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- Life After Practical Training Seminar was changed to the 1st Monday of each month
- 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

Effective May 7, 2012, visa applications must be submitted by mail to the Canadian Consulate in Buffalo and Detroit Back>>



Effective May 7, 2012, the Canadian visa offices in Buffalo and Detroit will no longer offer same-day non-immigrant services. Applicants for Temporary Resident Visas, Study Permits, Work Permits, Temporary Resident Permits, and Permanent Resident Travel Documents must submit applications by mail only. No cash payments will be accepted. Please see the following links for application submission and <u>fee payment</u> instructions at the Canadian visa offices in the United States: <u>Buffalo</u>, <u>Detroit</u>, <u>Los Angeles</u>, <u>New York</u>, <u>Seattle</u>, <u>Washington</u>.

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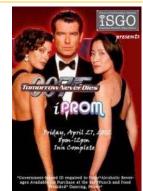


Senior fashion design students in the College of Visual and Performing Arts' Department of Design will present their collections in the annual Fashion Show. Tickets can be purchased at the Schine Box Office, 443-4517.

Location: Goldstein Auditorium, Schine Student Center

 $\textbf{Price: $30 reserved; $20 balcony; $15 balcony seating for senior citizens/students with valid ID$

Sponsoring department/organization:Fashion Design Program, College of Visual and Performing Arts ; Contact:Fashion Design Program 443-4644





(c) No refunds will be made unless because of a documented medical excuse or due to the program b

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SU students remember Dick Clark's generosity as no act

- Mario Caroli, Guest Flutist, with Masako Hayashi-Ebbesen, Piano, Sunday April 22,2012, 8pm at the Hendricks Chapel http://vpa.syr.edu/events/mario-caroli-guest-flutist-masako-hayashi-ebbesen-piano
- Hendricks Chapel Choir performs spring concert on Sunday. Click here for more information
- Chinese dating game brings touch of drama to Hendricks Chapel. Click here for more information.
- Interested in Golf Lessons?(Click here to learn more)
- <u>Orange Orators (Student Organizations)</u>; Tuesday, April 24, 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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Secretary of State Clinton to visit Maxwell School, speak at Hendricks on April 23 Back>>

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April 19, 2012

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U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton will visit the Maxwell School and the Syracuse University campus on Monday, April 23, to meet with students and then engage in a policy conversation entitled "America and the World" with Maxwell School Dean James Steinberg. Steinberg served as Clinton's Deputy Secretary of State until joining Maxwell as dean last summer.

The event at Hendricks Chapel will take place at

noon and is free and open to the public. Seating is first come, first served. The doors will open at 9:45 a.m., and guests must be seated by 11:15. All guests are subject to security screening. Backpacks and large bags are discouraged and will be subject to additional security screening.

The secretary's talk with Dean Steinberg will be streamed live at http://www.maxwell.syr.edu.

SU vs. UConn Blood Battle Back>>



Students, faculty and staff at Syracuse University and University of Connecticut will compete in the annual "Are you up for the challenge?: Give Blood" competition during the month of April, which is also blood drive month for the American Red Cross. For the third year, the competition determines which school donates the most pints of blood. UConn won the challenge in 2010; SU won in 2011. The winner is determined by the ratio of enrollment to participation. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, call 315-233-6010.

Blood drives on campus:

- April 24: Watson Hall 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- April 30: SU Schine Student Center 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Not everyone is eligible to donate blood, and blood donation is not the only way to support this event. If you are interested in volunteering, in lieu of donating blood, please call 315-233-6010 for volunteer opportunities.

E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors List

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The lists below cover employers and federal contractors enrolled in E-Verify through March 15, 2012. The federal contractors listed within self-reported that their contract has the E-Verify FAR clause. The lists contain the following:

