New students - If you haven’t already checked in with the Slutzker Center, please remember to do so immediately.

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. However, an F-1 student can take as many online 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.

Students considering online 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.

On Wednesday, September 21, the “Connections” mentorship program traveled to downtown Syracuse to enjoy a dinner event at Dinosaur BBQ. The Connections program is designed to give first-year and transfer international students the opportunity to learn from and work with an established Syracuse student mentor to help ease the transition to academic and cultural life at SU. There are over 110 new student mentees involved in the program, and 12 mentors.

The night started out with the mentors and mentees taking the Connective Corridor bus downtown. This gave the mentees an opportunity to learn about the Connective Corridor, and how they can use this resource to get downtown to be able to eat, shop and explore there in the future. When everyone got to the restaurant, Dinosaur BBQ’s famous pulled pork, BBQ chicken, BBQ beans and vegetables were enjoyed by all. A number of students mentioned that it was great eating food outside of the dining halls! In addition to eating, the mentees that attended were able to get to know their group members better and meet the mentees and mentors from other parts of the world and campus. For instance, mentor Anna Tokar met some new mentees, and realized they are all in the same calculus class!

A Night of Food, Fun, and New Friends
By Dana Gansman
After the group had their fill of delicious Dinosaur BBQ, they took group pictures, and mingled a bit. One of mentor Eun Soon Kwon’s group members said that after attending this event she felt more confident to participate in class and make new friends. The purpose of connections is to connect... not just with your mentor group, but with people from all over the world. This event gave the members of the program exposure to other international and domestic students, and the chance to eat some of the most delicious food Syracuse, NY has to offer. As Junh Hwang a South Korean freshman in Arts and Science commented, “Gathering and eating together with mentors and students from different countries was a great experience. The food was VERY DELICIOUS, people were friendly, and downtown was beautiful.” If you are a new international freshmen or transfer student and haven’t signed up for Connections, please visit the Slutzker Center to fill out an application and join today!

Dana Gansman
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New to SU? Come and Mix it up!
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As 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 23 @ Slutzker Center for International Services
- September 30 @ Schine 304 ABC
- October 7 @ Schine 304 ABC
- October 14 @ 220 Eggers Hall
- December 1 @ Schine 304 ABC

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, MV 60 is now hosted by SCIS to bring 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.

Diversity Visa Lottery (Green Card Lottery) 2013 Announcement
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The U.S. State Department has published its announcement of the 2013 Diversity Visa Lottery. The Diversity Visa lottery (DV) is a program mandated under Section 203 (c) of the Immigration Act of 1990. The legislation makes available up to 50,000 permanent resident immigrant visas by random selection through an annual diversity visa lottery.

Natives of the following countries are not eligible to apply for the Diversity Visa Lottery because the countries sent a total of more than 50,000 immigrants to the United States in the previous five years: BANGLADESH, BRAZIL, CANADA, CHINA (mainland-born), COLOMBIA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HAITI, INDIA, JAMAICA, MEXICO, PAKISTAN, PERU, PHILIPPINES, SOUTH KOREA, UNITED KINGDOM (except Northern Ireland) and its dependent territories, and VIETNAM.

Persons born in Hong Kong SAR, Macau SAR, and Taiwan are eligible.

Changes in eligibility this year: For DV-2013, natives of South Sudan and Poland are now eligible for selection, while Bangladesh natives are now ineligible.

Entries for the DV-2013 DV lottery must be submitted electronically between noon, Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) (GMT-4), Saturday, October 4, 2011, and noon, Eastern Standard Time (EST) (GMT-5), Saturday, November 5, 2011. Applicants may access the electronic DV Entry Form (E-DV) at http://www.dvlottery.state.gov during the registration period. Paper entries will not be accepted. Applicants are strongly encouraged not to wait until the last week of the registration period to enter. Heavy duty may result in website delays. No entries will be accepted after noon, EST, on November 5, 2011.

