



Syracuse University
Saturday, December 11th, 2010



Happy Holidays from all of us at the Slutzker Center for International Services!!!



Planning to Travel?

Planning to travel outside the United States during the Winter Break - please get your I-20 or DS-2019 (for J-1 students or scholars) signed as soon as possible!

REMEMBER: If you have a dependent travelling alone or with you, their immigration document must **ALSO** have a current signature!!!



The Slutzker Center for International Services is offering additional Travel Seminars through **Wednesday, December 22**, seminars will be held every business day at the Slutzker Center. When you come for the seminar, please make sure to bring your original I-20/DS-2019, passport, visa, I-94 card, and proof of health insurance. Your health insurance should contain medical evacuation and repatriation. If it does not, you must purchase the supplemental MedEx policy, which costs \$25/person per year.

http://international.syr.edu/medex_application.htm

Additional Travel Seminars:

Monday – 5:00pm

Tuesday – 10:00am

Wednesday – 1:30pm

Thursday - 11:00am

Friday – 12:00pm

Also Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month @1:30pm and every Friday @ 12p.m.

If you have additional questions about travel, and cannot attend a travel seminar, please stop by the SCIS during "**ADVISOR ON CALL**" hours daily: **11a.m. to 3p.m.**

*During the winter break, Slutzker Center staff receive a number of worried phone calls and emails from SU students who are traveling outside the United States. The reason? Either the student has forgotten to travel with their current I-20 (or, if in J status, their DS-2019), and tells Slutzker Center staff that the I-20 (or DS-2019) was left behind in their Syracuse apartment or residence hall, **OR** the student has the I-20 (or DS-2019) with them, but the form lacks a current travel signature.*

Either way, that creates a very big problem for the student upon his or her return to the United States, because the student will be stopped by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Official for failure to present the appropriate documents. At the very least, this will result in delays at immigration inspection at the U.S. port of entry, and possibly, the issuance of only a 30-day stay in the United States.

So, don't let this happen to you! Be sure to have your I-20 or DS-2019 when you travel (and if you have multiple documents, have them with you to present in case you

are asked to do so). Also, check your most recent I-20 (or DS-2019) to be sure you have a currently valid travel signature. The travel signature should be less than one year old as of the date you will return to the United States.

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 month, but who will be continuing their studies for Spring 2011, 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.

Student's with I-20s or DS-2019s expiring in December 2010 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/extension_stay.htm

Holiday Dates for the Slutzker Center for International Services

The Slutzker Center, along with most other university offices, will be participating in what is traditionally known at the University as the "green days or winter break" period. The official holiday starts at the close of business on **Wednesday, December 22, 2010** with offices re-opening on **Tuesday, January 4, 2011**. During this period, there will be no mail delivery into or out of offices. Voice mail, e-mail and fax will be monitored periodically, but not every day.

International students and scholars who have paperwork that needs to be processed by the Slutzker Center should note these dates and anticipate that after Wednesday, December 22, there will be a wait until January 4 before work resumes. It is strongly recommended that any requests for documents be made no later than **Wednesday, December 15** to assure timely processing. ***Remember not to wait until the last minute!***

The Clock is Ticking on Some Practical Training Applications:

F-1 students who will be graduating in December 2010 and plan to apply for post-completion Optional Practical Training (OPT) are reminded that they must set up an appointment with a SCIS advisor to review their OPT application paperwork, and then send the processed documents to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) so that it is received at the USCIS no later than 60 days after their degree conferral date, which this year is December 17, 2010. Fall 2010 graduates must send their completed applications to the USCIS Lockbox in Texas or Arizona so that it arrives there before February 16, 2011, which is 60 days following the completion date for Fall graduates.

Please keep in mind that the Slutzker Center will curtail services at 5:00pm on Wednesday, December 22, 2010 and will not reopen until Tuesday, January 4, 2011.

F-1 students who have not yet begun the practical training application process are urged to do so soon so that you will have the best possible opportunity to obtain your employment authorization card in a timely manner. Currently, it is taking the USCIS Service Centers approximately 12 - 16 weeks to process OPT employment authorization applications. Employment cannot begin until you have the card "in your hands."

- Also, a student in F-1 or J-1 status cannot be employed away from the Syracuse University campus unless they have obtained appropriate federal authorization to do so before employment can begin. This includes internships, research and volunteer work.

■ *Have all Your Documents with you! If you are travelling within the U.S., you must still carry with you your passport, I-94 card and original I-20/DS-2019. The U.S. Border Patrol often inspects documents at train stations, bus stations, and airports. If you do not have your original documents, you could be fined \$100, or detained until your status can be verified.*

If you are travelling outside the U.S., you must make sure you have a valid visa stamp to re-enter the U.S., as well as an unexpired passport valid for at least 6 months into the future, and a blue travel signature from SCIS on your I-20/DS-2019 within the last 1 year (or if you are on OPT, the last 6 months). If you are on OPT, you must also have a valid EAD card and job offer letter to re-enter the United States.

