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

CBP Discontinues Stamping I-20 Forms at Points of Entry

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As of Aug. 10, 2012, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) no longer provides admission stamps on Forms I-20/DS-2019 for prospective and returning international students and scholars (traveling with F, M, and J visas) seeking admission to the United States. This change makes CBP processes consistent with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service's (USCIS) recent change to stop stamping Forms I-20/DS-2019. USCIS implemented this change as part of the launch of its online immigration benefits system, USCIS Electronic Immigration System, as it transforms the agency from a paper-based system to an online environment. ([USCIS Electronic Immigration System](#))

Although placing an admission stamp on Forms I-20/DS-2019 has been a longstanding practice at CBP, it is not required. While the admission stamps on Forms I-20/DS-2019 are not indicators of lawful status or academic program duration, some state and federal benefit granting agencies have required international students and scholars to present stamped versions. State requirements vary.

If a state benefit granting agency rejects an unstamped Form I-20/DS-2019, applicants may make an appointment with USCIS online through InfoPass and take their Form I-20/DS-2019 to their local USCIS office to be stamped. ([InfoPass](#))

) This transitional step will end on Nov. 21, 2012.

International students and scholars who encounter issues with their state or federal benefit applications should continue to contact the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) at (703) 603-3400 or SEVP@dhs.gov.



EAT together FOR PEACE

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The SCIS is celebrating International Peace Day by hosting Brown Bag Lunch Discussions, Monday through Thursday, September 17 – 20, 12:00 noon to 2:00pm. [Eat Together for Peace](#) is an extension of the SU Humanities Perpetual Peace Project exploring hospitality and the arts as pathways to peace.

Schedule of events are as follows:

Monday, September 17

-The "natural resources curse" and peace building: inquiry into why developing nations that are rich in natural resources still experience no or slow growth. Guest Discussion Leader, Anna Ebers, from Estonia, Social Justice Entrepreneur and Fulbright Scholar, Ph.D. candidate, SUNY ESF

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Wednesday, September 19

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Thursday, September 20

The Slutzker Center Celebrates International Peace Day

EAT together FOR PEACE

Monday-Thursday, September 17 - 20
12-2PM

Bring Your Lunch to Slutzker at 310 Walnut Place We will provide the drinks & desserts

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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.

Let's Chat!

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[Stressed, sad, or feeling lost? Family problems, roommate difficulties, academic concerns, or financial struggles? Need to talk to someone?](#)

[Try Let's Chat!](#)

[Brief \(15-20 minutes\) confidential consultation and support on a variety of issues. Drop in and talk to a consultant for support and to find resources.](#)

[Who: Open to all SU international students](#)

[When: Slutzker Center](#)

[When: Tuesdays 3:30pm – 5:00pm](#)

[No appointments necessary!](#)



[For questions about this service, contact MJ Doh, Ph.D., or Susan Levy, LCWS, at 443-4715](#)

Off Campus 101 Program Tuesday, September 18th

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[The office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services \(OCCS\) will present an Off Campus 101 information session at SCIS Tuesday, September 18th at 7:00pm.](#)



[The sessions will address concerns such as finding an apartment, picking the right roommate, staying within your budget, and finding the right landlord, among others.](#)

[Please attend to benefit from the wealth of information that will be provided.](#)

OFF CAMPUS 101 PROGRAM Fall 2012

WHEN & WHERE

SLUTZKER CENTER
FOR INTERNATIONAL SERVICES
Tuesday, September 18th at 7:00pm

FIND OUT THE HOW TO'S OF



Finding an
apartment



Picking the
right roommates



Staying within
your budget



Finding the
right landlord

**FREE FOOD
& PRIZES!**



There will be Free Food and Prizes.