There are no costs or fees to register for the DV program. Persons submitting entries to the 2013 lottery will see a confirmation screen at the end of the successful submission, containing your name and a unique confirmation number. You must print this confirmation screen for your records using the print function of your web browser and ensure that you retain your confirmation number. Starting May 1, 2012, you will be able to check the status of your DV2013 entry by returning to http://www.dvlottery.state.gov Entrant Status Check and entering your unique confirmation number and personal information. Entrant Status Check will be the only means of informing you of your selection for DV2013. Therefore, it is essential that you retain your confirmation number. The U.S. Department of State is unable to provide your entry confirmation number if it is lost.

Individual digital photographs of the DV applicant and his/her spouse and all children under 21 years of age must be submitted with the electronic application. The image file can be produced either by taking a digital photograph or by scanning a photographic print with a digital scanner. If an applicant does not have access to the internet, a third party can submit the application and electronic photograph on the applicant’s behalf. However, only ONE application per applicant can be submitted.

There is no fee charged for entering the Diversity Visa Lottery. The Department of State does not endorse, recommend or sponsor any information or material from outside entities. The Department is aware that websites and email have masqueraded as official Diversity Visa Lottery facilitators. Registration for the Diversity Visa Lottery through the official, U.S. government website, www.dvlottery.state.gov is free of charge and notification of winning entries are posted on the Entrant Status Check at the U.S. government website beginning May 1, 2012. ISSS-BU News subscribers are urged only to consult official U.S. government sources for information on the Diversity Visa Lottery. The lottery is a random drawing. Be suspicious of any organization that offers to increase your chances of being selected for the lottery if you pay them a fee. They are promising something that is false. Also, there is no charge to enter the visa lottery, unless you are required to pay a third party to submit the application on your behalf.

U.S. State Department's Official Instructions in English (16 page file) are available at:

Instructions in other languages are available at:
http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types_1318.html

General information on the Diversity Visa Lottery with links to other information can be found at:
http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types_1322.html
and at
http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types_1318.html

The State Department is very concerned about website fraud in relation to the Diversity Visa Lottery. Visit this web page for warnings about fraud and scammers:
http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types_1318.html

Don’t Be Fooled by Copycat Immigration-Help Sites
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Some private websites that charge to prepare immigration forms mimics 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-befooled-by-copycat-immigration.html

International Students and Arrests

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 (dealing 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

Off-Campus Housing

It is that time of year: time to begin looking for off-campus housing for the 2012-13 academic year. The rental season begins very early in Syracuse, but that does not mean that you have to sign a lease right now; you should not rush to sign a lease and should learn about off-campus housing prior to making the decision to move off-campus. A lease should not be signed until the property has been researched, roommates are confirmed, and the lease has been reviewed by Student Legal Services.

There are a number of rental units available in the University area and one of the best sources for advice and information about off-campus housing are friends and classmates. Another good place to search is Orange Housing. Orange Housing maintains a website of apartment offerings in the neighborhoods adjacent to campus. The Orange Housing website is www.orangehousing.com. It is important to keep in mind that this local company is not affiliated with Syracuse University or SUNY ESF and there are absolutely no guarantees about the quality and reliability of the information posted on the website. Orange Housing also offers roommate searches, sublet listings, and information relevant to apartment hunters. Apartment listings can also be found in the Daily Orange and at www.apartmentfinder.com.

Your first step in your apartment search is determining your needs. Important considerations include:

- Distance from campus
- How much you can afford for rent and utilities
- On or off-street parking
- Number of roommates
- Furnished or non-furnished apartment
- Length of lease
- Pets

Once you have determined your needs you will want to view two or more rentals that meet your criteria. Check out each apartment thoroughly; don’t be afraid to test faucets, doorknobs, etc. and make sure you are satisfied with the safety features available (window locks, security lights, etc.). You should talk with the current tenants about the apartment; ask about location and experiences with the landlord. Once you decide on an apartment and have done all needed research, you should have the lease reviewed by Student Legal Services.

There are a number of reliable local companies and counseling services that can help with the search and move-in process. The Off-Campus and Commuter Services (OCCS) is a resource that you should also utilize in your search for off-campus housing. OCCS staff will assist you in your search by educating you on what is needed to have a successful off-campus living experience. OCCS is available for in person assistance at 754 Ostrom Avenue, via phone at 315-443-5489, online at offcampus.syr.edu, via email at offcampus@syr.edu.