Worried that your flight might be delayed? Please contact your airline, the airport and check this website - <http://www.fly.faa.gov>

■ ***All residence halls will open for the Spring 2011 semester at 12 noon, Friday, January 14, 2011. Ernie Davis will be open for dining that evening from 4:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. All dining centers will return to regular operating hours on Saturday, January 15, 2011. Please note that this game is not a part of the student season ticket package.***

Important Reminders

A Reminder About Optional Practical Training EAD Cards

F-1 students who have obtained authorization for Optional Practical Training from the USCIS and who used a mailing address other than the SCIS Office for their Employment Authorization cards are reminded to please bring their EAD cards to the SCIS so that we can make a photocopy 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.

Getting Serious About Snow



-In the winter, major roadways receive priority, while secondary streets are plowed as soon as possible. The City of Syracuse operates a fleet of 40 plow and salt spreader trucks assisted by independent plow truck operators.



Sidewalk snow removal is the responsibility of each property owner. In most cases, if the owner doesn't live at the property, the tenant is responsible for keeping the sidewalk clear. **Clarify with your landlord about whose responsibility it is to remove the snow, especially while you are away.**

Free snow shovels available at [Off-Campus & Commuter Services, 754 Ostrom Ave.](#)

Stop by between 12 noon & 2:00pm to pick up a free snow shovel. **MUST SHOW STUDENT ID. Only one shovel per apartment; quantities limited.**

-Just a reminder, clearing of snow and ice from sidewalks is to be done by 6 pm following snow accumulation

-The Fire Department must keep hydrants clear of snow in case of emergency. Residents are asked to assist in this task whenever possible, especially during a heavy snowfall.

-During the winter, all parking regulations are strictly enforced by the City of Syracuse so that snow can be removed from the street. Your car will be towed if you are parked across the sidewalks or if you are in violation of the odd/even parking regulation. Call the 448-CITY for more information.

-Dress appropriately before going outdoors. The air temperature does not have to be below freezing for someone to experience cold emergencies such as hypothermia and frostbite. Wind speed can create dangerously cold conditions even when the temperature is not that low.

Dress in layers so you can adjust to changing conditions. Avoid overdressing or overexertion that can lead to heat illness.

Most of your body heat is lost through your head so wear a hat, preferably one that covers your ears.



Mittens provide more warmth to your hands than gloves.

Wear waterproof, insulated boots to help avoid hypothermia or frostbite by keeping your feet warm and dry and to maintain your footing in ice and snow.
Get out of wet clothes immediately and warm the core body temperature with a blanket or warm fluids like hot cider or soup. Avoid drinking caffeine or alcohol if you expect you or someone you are trying to help has hypothermia or frostbite.
Information taken from the American Red Cross: http://www.redcrossny.org/general_calltoaction.asp?CTA=4&SN=9343&OP=9344&IDCapitulo=IPGTCBM8RW

Tips For Preparing to Leave for Winter Break

- Be sure there is good lighting around doors, especially those doors not visible from the street.
- Lock sliding doors, and place a wooden or metal bar in the track of the doors.
- Do not hide spare keys in places outside.
- Buy a timer that automatically turns on interior and exterior lights at a predetermined time or when there is motion.
- Arrange for a neighbor whom you trust to watch over your house or to store your valuables while you are away.
- Take anything of value home with you. Do not leave any valuable items near windows. Take pictures of anything valuable in case it is stolen.
- Make sure all windows are secure and have curtains on them.
- If you have a security alarm, make sure you turn it on when leaving.
- Ask the post office to hold any mail for you until you return from break.
- Keep your thermostat set to a temperature no lower than 55° F. DO NOT TURN OFF YOUR HEAT TO SAVE MONEY! You must keep your apartment heated ALL WINTER LONG so that your pipes will not freeze—even while NOBODY is living in the house. Frozen pipes cause extensive and expensive damage to a home’s plumbing and heating systems. If you turn off your heat over winter break, YOU could be responsible for these repairs!

Schine Box Office hours during finals and semester break

Here are the Schine Box Office hours during finals and semester break:
Monday, Dec. 13–Wednesday, Dec. 15
11 a.m.–5 p.m.
Thursday, Dec, 16, & Friday, Dec. 17
noon–3 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 20–Wednesday, Dec. 22
noon–3 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 6, & Friday, Jan. 7
noon–3 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 13 & Friday, Jan. 14
noon–3 p.m.
The Box Office is closed Thursday, December 23rd thru Wednesday, January 5th.
Normal hours resume Tuesday, January 18th, 2011
The Box Office is closed Monday, January 17th 2011 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Dining halls winter break schedule



Schine Dining will be open Dec. 20th - 22rd from 8 am-3pm. These hours are subject to change.
All Dining halls will be closed from Dec. 23th-Jan 2nd
Schine Dining will be open Mon-Fri from 8 am-3pm, Jan. 3rd-Jan. 14th
For the full 2010 Fall end of semester and 2011 January Schedule [Click here.](#)

Winter Break Recreation Schedule



Winter Break Recreation Schedule
December 11, 2010 - January 18, 2011

The Women's Building and Sibley Pool will be closed for recreational use
Saturday, December 11- Monday, January 17.

