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- If you have trouble viewing this message, please view this email using your SYR email account. Every week we also post this SCIS Newsletter on the Slutzker Center website. <http://international.syr.edu/newsletters/index.html>
- **Happy International Women's Day!** http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Women's_Day
- **The GLACIER Tax Prep access code is now available.** (Please note CINTAX no longer exists, it has been replaced with GLACIER Tax Prep).
- Starting the first Monday in March - Life After Practical Training – changed from 2x a month (the 1st Monday & Thursday) to 1x a month – (just the 1st Monday of each month)
- There will not be a Practical Training Seminar on Wednesday, March 21, instead it will be held the following Wednesday, March 28, same time - CPT at 3:00pm and OPT at 3:45pm
- **Feeling sick? Pick up your over the counter medications at the Health Services Pharmacy. All purchases can be charged to your bursar account. Call 315-443-5691 if you want to know if your medicine is in the pharmacy. Call (315) 443-9005 if you're interested to get a flu shot ! - SU Health Services**

CPT/OPT seminars

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March 16 - CPT @ 3pm; OPT @ 3:45pm

March 28 - CPT @ 3pm; OPT @ 3:45pm

Seminars scheduled on March 9 and March 21 have been cancelled.

An advisor will be able to process your CPT or OPT on one of the days listed below:

March 8, 13, 15, 20, 22 from 10:00am - 12:00pm



F-1 students who will graduate this May 2012 and plan to apply for post-completion Optional Practical Training (OPT) are reminded that they must submit their application paperwork to the Slutzker Center, 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 completion date. The program completion date for Spring semester is May 9, 2012.

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 (EAD) in a timely manner. Currently, it is taking the USCIS Service Centers approximately 70-90 days 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 volunteering.

Free shuttle bus from the Regional Transportation Center (RTC) and Syracuse Airport for students

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The Syracuse University Student Association will be providing a free shuttle bus from the Regional Transportation Center (RTC) and Syracuse Airport for students leaving campus on Mar. 8, 9, and 10 and returning to campus on Mar. 18. The times of operations are as follows:

Thursday, March 8, 4 p.m.-10 p.m.

Friday, March 9, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Saturday, March 10, 6 a.m.-2 p.m.

Return Trip:

Sunday, March 18, 10 a.m.-11 p.m.

Buses will leave the Schine Student Center on the hour. For the return trip, buses will depart the RTC 20 minutes after the hour, Hancock Airport 30 minutes after the hour and then drop off students at the Schine Student Center. The bus will be stopping in front of the RTC and in front of North Terminal of Hancock Airport.

GLACIER Tax Prep (former CINTAX) is Now Available!

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If you were present in F-1, F-2, J-1 or J-2 status in the United States during any portion of calendar year 2011 (even for just a few days) you are required to file an income tax form with the US Internal Revenue Service (IRS), even if you didn't get paid!

The Slutzker Center will hold a Tax Seminar for international students and scholars who are considered [non-residents](#) for tax filing purposes.

Friday - March 23, 2012 (a Federal and a State representative will present at this seminar.)

Where: Maxwell Auditorium

Time: 12:30PM - 3:00PM

<http://international.syr.edu/current-students/taxes/index.html>

The Slutzker Center for International Services is pleased to announce the availability of **GLACIER Tax Prep** (formerly known as **CINTAX**) **free of charge** to Syracuse University international students, alumni, scholars and faculty. **GLACIER Tax Prep** is a web-based income tax preparation system designed exclusively for international students, scholars and faculty who file forms 1040NR EZ, 1040NR and form 8843 as Non-Residents for tax purposes. **GLACIER Tax Prep** computes and prints the required federal income tax forms, for you to send to the US Department of the Treasury via postal mail. We are pleased to offer this product, because with **GLACIER Tax Prep** you can be anywhere in the world, and as long as you have an internet connection, you can complete your tax forms.

How do I use GLACIER Tax Prep?

In order to use **GLACIER Tax Prep**, you must first be assigned a valid **GLACIER** access code (password). Please go to <http://international.syr.edu/current-students/taxes/gladier.html#637:1089:OKJx0GI-EeG40lk0fveWVw> in order to request an access code. Please answer all the questions and enter information directly into the form and submit it to us. You should receive the access code in **2-4 business days**.