Mix-It-Up Fall Schedule

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**“Mix it Up”
FALL 2012**

**ALL Students Are Welcome Bring
a Friend and Make a Friend
Sharing
Food, Fun, & Stories
with Students from Around the
World**

FRIDAYS
August 31 September 14 September 21 September 28
Location: Shine Student Center 304
October 5 @ SCIS
Location: Slutzker Center 310 Walnut Place



RSVP IN AN EMAIL TO ELCARRAS@SYREDU (ELANE GRANGER)
Sponsor: The Slutzker Center for International Services, 310 Walnut Place

An SCIS initiative to further the Chancellor's mandate of Scholarship in Action and the Division of Student Affairs goals to Enliven Education through Engaged Citizenship and Inclusive Communities. Meets most Fridays at 5:00 P.M. Schedule for this term is available below:

- [September 14 @ Schine 304](#)
- [September 21 @ Schine 304](#)
- [September 28 @ Schine 304](#)
- [October 5 @ Slutzker Center](#)

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

[Juice Jam 2012 Sunday, September 9th](#)

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University Union Presents: [9th Annual Juice Jam Concert](#)



[With Special Guest: the Dean's List](#)
[Doors open at 12PM/Music at 1PM at Skytop Field on South Campus.](#)

[ELI Sponsored Bus Trip to Niagara Falls Sunday, September 16th](#)

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[Niagara Falls Bus Trip](#)



[Syracuse University ELI has 25 seats available for SU international students.](#)

[A \\$20 deposit will be required to hold a seat on the bus which will be returned on the bus the day of the trip.](#)



[Sign up will be in person at 700 University Ave. Room 207](#)

[Must arrive by 8:15am on Sunday, as bus will depart precisely at 8:30am and return at 7:00pm](#)

[First come, first served. More info will be distributed to students \(times, bus pick-ups, documents to bring, etc.\) when they sign up at the ELL.](#)

One World Concert Presale Begins Today

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OCTOBER 9, 2012

One World Concert

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY CARRIER DOME

Featuring

Don Was and his All-Star Band	Andy Grammer	Souad Massi	Natasha Bedingfield
Dave Matthews	Matisyahu	David Sanborn	Joanne Shenandoah
Counting Crows	Swizz Beatz	Andy Madadian	Voices of Afghanistan
Philip Phillips	Cyndi Lauper	Liel Kolet	Engelbert Humperdink
Nas	Bebe Winans	Roberta Flack	with
A.R. Rahman	Angélique Kidjo	Nelly Furtado	Whoopi Goldberg
	David Crosby	Emmanuel Jal	



[Syracuse University is offering presale tickets to SU alumni, season ticket holders, faculty, staff and athletics donors. Here is info from that email: "You are considered valued members of the SU family. As such, we are offering you an advance sale purchase opportunity for the upcoming One World Concert. This presale will be online only beginning Saturday, Sept. 8, at 10 am EDT. Prices range from \\$35-\\$55, with a limited number of \\$200 Gold Circle tickets available."](#)



The email includes a link and a passcode for those parties to buy advance tickets. There is an eight-ticket limit and Saturday's presale ends at midnight Sunday, Sept. 9.

The latest email says questions should be directed to the Carrier Dome Box Office at 888-DOMETIX (366-3849) or 443-2121.

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[If you are taking less 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](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](http://international.syr.edu/documents/forms/2008lastsemestermemo-su.pdf)

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MEETING YOUR HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Please be certain that you are currently enrolled in an approved health insurance policy for the upcoming 2012 – 2013 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!