	Archbold-Flanagan	Webster Pool	Tennity Ice Skating Pavilion	Goldstein Fitness Center	Marion Fitness Center	Ernie Davis Hall Fitness Center	Marshall Square Mall Fitness Center
Saturday 12/11	9:30am-1:00am	12:00pm-2:00pm	11:00am-12:00am	9:30am-12:00am	11:00am-4:00pm	10:00am-8:00pm	10:00am-8:00pm
Sunday 12/12	11:30am-6:30pm	3:00pm-6:00pm	12:00pm-10:00pm	9:30am-2:00am	CLOSED	10:00am-8:00pm	12:00pm-4:00pm
Mon-Thurs 12/13-12/16	7:30am-6:30pm	11:00am-2:00pm	11:00am-7:00pm	7:00am-12:00am	CLOSED	10:00am-8:00pm	8:00am-6:00pm
Friday 12/17	7:30am-6:30pm	11:00am-2:00pm	11:00am-7:00pm	8:00am-4:30pm	CLOSED	10:00am-6:00pm	8:00am-6:00pm
Sat-Sun 12/18-12/19	12:00pm-4:00pm	1:00pm-3:00pm	12:00pm-5:00pm	*7:00am-1:00pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	12:00pm-4:00pm
Mon-Wed 12/20-12/22	7:30am-6:30pm	11:00am-2:00pm	11:00am-7:00pm	8:00am-4:30pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	8:00am-6:00pm
Thurs, 12/23	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	8:00am-6:00pm
Fri-Sat 12/24-12/25	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sunday, 12/26	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	12:00pm-4:00pm
Mon-Thurs 12/27-12/30	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	10:00am-6:00pm
Fri-Sat 12/31-1/1	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sunday, 1/2	12:00-4:00pm	1:00-3:00pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	12:00pm-4:00pm
*Mon-Fri 1/3-1/7	7:30am-6:30pm	12:00pm-2:00pm	*12:00pm-7:00pm	*8:00am-4:30pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	10:00am-6:00pm
Sat-Sun 1/8-1/9	12:00pm-4:00pm	*1:00pm-3:00pm	12:00pm-5:00pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	12:00pm-4:00pm
*Mon-Fri 1/10-1/14	7:30am-6:30pm	12:00pm-2:00pm	12:00pm-7:00pm	8:00am-4:30pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	10:00pm-6:00pm
Saturday 1/15	12:00pm-4:00pm	12:30pm-2:30pm	12:00pm-5:00pm	9:30am-12:00am	CLOSED	12:00pm-6:00pm	12:00pm-4:00pm
Sunday 1/16	2:00pm-10:00pm	3:00pm-6:00pm	12:00pm-5:00pm	9:30am-2:00am	CLOSED	12:00pm-8:00pm	12:00pm-6:00pm
Monday 1/17	7:30am-11:30pm	12:00pm-2:00pm	2:00pm-11:00pm	7:00am-2:00am	CLOSED	12:00pm-8:00pm	10:00pm-6:00pm

- Archbold Gym basketball court will be closed Sunday, January 2 - Saturday, January 8 for floor refinishing.
- Flanagan Gym basketball courts will be closed Sunday, January 9 - Friday, January 14 for floor refinishing.
- Saturday, January 8 and Sunday, January 9 open recreational swim will be held at Sibley Pool.
- The Brockway Fitness Center will be closed Sunday, December 12 - Sunday, January 16.
- Tennity Ice Skating Pavilion will be closed on Monday, January 3.
- Goldstein Fitness Center will be CLOSED on Sunday, December 19 and Monday, January 3.

Regular Hours Resume on Tuesday, January 18

Lake Placid Flyer



Ride the Bobsled and Skeleton

- LAKE PLACID DAYTRIP -

Saturday February 12, 2011

\$50.00 for SU/ESF Undergraduate Students

(\$110.00 for All Other SU/ESF ID card holders)

Price Includes:

- A ride on the Bobsled and the Skeleton
- Gondola ride to the top of Whiteface Mountain
- Entrance to the Olympic Ski Jumping Complex
- Boxed Lunch
- Entrance to 1932 and 1980 Winter Olympic Museum
- Roundtrip Transportation (Luxury Motor Coach)
- Free time in Lake Placid

(Limited to the first 50 participants to register and pay)



Register and pay online at:

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

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

<http://outdoored.syr.edu>

SNOW TUBING

Snow Tubing!

When: Sunday, January 30

12:30pm – 4:30pm

Where: Four Seasons Ski Center

(Bus departs from SU's College Place)

Price: \$5.00 for SU Undergraduate Students

\$10.00 for all other SU and ESF ID holders



To register for this trip, please visit:

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



This program is sponsored in part by the Syracuse University Undergraduate Co-Curricular Fee

Aqua Fitness Class

Mini Aqua Fitness Class



Dates: January 4, 5, 6, 10 & 11

What: Shallow & Deep Water

Where: Webster Pool

Time: 11:00AM

Cost: \$10.00

**Sign Up and Pay in the Recreation Office,
241 Archbold Gym**

Minimum # of participants: 15

Maximum # of participants: 30

Water shoes required

SKIING OR SNOWBOARDING



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AT TOGGENBURG MOUNTAIN WINTER SPORTS CENTER

Choose your Six Week Package:

FRIDAY OR SATURDAY NIGHTS from 5:00pm - 10:00pm




Six week program starts

JANUARY 21 and 22, 2011

(Space is limited to the first 250 paid participants)

6 WEEK PACKAGE INCLUDES:

Lift Ticket / Transportation / Weekly One-Hour Lessons
Snowboard / Skis / Poles / Boot Rentals (as per pricing structure)

