red light, it is important to come to a complete stop and check for pedestrians crossing the street. Also remember there are many "No Right on Red" turns in the Syracuse University area!



Protect your Property

All your personal belongings are insured against a wide range of losses. The SCIS supports this policy and we encourage every student to have this insurance.

- Laptops, cell phones, jewelry, watches, iPods, cameras, clothes, books, sports equipment, furniture **all** your "stuff" is covered. You're insured for countless types of losses, including theft, vandalism, fire, and accidental damage.
- Worldwide coverage on and **off** campus (in your apartment, in a foreign country, "at home", in storage, or anywhere else they may be.
- Property of the University is covered while in your care
- Buy \$4,000 of coverage for less than \$94! Also there is up to \$20,000 coverage available for an annual premium of only \$250.

For more information about our student personal property program, call 1-866-535-0456 and ask for a college specialist to assist you. Or better yet Enroll online! It's fast and easy. Simply log on to: www.haylor.com/student or send an e-mail to: student@haylor.com



For your safety, please remember...

- On campus after dark, use DPS' free escort service. Off campus, use SU Home (it's free); call 315-443-2224 for more information on these services. Additional options are Centro Bus or taxi service.
- Walk, bike or jog in groups of three or more — away from bushes, cars and other objects a suspect could hide behind.
- Look and listen. Headphones and cell phones can create tunnel vision.
- Travel in well-lighted and well-traveled areas.
- Don't approach strangers or let them get close to you.
- If you think someone is following you, switch directions or cross the street. Go toward an open business or lighted house.
- Have your house or car keys in hand before you reach your door.
- Know where "Blue Light" phones are and how to use them.
- If someone tries to rob you, don't resist. Give up your property, not your life.
- Try to get a description of the suspect(s) and any associated vehicle and tag number.
- IMMEDIATELY report emergencies or suspicious activities, persons and vehicles. For SU's Department of Public Safety, **dial 711** on campus or #78 (from a cell phone); for the Syracuse Police Department, **dial 911**

Your quick report may help prevent others from becoming victims.

Fall 2011 Bus Schedule

Centro is the provider of public transportation in Syracuse and throughout Onondaga, Cayuga and Oswego Counties. Centro operates a system of shuttle routes on campus under contract with Syracuse University. These are regular transit routes which Syracuse University students can board for free. Centro also operates an extensive system of bus routes connecting the Syracuse University campus to points throughout the area. Students may ride free on these routes within certain specified "free fare zones". If you wish to travel to an area outside of these zones, you must pay a fare.

http://parking.syr.edu/Parking/display.cfm?content_ID=%23%28%289%21%0A

QUESTIONS? Contact:

Parking and Transit Services
621 Skytop Road

- Phone: 315-443-1049
- Web: <http://parking.syr.edu>

Motivational Quotes of the Week: In Tribute to Steve Jobs (2/24/1955 – 10/5/2011)

"That's been one of my mantras — focus and simplicity. Simple can be harder than complex: You have to work hard to get your thinking clean to make it simple. But it's worth it in the end because once you get there, you can move mountains."

~Steve Jobs

"You can't connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backwards. So you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future. You have to trust in something — your gut, destiny, life, karma, whatever. This approach has never let me down, and it has made all the difference in my life."

~Steve Jobs

"Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle. As with all matters of the heart, you'll know when you find it. And, like any great relationship, it just gets better and better as the years roll on. So keep looking until you find it. Don't settle."

~Steve Jobs

"I think if you do something and it turns out pretty good, then you should go do something else wonderful, not dwell on it for too long. Just figure out what's next."

~ Steve Jobs

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