There are full instructions for accessing **GLACIER Tax Prep**, at this link: <https://www.arcticintl.com/portal/forms/welcometogtp.pdf>

When asked to provide the Name, Address, and Telephone number of the Director of your academic program, you should list the dean of the school/college in which you are currently studying (i.e. School of Information Studies, School of Architecture, etc.). Please refer to the list below or on our website: <http://international.syr.edu/current-students/taxes/index.html>

Please do not enter the person's name that is indicated on your I-20 or DS-2019!

Information About The Institution That Sponsored Your Immigration Status

The IRS requires certain information about the academic institution that sponsored your immigration status. If you were associated with more than one college or university during 2011, enter the information about the LAST college or university you attended or worked. If you are not at a college or university, instead enter the information about the institution that sponsored your immigration status.

Academic Institution Details

To answer the questions below, enter information shown on your Form I-20 (if F status) about the Designated School Official.

School of Architecture Mark Robbins, Dean The Warehouse, Fayette Street Syracuse, NY 13244 (315) 443-0790	School of Information Studies Elizabeth Liddy, Dean 343K Hinds Hall Syracuse, NY 13244 (315) 443-2736	The College of Arts and Sciences George M. Langford, Dean 300 Hall of Languages Syracuse, NY 13244 (315) 443-3940	College of Law Hannah R. Arterian, Dean 440 College of Law Syracuse, NY 13244 (315) 443-9580	School of Education Douglas Biklen, Dean 230 Huntington Hall Syracuse, NY 13244 (315) 443-4751	College of Visual and Performing Arts Ann Clarke, Dean 200 Crouse College Syracuse, NY 13244 (315) 443-5889
The School of Management Melvin Stith, Dean Whitman SOM, Suite 415 Syracuse, NY 13244 (315) 443-3751	L.C. Smith College of Engineering & Computer Science Laura J. Steinberg, Dean 227 Link Hall Syracuse, NY 13244 (315) 443-4341	Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs James B. Steinberg, Dean 200 Eggers Hall Syracuse, NY 13244 (315) 443-2252	David B. Falk College of Sport and Human Dynamics Diane Lyden Murphy, Dean 119 Euclid Avenue Syracuse, NY 13244 (315) 443-5582	S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications Lorraine Branham, Dean 400 Newhouse 1 Syracuse, NY 13244 (315) 443-2302	

What about State Income Tax Forms?

GLACIER Tax Prep is designed to prepare and produce only federal non-resident forms. **GLACIER Tax Prep** does not complete state income tax forms. But you can easily prepare your New York State tax forms by reviewing the tax information on our website: <http://international.syr.edu/current-students/taxes/index.html>
NY State Taxes helpline - 1-(800)-225-5829

Happy Holi

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<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holi> Holi is an Indian festival celebrating the death of demons. It also celebrates the arrival of spring through the use of colors. Here's a video to give you a general idea of what to expect - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=li91WiDIayc>

As should be obvious, you're going to be doused in color so don't wear things that you'd rather keep clean.

[Click here for more information](#)

Traveling during Spring Break?

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Travel Seminars:

Thursday – 3:00pm

Friday – 12:00pm

Planning to travel during this Spring Break - please get your I-20 or DS-2019 signed as soon as possible!

Carry-On Baggage: Think Small, Think Smart, Think Safe

Check with the airport for the number of carry-on bags allowed.
The maximum size carry-on for most airlines is 45 linear inches.
Keep essentials such as prescriptions, personal hygiene items, passport, important documents, and valuables (jewelry or cameras) in your possession.
Plan to check more of your baggage and carry on less.
Stow heavy items under the seat in front of you, not overhead.
No oversized packages or luggage can be stored on board.
Don't assume the flight has unlimited closet space for garment bags; some may have to be checked.
Don't pack anything in a carry-on bag that could be considered a weapon (e.g., razors, scissors, knives).

Dress the Part

Avoid wearing clothing, jewelry, or other accessories that contain metal when traveling:
Jewelry (pins, necklaces, bracelets, rings, watches, earrings, body piercings, cuff links, lanyard or bow tie). Shoes with steel tips, heels, shanks, buckles or nails.
Clothing with metal buttons, snaps or studs.
Metal hair barrettes or other hair decoration.
Belt buckles.
Passengers who wear sensible clothing can reduce their chances of serious injury in the unlikely event of an emergency.
Wear clothes made of natural fabrics such as cotton, wool, denim or leather. Synthetics may melt when heated.
Dress to cover as much skin as possible.
Wear clothing that is roomy, avoiding restrictive clothing.
Wear low-heeled, leather or canvas shoes.