PROGRAM PACKAGE OPTIONS 	SU UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS 	ALL OTHER SU / ESF ID CARD HOLDERS 
W/NO RENTALS	\$105	\$145
W/SKI RENTALS	\$165	\$205
W/SNOWBOARD RENTALS	\$195	\$235

Register and pay online before December 14 at:

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

REFUND POLICY:

BEFORE DECEMBER 14: FULL REFUND

DECEMBER 16 - JANUARY 14: REFUND MINUS \$25 SURCHARGE

AFTER JANUARY 14: NO REFUNDS (only in the case of a documented medical excuse)

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE OUTDOOR TRIP PROGRAMS

<http://outdoored.syr.edu>



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Possible Support for a CPT internship

THE MARK AND PEARLE CLEMENTS INTERNSHIP AWARDS Application Information for Award Year 2011

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The **Mark and Pearle Clements Internship Awards** are intended to enable Syracuse University students to undertake internships that would not be possible without financial help. Clements interns will usually spend one semester or summer away from the University, working under the guidance and supervision of an expert who can help them explore opportunities to link theory with practice in the world of work.

Clements Awards typically range from \$2,500 to \$5,000. There are usually several awards available each year. The award may be used to pay for internship-related travel, living expenses, and required materials, but **may not** be used to pay for salaries, stipends, or tuition.

Applicants are responsible for obtaining their own internships, and should make initial arrangements with the proposed internship site **before applying** for a Clements Internship Award. **Applicants with questions about this requirement should talk to Ronnie Jones, internship coordinator in Career Services.** Successful applicants must get confirmation of the internship offer before any money will be released to them.

Each Clements application must have the support of a Syracuse University faculty member who agrees that the proposal complements the student's academic program, and who is willing to act as Faculty/Staff Sponsor of the proposed internship. A sponsor must have knowledge and expertise in the area of the proposed internship.

Academic credit may be earned for participation in these internships, but is not required. If the internship is to carry academic credit, students are responsible for following registration procedures and for meeting the prescribed tuition costs with resources other than the Clements Award.

The awards may be used during summer or fall semesters of 2011. Internships must be confirmed no later than April 1, 2011 unless special arrangements are made through Career Services.

ELIGIBILITY:

Full-time matriculated sophomore, junior, senior and master’s level students from all schools and colleges of Syracuse University are eligible to apply for a Clements Internship Award.

Previous recipients of the Clements Internship Award may not apply.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

The following criteria will be used by the Clements Internship Awards Selection Committee when selecting recipients of these awards:

1. **Application:** Clarity, correctness and completeness of application.
2. **Creativity:** Creativity and originality of the internship plan.
3. **Educational Value:** Benefit to student as internship builds upon her/his education, and the extent to which the opportunity links theory to practice.
4. **Feasibility:** Likelihood that the internship can be arranged, confirmed, and successfully completed.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

To apply you must **upload** the following information **on Orangelink:**

- completed Data Form with identifying details related to you and to your proposed internship site;
- the detailed Internship Proposal (paragraph format)
- completed Budget Form
- current resume.

You will also need to **deliver** the following **to Career Services**, 235 Schine:

- complete academic transcript (unofficial “advising” transcript is acceptable)
- letter of support from your SU faculty or staff sponsor (Your sponsor should have considerable familiarity with your work and character and be able to speak to your ability to learn in a field setting. The letter of support should contain the faculty member’s views on the significance of the proposed internship to your academic program.)

You may also submit supplemental materials such as additional recommendations or fuller descriptions of the internship organization (or supervising individual).

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

All material must be submitted by **Tuesday, January 25, 2011.**

All materials except transcript and letter(s) of support must be submitted online through the OrangeLink system by the deadline date. Other materials should be directed to:

Rhona Lee Jones, Internship Coordinator
Syracuse University Center for Career Services
235 Schine Student Center
Syracuse, NY 13244

For more information contact Ronnie at rljones@syr.edu, or 315-443-3616

Campus Shuttle Service



800.231.2222 • greyhound.com



800.858.8555 • trailwaysny.com

Campus Shuttle Service to Syracuse Transportation Center Starting Nov. 5th

**Departing from Schine Student Center
on Waverly Avenue**

(Located across from the University Sheraton parking garage).

Departures:

Fri and Sun only: 11:45am

Friday Only: 1:30pm and 4:00pm

**Sunday Campus return on selected
schedules from New York and
Philadelphia**

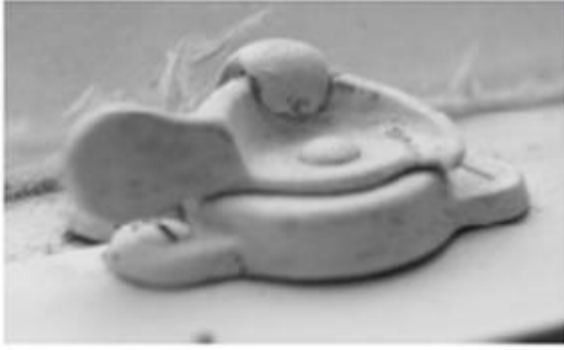
www.greyhound.com

Inquire Syracuse University Bookstore, 3rd Floor

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- Ask the post office to hold your mail until you return from break. Forms are available at www.usps.com. Complete the form and put it in your mailbox.
- Do not leave any valuable items near windows. Take valuables home with you, arrange for a neighbor to watch over your house, or store your valuables while you are away.
- If you have a security alarm, make sure you turn it on when leaving.
- Make sure beds, couches, and other flammable objects are at least 2 feet away from heat sources.
- Remove all air conditioner units from windows.
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Report all crime and any suspicious activity to:
SYRACUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CALL: 911