Housing 101 Seminar Schedule:

- September 26, 2011
  7:00pm, Goldstein Student Ctr. 201
- September 30, 2011
  7:00pm, Hall of Languages, 107

Syracuse University Career Services Fall 2011 events

Monday, October 3, 2011
Finance Career Fair
1:30-4:00 p.m., Flaura Grand Hall, WSOM
Click here for a list of attending organizations.

Tuesday, October 4
Accounting Career Fair
10:00-11:30 a.m., Flaura Grand Hall, WSOM
Click here for a list of attending organizations.

October 5
LCS Engineering Career Connections Fair
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Link Hall
Click here for a list of attending organizations.

Marketing Career Fair
1:30-4:00 p.m., Flaura Grand Hall, WSOM
Click here for a list of attending organizations.

Retail Career Fair
9:30-12:30 p.m., Flaura Grand Hall, WSOM
Click here for a list of attending organizations.

Career and Professional Counseling
9:30-12:30 p.m., Flaura Grand Hall, WSOM
Click here for a list of attending organizations.

September 26, 2011
Diversity in the Workplace Networking Reception
6:00-7:30 p.m., Panasci Lounge, Schine Center
Click here to RSVP and for a list of attending organizations.

Jennifer Pluta, internship coordinator in Career Services, offer 3gx&6ps to students preparing for the Local Internship Fair.
Housing Update / 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 CUIX address. You must update your address in order to comply 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.

Important Reminders

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 lewisis@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 as any checks that may be coming to you if you are leaving at the end of this semester.

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Outward Bound - Costa Rica

Program Description

PED 300: Outward bound: Costa Rica (1 credit)
March 9-17, 2012
Take your Spring Break in Costa Rica! You'll spend 8 days exploring the country by visiting ancient ruins, hiking the Irazú Volcano, whitewater rafting, exploring the rainforest tree-tops on a canopy tour, waterfall rappelling, visiting the city of San José and putting your best foot forward at surfing (or just relaxing on the beach) at the Manuel Antonio National Park.

Students will be expected to submit the short-term application and a $60 non-refundable application fee to SU Abroad by October 10, 2011. All applications will be reviewed by an admissions committee made up of Professor Catucci and a SU Abroad representative. Students will be notified of their acceptance by October 21. Upon acceptance, a $500 non-refundable deposit is required to confirm your participation in the program. This is due within 10 days. Final payment will be due December 9, 2011.

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Costs

Tuition for the course is covered as part of regular undergraduate spring semester tuition as long as you do not exceed 19 total credits. The cost for the spring break portion of the course is approximately $2,400-$2,415, and includes round trip transportation from Syracuse to Costa Rica, housing, group meals, pre-departure meeting and orientation upon arrival. It also includes all activities and services for which a separate fee is not charged. The final fee will be set once airfare and other expenses have been confirmed.

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Office of Multicultural Affairs - Latino Heritage Month
Syracuse University’s Office of Multicultural Affairs hosts Latino Heritage Month from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. From lectures to performances, luncheons, semi-formals and art exhibitions, Latino Heritage Month offers a wide range of festivities for all to enjoy.

“to enhance and expand diversity programs across campus, the Division of Student Affairs works in collaboration to present University-wide celebratory events that give students the opportunity to learn about the range of cultures on campus,” says Jossette Angelique Burgos, coordinator of mentoring and multicultural relations in the Office of Multicultural Affairs. “It is against this background that the Office of Multicultural Affairs has organized an array of events in celebration of Latino Heritage Month.”

Latino Heritage Month celebrates the cultures and traditions of U.S. residents who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico and the Spanish-speaking nations of Central America, South America and the Caribbean. It begins on Sept. 15 because it is the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on Sept. 16 and Sept. 18, respectively.

One of the most highly anticipated events of the month will take place on Sept. 23 at 9 p.m. (doors open at 8:30 p.m.) in the Schine Student Center’s Goldstein Auditorium. Comedian, film and television actor Tommy Davidson, who is best known as one of the original stars of the hit television show “In Living Color,” will kick off the evening.