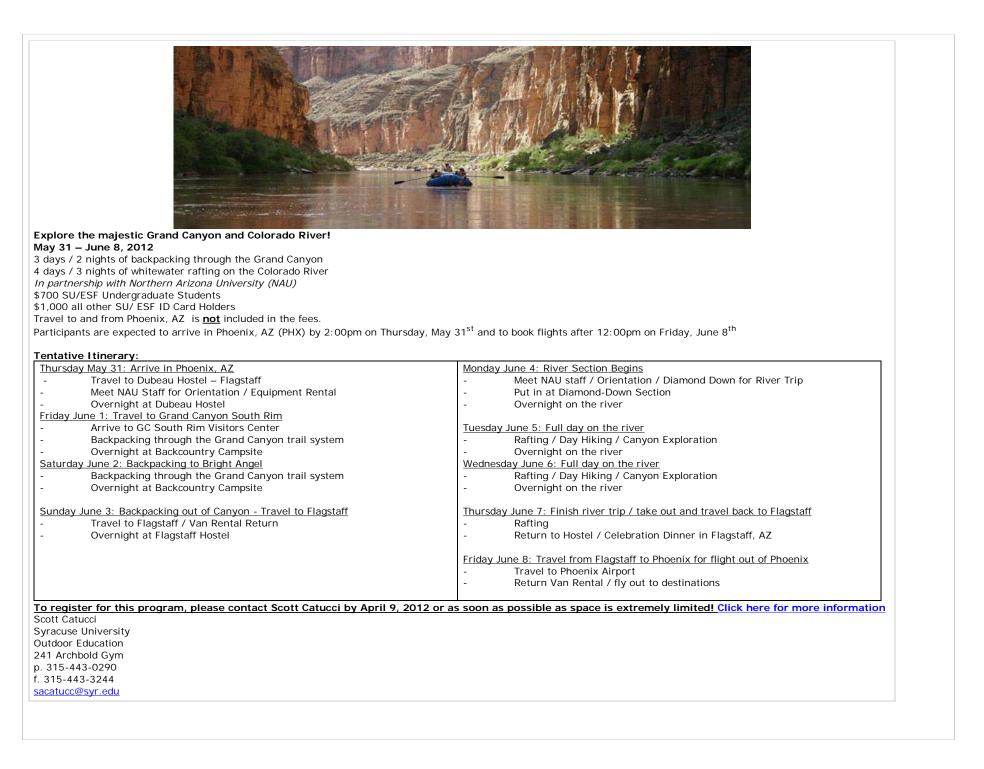
- Business name (the name which was used during registration with E-Verify, whether the legal name of the business or individual, a trade name or abbreviation)
- Federal Contractor Identifier (yes/no)
- Federal Contractor Employee verification (all new hires or entire workforce)
- Employer city, state and ZIP code used at registration
- Workforce size (five or more)
- E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors (AK-AZ) as of March 15, 2012 (XLS)
- E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors (CA-CT) as of March 15, 2012 (XLS)
- E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors (DC-MA) as of March 15, 2012 (XLS)
- E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors (MD-NJ) as of March 15, 2012 (XLS)
- E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors (NM-SC) as of March 15, 2012 (5863KB XLS)
- E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors (SD-WY) as of March 15, 2012 (XLS)

Click here for more information

Graduating? Get The Orange Album – The Official Sounds of Syracuse University Back>>



Need a SU souvenir or memorial gift? Get SU's very own Orange Album at the Bookstore or online at: http://bookweb.syr.edu/ePOS?this_category=807&store=1&listtype=begin&form=shared3%2fgm%2fmain%2ehtml&design=1# The Orange Album is a collection of songs performed by the Syracuse University Recordings House Band, Syracuse University Marching Band, the Men's Glee Club and the Drumline. Selections include the Fight Song, Alma Mater, and the Fanfare. 11 selections. For discount, group pricing or any other questions, please contact Syracuse University Recordings (Anqi Jiang: anjiang@syr.edu). Syracuse University Recordings®
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Learn how to improve connections with SU, your college, and your friends through social media!
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An adviso	or will be able to process your CPT or OPT on one of the days listed below:
April 23	- 2:00pm - 4:00pm
April 24	- 10:00am - 12:00pm
April 26	- 10:00am - 12:00pm
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- April 30 2:00pm 4:00pm
- May 1 10:00am 12:00pm
- May 3 10:00am 12:00pm