Information brought to you by the Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services and distributed by Adopt-A-Street organizations

Wegman's Lights on the Lake



Wednesday, November 24, 2010 - Sunday, January 9, 2011

5 - 10pm • Open Nightly except New Year's Eve

Onondaga Lake Park, Liverpool NY

Lights on the Lake is a two mile long DRIVE-THRU show featuring:

- Towering Holiday Displays
- Larger-than-Life Land of Oz
- Twinkling Fantasy Forest
- Colorful Section Arches
- Delightful Victorian Village
- Fairytale Magic Grand Finale
- Memorable Animated Scenes

Admission:

- Monday-Thursday - \$8.00 per car - *show your Wegmans Shoppers Club Card for \$2 off on Mondays and Tuesdays. Visitors with a Driver's Village or Burdick Automotive license plate frame will get \$2 off on Wednesdays.*
- Friday, Saturday & Sunday - \$12 per car

For more information, call (315) 453-6712 or email olp@ongov.net

Lights

on the

Lake

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
RECREATION SERVICES
OUTDOOR
EDUCATION PROGRAM

Ticket Prices - \$6.00
(Allows one carload of people admission)

Tickets are now available at:
The Department of Recreation Services
241 Archbold Gym 315-443-4386



Come experience the magic of *Lights on the Lake*, one of Central New York's most memorable and enjoyable holiday traditions. Come see Onondaga Lake as it is transformed into a winter wonderland full of holiday themed light displays that will leave you with lasting memories of winter in Syracuse.

Lights on the Lake is open nightly:
November 24, 2010 - January 9, 2011 from 5:00pm – 10:00pm
(except New Year's Eve)





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Graduate Student News



Events:

Jan 20–Teaching Mentor Information Session. Wednesday 9:30-10:30, Bowne Hall 218
Jan 24–Teaching Portfolio Construction Session. Monday 5-6:30pm, HL 207
Jan 25–Teaching Mentor Information Session. Tuesday 2-3pm, Bowne Hall 218
Jan 26–Teaching Mentor Information Session. Tuesday 2-3pm, Bowne Hall 218
Jan 27–Teaching Mentor Information Session. Wednesday 9:30-10:30, Bowne Hall 218
Jan 28–PD Series: "Setting the Tone of your Classroom" - Nathaniel Sullivan. Friday 12-1:30, Hall of Languages 207

Deadlines

- **Spring semester registration started on Wednesday, Nov 10th**
- Open Enrollment deadline: Friday, Nov 12th
- **All graduate students must register before Dec 17th**
- withdrawal deadline: Friday, Nov 19th
- final Grades Due. Tuesday Dec 28th
- Jan. 1– Continuing graduate students can submit their 2011-2012 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) www.fafsa.gov after January 1, 2011.
- Jan. 11– Department of Energy Computational Science Graduate Fellowship Deadline
- Jan. 12– Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) Multi-Country Fellowship Program Deadline
- Jan. 18– National Science Foundations SBE Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants Deadline
- Jan. 24– Whitaker International Fellows and Scholars Program Deadline.

[Click here for the PDF of the full newsletter](#)

from the office of enrollment management

All about graduating!

http://www.syr.edu/gradschool/em/current_whatyouneed.html

Steps for your final semester and procedures of defending a thesis or dissertation:

<http://www.syr.edu/gradschool/em/pdfs/Steps.pdf>

Thesis Format Guidelines:

<http://www.syr.edu/gradschool/em/pdfs/FormatGuidelines.pdf>

Graduation Deadlines:

<http://www.syr.edu/gradschool/em/pdf/GraduationDeadlines.pdf>

Comedy Christmas Spectacular

Thursday, December 23 · 8:00pm - 11:30pm



Syracuse's Comical Sons return! Two NYC Comedians who got their start in Syracuse NY come home for the Holidays to entertain in the place where they first did comedy!

Moody McCarthy (Corcoran '84) got his start in 1992 at the original WiseGuys Comedy Club on Erie Blvd. He immediately caught the comedy bug and started performing anytime he could. He moved to NYC in 1998 and has since been featured on Last Comic Standing, Jimmy K...immel Live, Star Search and tours the world making people laugh.

Dan Frigolette (Baldwinsville '01) talked his way into Joe DeLion's Viva Debris in 2002 as a 20 year old with an aspiration. After spending every weekend in the club he performed at the end of the summer and hasn't stopped since. Frigolette moved to NYC after Graduating from Syracuse University and started performing with Lisa Lampanelli all over the East Coast. In his time in New York he has found a knack for hosting and producing, and has created major college comedy tours, local comedy talent contests, has discovered countless comedians and most recently he created the Hoboken Comedy Festival.

Both comedians will be performing on two shows: 8pm and 10pm.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to see two hilarious comedians back in town for one night only!

Location: Jazz Central Theater, 441 East Washington Street, Syracuse, NY 13202-1915

Recycling: Doing your Bit



What Can Be Recycled?