Following Davidson is Frankie Negron, one of the hottest young Latino singers in the industry, who is known for weaving pop, rock, gospel music and hip-hop into salsa. Negron received two Gold Albums awards for “Con Amor Se Gana” and “No Me Compares,” and nine Top 40 Hot Latin Tracks. Tickets for the event are available at the Schine Box Office for $5 for students, $10 for general admission. Alumni tickets are available through CBT X registration.

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Latino Heritage Month is one of four heritage months that the Office of Multicultural Affairs coordinates programs for on campus. Upcoming heritage months include: Native American Heritage Month in November; Black History Month in February; and Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, nationally in May, but celebrated at SU in April to include students.

**SU Recreation Services**

**Fall 2011 Fitness Class Schedule**

Learn-to-Skate program (Recreation)

- **Monday, September 26, 7 p.m.**
  - La Liberatora del Liberator “The Woman Behind the Liberator” presented by Sigma Lambda Upsilon Sorority, Inc.
  - Place: Hattie B. Alexander Auditorium

- **Tuesday, September 27, 7:30 p.m.**
  - Marie Hinojosa Making the Invisible Visible
  - Place: Hendricks Chapel

- **Wednesday, September 28, 4 p.m.**
  - Grand Opening of La Casa Cultural Center
  - Featuring the exhibition “Las Casitas Revisited: An Urban Cultural Alternative” exhibit open until November 20th.
  - Place: The Lincoln Building, 109 Otisco Street

- **Thursday, September 29, 7 p.m.**
  - From the Kitchen to the Workplace
  - Sigma Lambda Upsilon Sorority, Inc.
  - Place: MBC Gifford Auditorium

**Move it Monday**

Move it Monday is a part of the Healthy Campus Initiative. This is a program that focuses on participation in activities that promote the various components of wellness on campus at little or no cost to the user. Various fitness classes will be offered for FREE every Monday from 1:00pm-1:50pm in the Flanagan Exercise Room on a first-come, first-served basis. The maximum enrollment for each class will vary based on the activity. Please arrive early for each class:

- **September 26 – TBA**
- **October 3 – Aqua Kickboxing**
- **October 10 – Core N' More**
- **October 17 – TBA**
- **October 24 – TBA**

**LGBT Events**

TransCuse (Social)

- **Tuesday, September 27, 2011**
  - Stop by for TransCuse, a bi-weekly discussion group for transgender-identified folks, their partners and friends. Other dates for the semester: Oct. 4 & 25, Nov. 8 & 29.
  - Contact: Lauren Adam ski; E-Mail: lgbt@syr.edu; 443-3983
The 2011 edition of "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/cellindex/userfiles/files/2011%20City.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.

MEETING YOUR HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Please be certain that you are currently enrolled in an approved health insurance policy for the upcoming 2011 – 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 health@syk.edu or in person. If you have questions, or need helping enrolling in an approved health insurance policy, please make an appointment with an advisor at the Slutzker Center, or see Louise Brown 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.

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 SCS so that your federal SEVIS record can be transferred to your new school. The Transfer Out Form and more detailed information may be found on our website: http://international.syr.edu/transfer_out.htm

Is this your last semester at SU? Back>>

Students who will be completing their studies this December 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.O., 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.

Graduation Deadline

Studying Abroad?

Planning to Study Abroad during the Spring 2011 semester? If so, please talk to an international advisor at the Slutzker Center soon. There are steps which you must take in order to insure your ability to register, suspension of I.D. card privileges, and may be required to leave campus.

Syracuse Rideshare

You share the road. Why not share your ride? Partner up when biking, driving, running, walking, busing for weekend road trips and rides for break.

Carpooling offers many benefits.

