



Syracuse University

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World Cup Games 2010!

The time has come again! The Slutzker Center for International Services is proud to host all World Cup Games airing on ESPN/ESPN 2 and ESPN 360 Monday-Friday from 8:00am - 4:30pm. If there is a strong interest in attending weekend games then we must know in advance and the center will work on accommodating those who are interested.

Come cheer on your favorite team with friends and don't forget your team colors! There is a no alcohol policy here at the center, but we do welcome those who want to bring along refreshments and snacks. The Games begin on June 11 and run through July 11. Most of the games are aired throughout the course of the day. We will have a schedule available of all games here at the center.

Don't miss out on one of the most exciting months in sports here at the Slutzker center!

The World Cup at the Inn Complete!



The Inn Complete will be open and showing all (but three) of the World Cup games. Please see the following link for all the dates and times: <http://foodservices.syr.edu/pdf/World%20Cup%20poster.pdf>

The Inn Complete is located on Skytop Road on South Campus

! Important Announcements!

Be A Summer 2010 Peer Assistant (PA)!



The Slutzker Center is currently looking for Peer Assistants (PAs) for Summer 2010. Peer Assistants serve as a resource for the incoming students as well as a mentor to help new students get acclimated to Syracuse University. Being a peer assistant is a great opportunity for students to gain leadership experience through many different areas as well as make connections with people from all over the world. For further details please see the attached form and read below.

Leaving the United States Permanently or Transferring Out to another school. Please read the article below.

- **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.

■ The Clock is Ticking on Some Practical Training Applications:

F-1 students who will be graduating this August 2010 and plan to apply for post-completion Optional Practical Training (OPT) are reminded that they must submit their application paperwork to the SCIS, and then send the processed documents to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) so that it is received at the USCIS no later than 60 days after their degree conferral date.

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

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

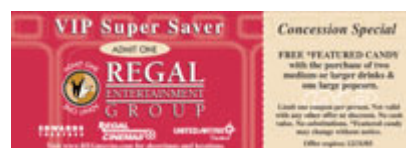
- Effective immediately, the Slutzker Center can no longer allow friends or others to submit documents to, or collect documents from, the Slutzker Center on behalf of another student. Students who are no longer in the Syracuse area may have their documents mailed to them directly from the Slutzker Center or students may, at their expense, have their documents sent via federal express. This new procedure will help assure the security and privacy of students' identity and documents. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

- **Students who will be ending their studies this July/August but have no plans to apply for practical training (F-1), academic training (J-1) or continue at a new school or in a new field or level of study (i.e. Master's, J.D., Ph.D), or seek a change of non-immigrant status must depart the United States within 60 days of their academic program end date if they are in F-1 status (see item #5 on your current I-20), or within 30 days if they are in J-1 status.**

- **Planning to Study Abroad during the Fall 2010 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.**

■ Regal Movie Tickets

The Schine Student Center Box Office offers two types of Regal Movie Tickets - both at discounted prices.



The VIP Super Saver ticket program is \$7.00 and does carry some minor restrictions during the first 12 days of selected new release films. VIP Super Saver Tickets have No Expiration Date.



The PREMIERE Super Saver ticket is \$8.00, BUT WITH NO RESTRICTIONS! Premiere Super Saver tickets are valid anytime, any show, seven days a week. Yes, even on the opening night of blockbuster films! Premiere Super Saver Tickets have No Expiration Date.

For more information visit the website: <http://students.syr.edu/boxoffice/content/regal.html>

- 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!

■ 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 \$100, or detained until your status can be verified.

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

offer letter to re-enter the United States.

The Travel Seminar - 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 1:30pm at the Slutzker Center.

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

■ **Applied for OPT? The SCIS Needs a Copy of Your EAD Card!**

The SCIS reminds all students who have applied for OPT that once you receive your Employment Authorization Card (EAD), please "scan the front and back of your EAD card" and e-mail us a copy of it to lescis@syr.edu.

■ **Students who are planning to do an Internship this Summer/Fall semester should apply for Curricular Practical Training (CPT) Please remember that you have to register for at least 1 credit for CPT.**

Curricular Practical Training Seminar (CPT) - Wednesday @ 3:00pm
Optional Practical Training Seminar (OPT) - Wednesday @ 3:45pm

■ **Address Change?**

All International Students and Scholars that will be moving out from the "Campus Housing" must update the US Address where you will be living during the Summer and Fall semesters via your "MySlice self-service" and select CURR address.

You must update your address immediately in order to be in compliance with the Immigration. If you do not update your addresses we will not be able to register your record with SEVIS and you will be jeopardizing your Immigration requirements to comply with reporting changes of addresses while you are here in the USA and at Syracuse University.

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

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For your safety, please remember...

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- If someone tries to rob you, don't resist. Give up your property, not your life.
- Try to get a description of the suspect(s) and any associated vehicle and tag number.
- IMMEDIATELY report emergencies or suspicious activities, persons and vehicles. For SU's Department of Public Safety, **dial 711** on campus or #78 (from a cell phone); for the Syracuse Police Department, **dial 911**

Your quick report may help prevent others from becoming victims.

Summer 2010 Bus Schedule

Centro is the provider of public transportation in Syracuse and throughout Onondaga, Cayuga and Oswego Counties. Centro operates a system of shuttle routes on campus under contract with Syracuse University. These are regular transit routes which Syracuse University students can board for free. Centro also operates an extensive system of bus routes connecting the Syracuse University campus to points throughout the area. Students may ride free on these routes within certain specified "free fare zones". If you wish to travel to an area outside of these zones, you must pay a fare.

http://parking.syr.edu/Parking/display.cfm?content_ID=%23%28%289%21%0A

QUESTIONS? Contact:

Parking and Transit Services
621 Skytop Road

- Phone: 443-1049
- Web: <http://parking.syr.edu>

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