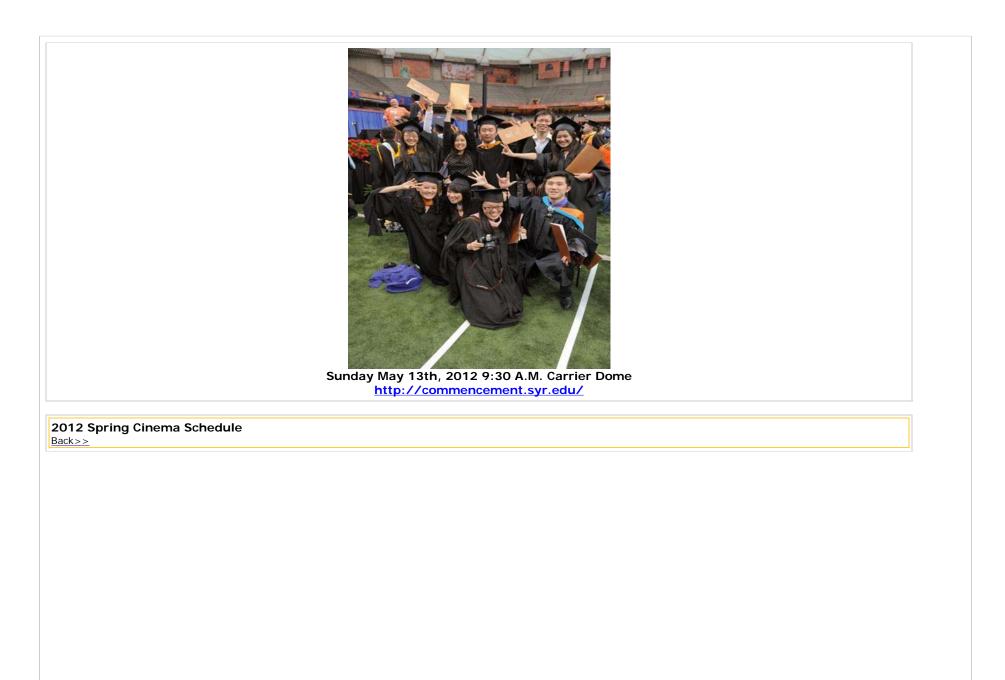


F-1 students who will graduate this May 2012 and plan to apply for post-completion Optional Practical Training (OPT) are reminded that they must submit their application paperwork to the Slutzker Center, and then send the processed documents to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) so that it is received at the USCIS <u>no later</u> 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.

Syracuse University Commencement Back>>





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

New to 'Quse_: Monday, April 23, 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

Fusion : Thursday, April 26, 2012; 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Fusion- a place for LGBT students, faculty, and staff of color to gather and celebrate the diversity within the LGBT community. Fusion is free, but please RSVP to <u>lgbt@syr.edu</u> Location: 750 Ostrom Ave.; <u>E-Mail: lgbt@syr.edu443-3983</u>

Healthy Monday Syracuse Back>>

Meditation Monday

Monday, April 23, 2012; 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Come relax and de-stress with this free meditation class. This class is located in the small chapel of Hendricks (on the lower level).

Location: Hendricks Chapel, lower level small chapel; Price: free Sponsoring department/organization: Healthy Monday Campaign Contact: Matt MacDougall; E-Mail: healthymonday@syr.edu; 443-4526

Move It Monday Fitness Class

Monday, April 23, 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: <u>healthymonday@syr.edu</u>; 443-4526

Enjoy free fitness classes at the Ernie Davis Exercise Room in Archbold Gym this Monday from 1-1:50pm courtesy of Healthy Monday, a public health initiative that encourages people to commit every Monday to the behaviors and actions that will end preventable disease in the U.S.

Schedule of classes:

Sept. 27th: Yoga	Nov. 8th: Kickboxing
Oct. 4th: Zumba	Nov. 15th: Bootcamp
Oct. 11th: Core N' More	Nov. 22nd: Pi Yo
Oct. 18th: Tai Chi	Nov. 29th: Pilates
Oct. 25th: Yoga'lates	Dec. 6th: RPM (cycle room)
Nov. 1st: Power Hour	

advanced registration required

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 <u>9 credits</u> every semester. Undergraduate students must register for at least <u>12 credits</u> every semester. Students are not required to enroll in courses during the Summer. However, **if Summer session is your** <u>first</u> **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

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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 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 <u>lescis@syr.edu</u> 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 <u>not in compliance</u> with immunization requirements defined by New York State public health law. Enrolled students found not to be in compliance risk strict administrative consequences including **inability to register**, **suspension of I.D. card privileges**, **and may be required to leave campus**.