- It’s easy: Carpooling is simple, easy to do and flexible
- It’s convenient: Carpooling provides commuting convenience comparable to driving alone, but with less stress and companionship while you're commuting. Carpooling partners establish their own unique rules and arrangements that best meets the needs of their particular carpool.
- It saves you money: sharing the costs of driving and parking in these times of increasing gas prices can help you reduce your daily commuting costs. The more occupants in the vehicle the more you save.
- It’s less stressful: Commuting with others means there’s less frustration and you arrive at your job more relaxed and ready to work. If you’re not driving, you might even be able to catch up on reading, get some extra sleep or work while commuting.
- It’s better for the environment: fewer cars on the road means reduced Green House Gas emissions and improved air quality.
- It increases your available commuting options: Carpooling offers a commuter option that may work for you better than other modes. It serves people who live where transit service may be limited and may fit your work schedule better than other options.

![Important Announcements!](http://example.com/important_announcements)

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**IMMIGRATION UPDATES**

**USCIS FY 2012 H-1B Cap Count**

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

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**Housing and Safety**

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**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.

**Off-Campus Housing 101**

- Students who are planning to do an Internship the Spring semester should apply for Curricular Practical Training (CPT) Placement. Please remember that you have to register for at least 1 credit for CPT. Curricular Practical Training Seminar (CPT) – Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday @ 3:00pm and every 2nd Friday at 3:00pm.
- Optional Practical Training Seminar (OPT) - Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday @ 3:45pm and every 2nd Friday at 3:45pm.

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- 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.

**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.

**Off-Campus Housing 101**

- Students who are planning to do an Internship the Spring semester should apply for Curricular Practical Training (CPT) Placement. Please remember that you have to register for at least 1 credit for CPT. Curricular Practical Training Seminar (CPT) – Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday @ 3:00pm and every 2nd Friday at 3:00pm.
- Optional Practical Training Seminar (OPT) - Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday @ 3:45pm and every 2nd Friday at 3:45pm.
Landlord Information Sharing Program

The Landlord Information Sharing Program (LISP) is designed to provide students with a method for communicating with each other about their rental housing challenges and successes.

Process
Any Syracuse University or SUNY ESF student can file a Comment Form found on our web site at offcampus.syr.edu or in our office at 754 Ostrom Avenue. Students must clearly explain their concerns or issues in the form provided or by attaching a separate typed letter. They must use facts to describe the situation—that is the basis for their documentation—they cannot simply provide an opinion of their landlord with no supporting factual basis.

OCCS staff would also like to hear about any positive interactions that students might have with their landlords. If students have positive experiences that they would like us or other students to know about, they should send us a letter clearly explaining the interaction, using facts to describe the situation—they should not simply provide an opinion of their landlord with no supporting factual basis.

What happens when a Comment Form is filed?
OCCS staff will review all completed Comment Forms. If any include unprofessional language or are not appropriate to share with other students, it will be returned to the student with a letter explaining why. OCCS staff will forward a copy of the submitted Comment Form to the student’s landlord. The landlord may respond to the concerns or issues directly or may respond by sending a letter to OCCS. If there is a response, a copy will be mailed to the student. OCCS staff will keep a copy of all Comment Forms and landlord responses in our office at 754 Ostrom Avenue. All names, contact information, and any other identifying information will be redacted from the Comment Forms and responses. Other SU/SUNY ESP students will be able to view your Comment Form and your landlord’s response when they are searching for off-campus housing.

We encourage students viewing the landlord files to consider not only the number and type of concerns or issues raised, but the landlords’ responses to them. Please note that the views expressed in these materials are solely those of students and local property owners and not those of Syracuse University.

Sometimes your landlord may not respond to your concerns or issues, or may respond unfavorably. OCCS staff will work with you throughout the process to seek to accomplish a resolution to your problem. When appropriate, OCCS staff will refer you to agencies that are better able to assist you, such as the Syracuse Police Department, City of Syracuse Division of Code Enforcement, Conflict Mediation Center, Student Legal Services, etc.

Lease Disputes and General Landlord Complaints

If you have a disagreement with your landlord concerning either of your responsibilities, it is best to try to reach an agreement.

After reaching an agreement with your landlord in person or over the phone, follow up your discussion in writing. Include anything you or your landlord agreed to in your letter.

If a dispute still exists between you and your landlord, you may want to consult Student Legal Services (443-4532). They can provide free legal consultation ad advice about landlord-tenant issues.