South Asia Center Schedule of Events

 invites you to Hindi-Urdu Table Fall 2012  आप का स्वागत है! خوش آمدید Please join us for some chai and conversation. All are welcome to attend, from beginners to native speakers. Wednesday, September 5th Wednesday, September 19th Wednesday, October 3rd Wednesday, October 31st Wednesday, November 28th 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm 352 Eggers Hall MOYNIHAN @Maxwell	 Fall 2012 Speaker Series Thursday, September 13 th , 4:00 pm Maxwell Auditorium <i>Clinical Encounters and Citizenship Projects in South India</i> Lucinda Ramberg Department of Anthropology, Cornell University (Co-sponsored by Department of Anthropology) Tuesday, September 25 th , 12:30 pm 341 Eggers Hall <i>The Age of the Sickle: Postcoloniality, Culture and Maxims in Bengal</i> Anitro Majumder Department of English, Syracuse University Tuesday, October 23 rd , 12:30 pm 341 Eggers Hall <i>India: The Disposable Nation?</i> Vikash Yadav Political Science Department, Hobart and William Smith Colleges (Co-sponsored by Department of Political Science) Tuesday, October 30 th , 12:30 pm 341 Eggers Hall <i>Memory, History, Conflict and Claim: Rishabhdeo temple, Rajasthan</i> Arisha Saxena Center for Historical Research, Jawahar Lal Nehru University Tuesday, November 6 th , 12:50 pm 341 Eggers Hall <i>The ITTs and the Social Life of Caste</i> Ajanta Subramanian Department of Anthropology, Harvard University Tuesday, November 27 th , 12:30 pm 341 Eggers Hall <i>Pakistani Cinema in the 1950s</i> Hrishi Dutt Department of History of Arts & Visual Studies, Cornell University (Co-sponsored by Department of Art and Music Histories) MOYNIHAN @Maxwell
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Call for volunteers!

Westcott Street Cultural Festival

Sunday, September 16th

This year marks the 21st Anniversary for the Westcott Street Cultural Festival! This amazing neighborhood event embraces diversity and fosters a sense of community among the more than 8,000 people who gather to enjoy music and dance at the seven stages, visit the arts/crafts booths and learn about local not-for-profit agencies. It starts with the kickoff parade at noon and continuing until 6:30 PM. Community service hours range from 10:15a-8:30p.

The success of this event is highly dependent on volunteers. **Each year 100+ students from Syracuse University volunteer at the Fair.** Volunteer assignments include set up and take down of chairs and tables, monitoring street barricades, facilitating activities in Kids Korner, and responding to the needs of the performers. Sign up solo, with a friend, or even as a group!

If you would like to be an integral part of this volunteer effort, the process is simple. Just email me, Kate Hammer, with the following information and you will promptly receive an assignment based on your request.

In your email please include:

- **Name**
- **Email**
- **Phone**
- **Number of hours you would like to volunteer (between 2-8 hours)**
- **Time of day you are available (ex. morning, afternoon, evening)**
- **Name of the class, org, or club you are earning hours for- or if you're volunteering on your own**

For more information or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call. I can be reached at 315-443-3919.

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Career Forum for Japanese-English Bilingual Students

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DISCO International, organizer of the world's largest job fair for Japanese-English bilinguals, invite Japanese-English bilingual students to our upcoming Career Forums this fall.

We encourage students to register early to be fully prepared for the event.

---Los Angeles Career Forum---

Sept. 14 & 15, 2012

Loews Hollywood Hotel

* Early bird special offer ends July 31

* Special services available for participants <http://www.careerforum.net/event/la/?lang=E>

---Boston Career Forum---

Nov. 11th - 13th, 2011 (Fri. - Sun.)

Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (Boston, Massachusetts) <http://www.careerforum.net/event/bos/?lang=E>

Los Angeles/ Boston Career Forum are for anyone who is:

- Japanese-English bilingual(at minimum conversational level in

both Japanese and English)

- looking for a full-time or internship position

Companies will be holding seminars as well as interviews at their booth during the event. Some companies may give out offers by the end of the event. Registration and attending the event is free.

For online registration and more info regarding the above, please go to:

Los Angeles Career Forum:

<http://www.careerforum.net/event/la/?lang=E>

Boston Career Forum:

<http://www.careerforum.net/event/bos/?lang=E>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at cfh@careerforum.net.

We look forward to seeing you in LA and Boston!

Sincerely,

CareerForum.Net

DISCO International, Inc.