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

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

Transferring out of SU? Back>>

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

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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 has started to accept H-1B petitions subject to the fiscal year (FY) 2013 cap as of April 1, 2012. There already have been 22,323 petitions received. FY 2013 H-1B Cap Count

Сар Туре		Cap Amount	Cap Eligible Petitions	Date of Last Count
	H-1B Regular Cap	65,000	20,600	04/13/2012
	H-1B Master's Degree Exemption	20,000	9,700	04/13/2012

For more information and latest updates on H1B Visa cap count, please visit the USCIS website.

http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.5al9bb95919135e66f61417654316d1a/?vgnextoid=4b7cdd1d5fd37210VgnVCM10000082ca60aRCRD&vgnextchannel=73566811264a3210VgnVCM100000b92ca60aRCRD

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

This is the time of year when many international students whose I-20 or DS-2019 will expire this 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: <u>http://international.syr.edu/_documents/forms/I-20_Extension.pdf</u>

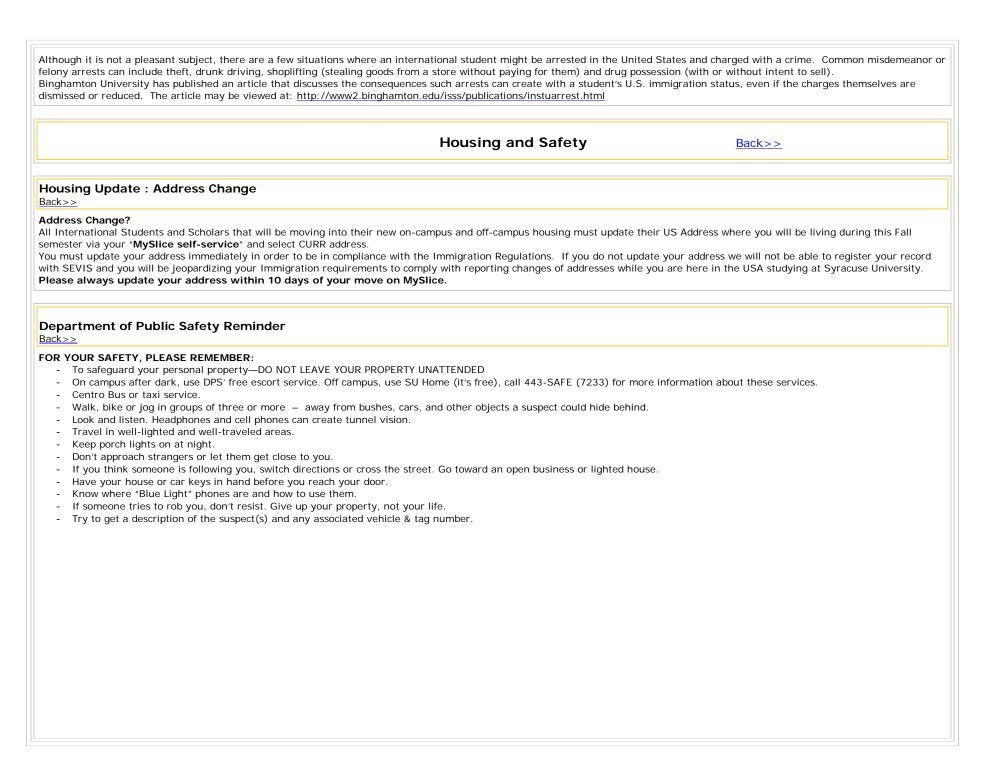
Don't Be Fooled by Copycat Immigration-Help Sites Back>>

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

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

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

International Students and Arrests Back>>





http://publicsafety.syr.edu/PublicSafety/ckfinder/userfiles/files/2011%20Clery.pdf

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:

"Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody's going to know whether you did it or not." - Oprah Winfrey

"Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterwards."

- Vernon Sanders Law

"Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one."

- Malcolm Forbes

"The more I want to get something done, the less I call it work."

- Richard Bach

"Champions are made from something they have deep inside them: A desire, a dream, a vision. They have to have last minute stamina, they have to be a little faster, they have to have the skill and will. But the will must be stronger than the skill."

- Muhammad Ali

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