You can also file a complaint against your landlord with the New York State attorney general’s office. To obtain a complaint form, call 448-4800 (ask for the Consumer Affairs Department) or 1800-771-7755 (Consumer Helpline); visit www.oag.state.ny.us (go to Consumer Issues); or contact the Office of Orientation and Off-Campus Programs.

When you file your complaint with the attorney general’s office, include a copy of your lease and copies of any correspondence you’ve had with your landlord concerning the problem.

Once you file your complaint, staff from the attorney general’s office will conduct an informal mediation session between you and your landlord, usually by phone, and provide advice for resolving the dispute.

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Pedestrian Safety Tips

Stay safe while you’re walking to campus. Here are some tips:

- Use sidewalks and paths whenever possible.
- All land must be required, and don’t stand waiting until you see the "WALK" signal.
- Walk facing traffic so you can see vehicles as they approach, and they can see you.
- Always walk in groups of three or more.
- Remember, pedestrians only have the right-of-way if a driver sees them! As a driver, it is important to be familiar with pedestrian safety laws. When a pedestrian is crossing at a crosswalk, drivers must wait until the pedestrian has completely crossed the street and has reached the other side safely.
- When making a right-hand turn at a red light, it is important to come to a complete stop and check for pedestrians crossing the street. Also remember there are many "No Right on Red" turns in the Syracuse University area.

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).
- In the event you are robbed, your insurance will cover the lost or stolen items.
- You are covered while traveling anywhere in the world.
- Your insurance protects you from the moment you step off your plane or bus until you return home.
- For further details on coverage, please contact SCIS.

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Getting Repairs Made in Your Apartment

As a tenant, you are entitled to a livable, safe and sanitary apartment. Failure to provide heat or hot water on a regular basis or to rid an apartment of insect infestation is an example of a violation of this entitlement.

All landlords are required to maintain electrical, plumbing, sanitary, heating and ventilating systems in good working order. Landlords of buildings with three or more apartments must keep apartments and public areas in "good repair." Landlords also have a duty to keep every part of a dwelling clean and free of vermin, dirt, garbage, and other offensive material.

All landlords in the City of Syracuse must maintain their premises in accordance with Syracuse Property Code. The Housing Complaint section of the Division of Code Enforcement enforces the City Code by responding to reports and complaints about housing maintenance, overgrown yards, trash and debris and disabled vehicles on private property. In addition they work with other agencies in the residential neighborhoods.

If you have a complaint concerning the habitability or repair of your apartment, contact the Syracuse Division of Code Enforcement at (315) 448-8695.

If you have any questions you can call our office @ 443-5489.

- If you return home and something looks questionable (e.g., a slit screen, broken window, or open door) do not go inside. Call the Syracuse Police Department from a safe location.
- Be sure you have blinds or curtains on your windows to discourage window break-ins. Always keep your windows secured at night and leave lights on in your rooms.
- Make a list of your valuables and record any serial numbers.
- Be sure all outdoor lighting fixtures are in working condition. Ask your landlord to make immediate repairs.
- Place items of value out of sight and in locked areas. Do not leave valuables unattended in such common areas as laundry rooms and lounges.
- Ask your landlord to maintain and trim shrubbery.

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For your safety, please remember...

- On campus after dark, use DPS' free escort service. Off campus, use SU Home (it's free); call 315-443-2224 for more information on these services. Additional options are 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.
- 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 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.

Fall 2011 Bus Schedule

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QUESTIONS? Contact:
Parking and Transit Services
611 Skytop Road
Phone: 315-443-1049
Web: http://parking.syr.edu

Motivational Quotes of the Week:

"The joy of life comes from our encounters with new experiences, and hence there is no greater joy than to have an endlessly changing horizon, for each day to have a new and different sun."
~Christopher Candles

"If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put foundations under them."
~Henry David Thoreau

"All children are artists. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up."
~Paulo Picasso

"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen."
~Winston Churchill

"The greatest mistake you can make in life is to be continually fearing you will make one."
~Elbert Hubbard

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