The following items can be placed in the blue recycling bins:

PAPER

- Cardboard (please flatten)
- Newspaper & Inserts
- Magazines & Catalogs
- Junk Mail & Envelopes
- Office & School Papers (staples included)
- Cereal, Pasta & Other Food Boxes
- Pizza Boxes
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CONTAINERS

- Bottles, Jars & Cans
- Cartons
- Foils
- #5 Plastic Containers

The following items CANNOT be recycled:

- Plastic grocery bags
- Frozen food and meat trays
- Plastic bottles without a recycling symbol, or with recycling numbers 3, 4, 6 & 7
- Polystyrene (Styrofoam)
- Six pack holders and rings
- Paint cans or anything that once contained hazardous waste (pesticides, lubricants, pain, etc.)
- Broken glass, dishes or drinking glasses
- Egg cartons, paper plates, paper towels, metallic paper.
- Hardcover or paperback books.

Recycling hints:

- Need a second blue bin? If you live in a town or village, get your second bin from your highway department garage. If you live in the City of Syracuse, call 453-2866. The city will deliver a bin to you. If you live in an apartment please ask your manager.
- Please, no plastic grocery bags in the blue bin. Put your newspapers, junk mail and other paper recyclables in a paper bag. Return plastic grocery bags to your grocery store for recycling or use them to dispose of your trash.
- Please flatten all cardboard boxes. Also cut cardboard into 3 foot by 3 foot sections and place next to blue bin.
- Please throw away plastic bottle tops and caps. Do not place plastic bottle tops and caps in your blue bin.
- Please rinse food cans, aluminum foil, and baking tins to remove food particles before placing items in blue bin.

Questions? Visit www.OCRRA.org or call the Operation Separation Hotline at 453-2870

Fighting the Flu



- For more information about the flu, please see <http://www.flu.gov>.
- The latest campus information on the flu and other related matters can be found at <http://flu.syr.edu>.
- The Onondaga County Health Department site is <http://www.ongov.net/Health/SwineFlu.html>.

Flu Information: http://students.syr.edu/health/files/vis_flu_2010.pdf

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

-Syracuse University Health Services

-111 Waverly Avenue
 -Phone: 315-443-9005
 -E-mail: healthservices@students.syr.edu
 -Web: <http://flu.syr.edu>

Beat the Heating Bill Blues



Set your thermostat lower when you are not home and when you are sleeping. It takes less energy to warm up a cool house than it does to maintain a warm temperature all day and night.

Put an extra blanket on your bed and wear an extra layer to be comfortable.

Set your thermostat at 68 degrees. For every degree you set your thermostat back, you can save three percent of your annual heating costs. A change from 72 to 68 degrees could save you up to 12 percent!

Install a programmable thermostat which allows you to set up heating programs that will automatically change the thermostat's set temperature between comfort levels and energy saving levels at specified times. A programmable thermostat can save you up to 35 percent in heating costs.

Keep curtains and shades open during the day to capture warmth and closed at night to prevent heat loss through windows.

Keep doors of unused rooms closed and use a towel to eliminate drafts under doors.

If you use a space heater for extra warmth, be sure to keep it at least three feet from other objects and turn it off when you leave.

Keep your thermostat set to a temperature no lower than 55° F. **You must keep your apartment heated all winter long so that your pipes will not freeze**—even while nobody is living in the house. Frozen pipes cause extensive and expensive damage to a home's plumbing and heating systems. If you turn off your heat, you could be responsible for repairs! Also, keep in mind that using a space heater instead of central heat may not save you money and it puts you at greater risk for a fire.

If you have questions about winter heating or need tips on how to lower your bill, please contact the Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services at 315-443-5489 or offcampus@syr.edu.

Orange Orators Toastmasters Meeting



Orange Orators Toastmasters is a public speaking group open to the campus community where members come together to learn valuable communication and leadership skills while having a whole lot of fun!

The group provides a safe place to develop these skills in a mutually supportive and positive learning environment.

Guests are always welcome to come to a meeting to find out what it's all about or even join in the antics!

Also, while our meetings are always open and free for anyone to attend as a guest, membership does require an annual fee.

Tuesday, December 14th, 2010 at 12:00pm

Location : Peter Graham Scholarly Commons, Bird Library; Contact: Carolyn Rayome, cmrayome@syr.edu, 443-0293

Parking Regulations In The University Neighborhoods



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 starts at 6 p.m. on the side of the street with odd address numbers; on even dates, parking starts 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. Working collaboratively with the Syracuse Police Department, we want the campus community to know the rules so they can follow them.

" 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.

Weekly Salsa Update



Your "WEEKLY SALSA UPDATE" is organized as follows:

Sec 1) Special Notices:
- **New Music at Havana Nights THIS Friday!**
Don't miss it, this Friday's gonna be ***SUPER HOT!***
- **Notice: Roberto is combining Mon & Tues Cardio-Salsa**
Starting this coming week, Roberto will be combining his Mon and Tues Cardio-Salsa classes into the Tuesday night class. Please email him if you plan to attend at: robeaudio2001@yahoo.com
EVERY TUESDAY - Beg / Int / Adv "Cardio-Salsa & Latin Movement" with Roberto Perez
Time: 6:30 - 7:30pm ... NO experience necessary ... NO partner necessary ... Drop-ins welcome!
Where: Center Group Fitness Studio, 311B Towne Dr. Fayetteville, N.Y.
(on the opposite side of Target in Fayetteville Towne Center).
\$10 per class or 6 classes for \$42.
Learn Salsa steps, syncopations & Latin movement direct from the streets of Havana!!!