Other Airport Security Issues

Arrive early. Current security measures increase time needed to check in.
Do not leave your car unattended in front of the terminal.
Keep your photo identification handy.
Keep your eyes open for unattended packages and bags, and report them to authorities.
Both carry-on and checked bags are subject to being hand-searched.
Leave all valuables at home. Do not take anything with you that you cannot afford to lose.
While packing, make a list of your luggage contents to give to the airline, in case your luggage is lost.

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Sunday May 13th, 2012 9:30 A.M. Carrier Dome

<http://commencement.syr.edu/>

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got consent? t-shirts on sale in Schine Box Office



30-1. The best season in Syracuse history, the first undefeated season in the dome since 2003, and we beat the Cardinals twice in the same season for the first time ever! Thank you to the BEST ORANGE fans for a great 2011-12 Basketball season at the Dome!!



Nanhi Kali, Syracuse Chapter - An organization that works for the education of underprivileged girls in India, has entered a competition that could help it win \$5000. For this organization to win, all you need to do is click on the link below and view the entire presentation (2 mins).

<http://portal.sliderocket.com/BOFXR/Nanhi-Kali-Contest-Presentation>



[SU alum, Joe Biden, the Vice President of US, still bleeds orange after 44 years!](#)

- Syracuse University Library will officially launch the Marcel Breuer Digital Archive with an on-campus reception on **Friday, March 23, 5-7 p.m. in the Slocum Hall auditorium.**
- The SU community will rally to fight against LGBTQ bullying on March 24. "Life Gets Better Together": <http://bit.ly/yJBgnopm>
- Have you gotten your 'got consent?' shirt yet? They're available at the Schine Box Office: <http://goo.gl/93ZKY>
- **Orange Orators (Student Organizations); Tuesday, March 13th, 2012; 12:00pm to 1:00pm; Location: Peter Graham Scholarly Commons** : The Syracuse University chapter of Toastmasters, The Orange Orators of Syracuse University, meet Tuesdays from noon-1 p.m. in Bird Library. Toastmasters is a group that helps to develop and hone public speaking skills in a supportive and friendly environment.

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Connections Mentor applications!

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The "Connections" program is hiring student mentors for Fall 2012! If you are interested in helping new international students adjust to life at SU then this program is for you! Please see the attachment for details on the program and application process. You can also learn more about this program at: <http://international.syr.edu/programs-and-activities/connections-program.html>

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Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Resource Center, The Division of Student Affairs

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New to 'Quse.: Monday, March 12, 2012, 7:30pm to 9:00pm:

A weekly discussion group for all those new to the LGBT campus community! Join us for food, fun, games, and the opportunity to get to know the LGBT community at SU!.

Location: 750 Ostrom Ave.; Price: Free;

Contact: Danielle Sutton; E-Mail: dssutton@syr.edu; 443-3983

Cafe Q: Thursday, March 8, 2012; 8:00pm to 10:30pm

Fuel your Thursday night right with Cafe Q! Come back to unwind and relax at this chill coffeehouse that blends coffee, tea, music, and a quirky attitude!

Location: 750 Ostrom Ave.; Price: Free

Contact: Lauren Adamski; E-Mail: lgbt@syr.edu; 443-3983

The SU community will rally to fight against LGBTQ bullying on March 24. "Life Gets Better Together": <http://bit.ly/yJBgno>