Orange Dialogue for Peace



Central New York Chapter



William and Ernest Sutzker Center for International Services
Syracuse University

Call for Applications

ORANGE DIALOGUE FOR PEACE September, 7, 8 and 9, 2012



Through the Sutzker Center for International Services & the Outdoor Education Program

Syracuse University
Division of
Student Affairs

If you have ever experienced an unresolved inter-group conflict that you would like to explore or if ethnic/ religious/territorial conflict is or was a part of your life, or if you are simply interested in fun interaction with an inclusive group of students and being part of a unique story-telling experience, then please consider participating in the Fall 2012 Syracuse University Orange Dialogue for Peace program. Participants work together in the context of fun outdoor and indoor teambuilding, and engage in student driven dialogue about the needs, concerns, fears and hopes of their present day lives, nations and societies.



Establish mutual understanding and trust, and help to lead the world to move

toward sustainable world peace and friendship.

LOOK FOR ORANGE DIALOGUE for PEACE ON FACEBOOK

We depart from College Place at 1:00pm on Friday September 7 and return on Sunday September 9th by 6:00pm

A free program, funded by the Division of Student Affairs and the CNY Fulbright Association ~ Includes:

- [Travel to Antlers Camp on Raquette Lake to spend the weekend at the SUNY Cortland Educational Center](#)
- [Indoor / Outdoor Teambuilding/High Ropes/Low Ropes/Canoeing/Kayaking](#)
- [Narrative Mediation Dialogue Sessions](#)
- [Moonlight Hike](#)
- [Lodging / Meals / Roundtrip transportation from SU to SUNY Cortland Educational Site](#)

To apply, please e-mail the following information to Elane Granger elcarras@syr.edu ~ subject line: [Orange Dialogue for Peace Application, by August 31, 2012](#)

Early Applicants will be given priority and will be notified of acceptance by e-mail

APPLICATION PROCESS

- [First and Last Name](#)
 - [Department / School / UG or Grad](#)
 - [Country of Citizenship](#)
 - [SUID / Telephone / Email](#)
 - [Fulbright Affiliation: Yes No](#)
 - [Tell us briefly why you would like to participate in this program](#)
- Questions? Email ELCARRAS@SYR.EDU
Or Call Elane Granger @ 443-2457



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There's a lot happening in downtown Syracuse the next few weeks! Check it out here:
<http://t.co/tPnCMpj6>

Syracuse Irish Festival, September 7th-8th



The Syracuse Irish Festival truly is a taste of Ireland featuring music, dance, song, genealogy, culture and children's activities.

If you're looking for a weekend packed with great Irish bands, step dancers, lectures, exhibits, workshops, food and children's activities, come to Syracuse's Irish Cultural Festival at Clinton Square, Clinton Square, 11am – 11pm. Free Admission, [click here](#) for more information.

- Some great upcoming events through the Whitman School. Be sure to visit [their calendar page](#) often for professional development opportunities, programmatic offerings, open-houses and more.
- How do you get experience if nobody will hire you without any? <http://www.cnn.com/2011/LIVING/01/12/cb.get.experience.without.any/index.html>

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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](#)

CPT/OPT seminars

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[An advisor will be able to process your CPT or OPT on one of the days listed below:](#)

[September 11](#) - 10:00am - 12:00pm

[September 13](#) - 10:00am - 12:00pm

[September 18](#) - 10:00am - 12:00pm

[September 20](#) - 10:00am - 12:00pm



F-1 students who will graduate this December 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 the fall semester is December 14, 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.

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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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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!

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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.

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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.

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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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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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Keeping Good Rental Records

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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.

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.

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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:

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

Motivational Quotes of the Week:

" Excellence is an art won by training and habituation. We do not act rightly because we have virtue or excellence, but we rather have those because we have acted rightly. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit."

- **Aristotle**

" Enter every activity without giving mental recognition to the possibility of defeat. Concentrate on your strengths, instead of your weaknesses... on your powers, instead of your problems."

- **Paul J. Meyer**

" Desire is the key to motivation, but it's determination and commitment to an unrelenting pursuit of your goal — a commitment to excellence — that will enable you to attain the success you seek. "

- **Mario Andretti**

" Successful and unsuccessful people do not vary greatly in their abilities. They vary in their desires to reach their potential."

- **John Maxwell**

" Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm."

- **Winston Churchill**

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