

Dear Students and Scholars,

On Friday, April 29, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Slutzker Center will open only for students and scholars who are attending seminars, have appointments, or otherwise have business to conduct that afternoon.

If you are attending a seminar, or otherwise need the services of the staff of the Slutzker Center, please come around the back of the building, and enter through the north side door (walk up the ramp). If you have any further questions please contact us at 315-443-2457 or via e-mail lescis@syr.edu

Walk In PT Step 2 Service

To accommodate heavy student requests at this busy time of the semester, we will have more "Walk In PT Step 2 Service" sessions starting on May 2, 2011 at the Slutzker Center:

5/2 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm

5/4 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

5/5 - 11:00am - 1:00pm

5/6 - 2:00pm - 4:00pm

5/9 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm

5/11 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

A number of advisers will be on hand to process your applications on a first come, first served basis. You may have to wait, so please bring something to read, or plan to watch television or work on the computer. We will process as many student applications as possible during the two hours. If we have more applications than we can process, we will take them in and work on them throughout the rest of the week.

Please be sure to have all documents completed and ready for advisor review. We will work diligently to see as many students as possible during this time. If you feel that your case needs personal attention or you have many questions, please call our office to schedule a regular CPT or OPT Step 2 Appointment so that your case can get the attention it needs.

We hope that this extra service will meet the needs of students who are applying for practical training. After May 15, we will resume our regular schedule of CPT and OPT Step 2 Appointments. We look forward to serving you.

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.

Travelling During the Summer?

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, 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.

Daily Travel Seminars have been scheduled until May 13, 2011.

Monday - 5:00pm

Tuesday - 12:00pm

Wednesday - 1:30pm

Thursday - 10:00am

Friday - 12:00pm

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

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 Summer/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.

Please always update your address within 10 days of your move on MySlice and/or the following link:

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

Are you planning to enter Military Service?

Many male students who are from the Republic of Korea make plans to enter the military service for their required obligation some time during their years at SU. If you are entering the Korean military service this Summer or Fall, and will not be taking classes while you are on military leave, please see an international advisor at the Slutzker Center.

Transferring out of SU?

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?

Students who will be completing their studies this May 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?

Planning to Study Abroad during the Fall 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.

English Conversation Group Meetings:

Weekly English conversation group meetings will be available on a limited base, during the summer months. Anyone wishing to take advantage of this opportunity to practice and improve their informal English conversation skills, is asked to come to the Slutzker Center to fill out the blue “Request for Assignment to a Group” form no later than **Thursday, May 12.**

Riet DeKleermaeker, coordinator English conversation program, will notify you by email about the day and time for the scheduled meetings.
Enjoy the summer months with good English conversations!



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