- **Los Van Van "The Rolling Stones of Cuba" ...**
will be at Toronto's The Sound Academy on Sat. Nov.27th. Formar Van Van vocalist Pedrito Calvo will be a special guest! Los Van Van is the most popular Salsa band in the history of Cuba - at the top of the charts for 30 years!
The Sound Academy, 11 Polson St., Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Doors open at 8.30pm Showtime 10pm (opening acts)
\$35.00 advance tickets \$50 at the door.
Contact our friend Javier Rivera for discounted tickets at: latinroc@gmail.com
- or - Infoline 585-857-7312. Tickets online www.ticketmaster.ca
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Sec 2) Upcoming Latin Dances:

EVERY FRIDAY - Syracuse:
La Familia's "Havana Nights Latin Dance Party"
*the **LARGEST** weekly Latin dance in the history of Syracuse!*
...with 100-150 in attendance EVERY week! Beginner dancers ALWAYS WELCOME!
* 9:30pm - 2am ... \$5 admission.
* VENUE: Johnston's Ballybay Pub/Nightclub, 550 Richmond Ave, Syracuse, [Map](#)
* DJ "la Maquina" spins CNY's finest Latin mix direct from the streets of la Habana, Puerto Rico, Colombia y todo el mundo!
* **Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Chachacha, y Timbal**
* HUGE hardwood dance floor!!!
* Off street parking, full service bar, air conditioned!
* **Beginner "Salsa Survival Lesson": 8:15-9:30pm (see Sec 3, below)**
* 17+ event...students ALWAYS welcome!
* "bridging cultures through dance...one step at a time"!!!
www.lafamiliadelasalsa.com

EVERY 1ST & 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH - Syracuse:
La Familia's Latin Night at Metro Lounge!
* Next Date: THIS Sat Nov 6th ... 9:30pm-2:00am ... \$5 ... 21+ event
* DJ "la Maquina" spins the **HOTTEST** Latin dance music from the around the world in Syracuse's **CHICEST** Nightclub!!!
* **Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Chachacha, Reggaeton Y Timbal**
* Full service bar, fully air conditioned, plenty of free off street parking.
* Walking distance from Syracuse University Campus!
* VENUE: Metro Lounge & Cafe, 505 Westcott St, Syr [Map](#)
* "bridging cultures through dance...one step at a time"!!!
www.lafamiliadelasalsa.com

SATURDAYS (except 1st Sat of the month) - Ithaca:
Noche Latina
8pm - 1am ... 21+ event ...\$5
The Oasis Dance Club, 1230 Danby Rd, Rt 96B, Ithaca NY
www.ithacaoasis.com
SATURDAYS - Rochester:
Tapa's Latin Night w Live Band
11pm - 2 am ... 21+ event ...FREE!
Tapa's Lounge, 177 St Paul St, Rochester, NY
www.tapas177.com
TUESDAYS - Ithaca:
Noche Latina
7pm - 1am ... 21+ event ...FREE!
The Oasis Dance Club, 1230 Danby Rd, Rt 96B, Ithaca NY
www.ithacaoasis.com
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Sec 3) Weekend Lessons:

EVERY FRIDAY - Syracuse:
Intoductory "Salsa Survival Class" for Beginners!
OUR MOST POPULAR CLASS taught by Brian A. Bromka, La Familia's Founder, Artistic Director & Master Instructor. To read Brian's bio, [Click Here](#)
Friday nights ... 8:15 - 9:30pm, just prior to Havana Nights Latin Dance! (see Sec 2, above)
\$7 (or \$10 for lesson + dance)
Johnston's Ballybay Pub/Nightclub, 550 Richmond Ave., Syracuse, NY, [Map](#)
Class Description: This class introduces new dancers to the wonderful world of Salsa!
..."the most FUN you will ever have on the dance floor!"
NO partner necessary, NO experience necessary!
www.lafamiliadelasalsa.com

!Important Announcements!

- Graduate students expecting to graduate this December must complete the File Diploma Request process in MySlice by established deadlines, published at <http://gradsch.syr.edu/pdfs/GraduationDeadlines.pdf> by the Graduate School. This will activate the certification process and awarding of your degree.
- Students who will be ending 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.
- 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.
- **MEETING YOUR HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

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!
- 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!
- Applied for OPT ? The SCIS Needs a Copy of Your EAD Card!
The SCIS reminds all students who have applied for OPT that once you receive your Employment Authorization Card (EAD), please "scan the front and back of your EAD card" and e-mail us a copy of it to lescis@syr.edu.
- Students who are planning to do an Internship the 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.
- **Address Change?**

All International Students and Scholars that will be moving out from the “Campus Housing” must update the US Address where you will be living during the Fall semesters via your “MySlice self-service” and select CURR address.
You must update your address immediately in order to be in compliance with the Immigration. If you do not update your addresses 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 and at Syracuse University.