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Spring Break Schedule 2012

	Weds 3/7	Thursday 3/8	Friday 3/9	Saturday 3/10	Sunday 3/11	Mon-Fri 3/12-3/16	Saturday 3/17	Sunday 3/18
Archbold/ Flanagan	6:30am- 11:30pm	6:30am- 11:30pm	6:30am- 7:00pm	12:00pm- 4:00pm	12:00pm- 4:00pm	7:00am- 7:00pm	12:00pm- 4:00pm	11:30am- 10:30pm
Webster Pool (Archbold)	11:30am- 2:30pm	11:30am- 2:30pm	12:00pm- 2:00pm	12:00pm- 2:00pm	12:00pm- 2:00pm	12:00pm- 2:00pm	Closed	Closed
Women's Building	5:00pm- 11:30pm	5:00pm- 11:30pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Sibley Pool (Wms. Bldg.)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Goldstein Fitness Center	7:00am- 2:00am	7:00am- 2:00am	7:00am- 9:00pm	Closed	Closed	8:00am- 4:30pm	Closed	11:00am- 2:00am
Marion Fitness Center	10:00am- 10:00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Brockway Fitness Center	8:00am- 12:00am	8:00am- 12:00am	8:00am- 12:00am	8:00am- 12:00am	8:00am- 12:00am	8:00am- 12:00am	8:00am- 12:00am	8:00am- 12:00am
Marshall Square Mall Fitness Center	7:00am- 8:00pm	7:00am- 6:00pm	11:00am- 6:00pm	12:00pm- 4:00pm	12:00pm- 4:00pm	11:00am- 6:00pm	12:00pm- 4:00pm	12:00pm- 8:00pm
Tennity Ice Pavilion	11:00am- 11:00pm	11:00am- 11:00pm	11:00am- 8:00pm	12:00pm- 8:00pm	12:00pm- 8:00pm	12:00pm- 8:00pm	12:00pm- 8:00pm	12:00pm- 10:00pm
Ernie Davis Hall Fitness Center	8:00am- 10:00pm	8:00am- 8:00pm	10:00am- 3:00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	2:00pm- 10:00pm

Regular Hours Resume on Monday, March 19

[Click here for more information on Syracuse University Recreation services news and events](#)

Healthy Monday Syracuse

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Move It Monday Fitness Class

Monday, March 12, 2012, 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Free fitness class for Move It Monday, located in the Flanagan Fitness Room.

Location: Flanagan Exercise Room; **Price: free**

Sponsoring department/organization: Healthy Monday Syracuse

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

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

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.

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 2012 academic year. If you have renewed or changed your health insurance please provide the Slutzker Center with an updated copy of it via e-mail lescis@syr.edu or in person. If you have questions, or need helping enrolling in an approved health insurance policy, please make an appointment with an adviser at the Slutzker 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?

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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/current-students/maintaining-visa-status/transfer-out.html>

Is this your last semester at SU?

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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?

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Planning to Study Abroad during the Spring/Summer 2012 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

IMMIGRATION UPDATES

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USCIS FY 2012 H-1B Cap Count

FY 2012 H-1B Cap Count

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced that it received a sufficient number of H-1B petitions to reach the statutory cap for fiscal year (FY) 2012. USCIS notified the public that November 22, 2011 was the final receipt date for new H-1B specialty occupation petitions for FY2012. USCIS will reject cap-subject H-1B petitions that arrived after November 22, 2011. H-1B petitions reached the statutory cap for the past fiscal years: (FY) 2011 on Jan. 26, 2011

(FY) 2010 on Dec. 21, 2009

(FY) 2009 on April 7, 2008

(FY) 2008 on April 2, 2007

USCIS will start accepting H-1B petitions subject to the fiscal year (FY) 2013 cap on April 1, 2012.

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

<http://www.uscis.gov/portals/site/uscis/menuitem.5af9bb95919f35e66f614176543f6d1a/?vgnextoid=4b7cdd1d5fd37210VgnVCM100000082ca60aRCRD&vgnextchannel=73566811264a3210VgnVCM1000000b92ca60aRCRD>

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 May, but who will be continuing their studies for Summer 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.

Student's with I-20s or DS-2019s expiring in May 2012 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

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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>

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>

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Housing Update : Address Change

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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

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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.

"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.

Parking Regulations In University Neighborhoods – by OCCS

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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.

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

Spring 2012 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:

"You cannot help but learn more as you take the world into your hands. Take it up reverently, for it is an old piece of clay, with millions of thumbprints on it".

~ **John Updike**

"If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change."

~ **Wayne Dyer**

"Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten".

~ **B.F. Skinner**

"The most beautiful discovery true friends make is that they can grow separately without growing apart".

~ **Elizabeth Foley**

"The only good is knowledge and the only evil is ignorance".

~ **Socrates**

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