You must always provide a current physical address to the SCIS in order to keep your SEVIS registration current and to maintain your lawful status. You have 10 days to inform the SCIS of any address changes or you are in violation of your status.
http://international.syr.edu/address_update_opt.htm

Full-time Course of Study

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 less than 9 credits this semester you must fill out a Certificate of Full-Time Status http://international.syr.edu/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/>

**Are You Employed This Semester?
Here's an Important Tax Tip for F-1s and J-1s!**

If you are an international student in F-1 or J-1 status who is working on campus for Fall 2010, have you examined your paychecks carefully? Here is some important information for you. The information that comes with your paycheck may show that both federal and state income tax (or just federal income tax) are being withheld from your paycheck. This is correct, since students in F-1 or J-1 status do pay federal and state income taxes on money they earn through on-campus employment. However, if your paycheck information shows that social security tax and/or Medicare tax are being withheld from your paycheck, this may be an error! F-1 or J-1 students who have been in the United States in F-1 or J-1 status for five years or less do not pay social security or Medicare tax on employment earnings authorized by federal Immigration regulations, including on-campus employment. So, if you believe a mistake has been made, speak with someone in the appropriate payroll office, and have your pay stub with you. You are entitled to a refund of any social security or Medicare tax incorrectly withheld. The rules are explained in **IRS Publication 519: US Tax Guide for Aliens**. To access a copy, go to: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p519.pdf> You need print only pages 1, 54 and 55

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.

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.

All landlords are required to maintain **electrical, plumbing, sanitary, heating and ventilating systems** in good working order. Landlords of buildings with three or more apartments must keep apartments and public areas in “good repair.” Landlords also have a duty to keep every part of a dwelling clean and free of vermin, dirt, garbage, and other offensive material.

All landlords in the City of Syracuse must maintain their premises in accordance with Syracuse Property Code. The Housing Complaint section of the Division of Code Enforcement enforces the City Code by responding to reports and complaints about housing maintenance, overgrown yards, trash and debris and disabled vehicles on private property. In addition they work with other agencies to improve residential neighborhoods.

If you have a complaint concerning the habitability or repair of your apartment, contact the Syracuse Division of Code Enforcement at **(315) 448-8695**.

If you have any questions you can call our office @ 443-5489.

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.

Cell phone Offers to SU International Students



18% off for Syracuse University Students use Discount Code [2386165](#)

- World Phones available
 - Exclusive provider of the Apple iPhone & BlackBerry TORCH
 - Competitive domestic and international plans available
 - Only domestic carrier that offers rollover minutes
 - Receive 18% off monthly voice and data plans (not prepaid)
 - Text messaging plan discounts available on select phones
- \$2 Off 200 Message Plan - Your Cost \$3
\$5 Off 1500 Message Plan - Your Cost \$10
\$5 Off Unlimited Plan - Your Cost \$15
Offer excludes iPhone Text Messaging Plans
- Prepaid service plans available
 - 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
 - Convenient and affordable calling from the U.S to over 220 countries
 - International Roaming agreements in over 100 countries, rates vary
 - For more details on International Roaming, see www.att.com/international

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>

FY 2010 H1B Updates

FY 2011 H-1B Cap Count

Cap Type	Cap Amount	Cap Eligible Petitions	Petition Target	Date of Last Count
H-1B Regular Cap	65,000	51,200		12/03/2010
H-1B Master's Exemption	20,000	18,700		12/03/2010

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

Special Registration (NSEERS)

Further security checks after initial immigration inspection are typically required for:

© Certain citizens or nationals of Iran, Iraq, Libya, Sudan and Syria, as designated by the DHA Secretary in the Federal Register.

© Males age 16-45 from Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen

©Foreign nationals of any country may be asked by a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) officer to undergo Special Registration if they feel they may be a national security threat.

If you are subject to [special registration procedures](#), **it is your responsibility to make certain that your entry and departure is documented by a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) inspecting officer, every time you leave and re-enter the U.S. (This may add a significant amount of time onto departure so please plan accordingly).**

A helpful reminder of where the pertinent NSEERS registrations may be found at the following airports in the state of New York. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-28418.htm>

Buffalo Peace Bridge POE, New York;
Cape Vincent POE, New York;
Champlain POE, New York;
Chateaugay POE, New York;
Fort Covington POE, New York;
Heart Island POE, New York;
John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK), New York;
Lewiston Bridge POE, New York;
Mooers POE, New York;
Niagara Falls, Rainbow Bridge, New York;
Newark International Airport (NEW), New Jersey;
Ogdensburg POE, New York;
Rochester-Ferry Terminal, New York;
Rouses Point POE, New York;
Seaway International Bridge/Massena POE, New York;
Thousand Islands POE, New York;
Trout River POE, New York



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 2010 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:

"The true measure of a man is his dignity in defeat and humility in victory"

~**Donald A Kitson**

"I am always doing things I can't do. That is how I get to do them."

~**Pablo Picasso**

"Regardless of how you feel inside, always try to look like a winner. Even if you're behind, a sustained look of control and confidence can give you a mental edge that results in victory."

~**Arthur Ashe**

"It doesn't matter who you are, where you come from. The ability to triumph begins with you. Always."

~**Oprah Winfrey**

"Watch your thoughts; they become words. Watch your words; they become actions. Watch your actions; they become habits. Watch your habits; they become character."

Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.”

~**Lao-Tze**

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