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**Changes to University Health Insurance Policy**

Beginning August 1, 2015, Syracuse University is making changes to the University Health Insurance Policy. All international students will be automatically enrolled in the new Health Insurance Plan on August 1, 2015. For more information about the new Health Insurance policy, please see the information [here](#).

**Travel Seminars**

Its time to start thinking about summer travel!

Attend a Travel Seminar at the Slutzker Center in order to obtain your travel signature.

We are holding additional travel seminars.

Mondays: 4/27 & 5/4 at 5 PM

Wednesdays: 5/6 at 1:30 PM

Thursdays: 4/30 & 5/7 at 12 Noon

Fridays: 4/24, 5/1 & 5/8 at 12 Noon

You must bring your passport, visa, print out of your most recent I-94, I-20/ DS-2019 form, and proof of current health insurance.



## Slutzker Center News and Events

### CPT/OPT Seminars

Processing of OPT applications at the immigration service (USCIS) can take up to 90 days. Therefore, we advise students planning to apply for OPT to apply as soon as possible.

Due to the large number of students who attend OPT/CPT Seminars in the Spring Semester, we will move these seminars to other areas on campus.

CPT Seminars begin at 3 PM and OPT begins at 3:45 PM, dates and locations listed below.

OPT and CPT processing times are on Mondays from 3 – 5 PM or Thursdays from 10 AM – Noon.

OPT/ CPT Seminars will be at the same times in Kitredge Auditorium, HBC on April 24 and 29.

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### Volunteer for Fall 2015 Graduate International Orientation

We are looking for Volunteers to assist with the Fall 2015 Orientation program for the new graduate international students arriving in August. The program is held Friday, August 20, 2015 from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM. Volunteer responsibilities include, setting up tables and chairs, setting up technology, and stamping Orientation passports. We will also host an Ice Cream Social on the night of Thursday, August 19, 2015 and some activities on Saturday, August 22, 2015 that we may need help with.

If you expect to be on campus on Friday, August 20, 2015, we could use your help! Please email Mary Idzior at [midzior@syr.edu](mailto:midzior@syr.edu) if you think you will be able to assist the Slutzker Center and the newly arriving students. We will provide details over the summer. Thank you!

### Academic Writing

Are you an international graduate student struggling with the English languages in any of the following areas?

- Academic writing in English (APA & MLA)
- Expressing ideas verbally or in writing in English
- Effective strategies for English language learning
- Appropriate use of the English language in a professional or academic setting

This summer, the Slutzker Center for International Services is offering one-on-one and group sessions for help in these areas. Sessions are available by appointment only. To request an appointment, please send an email to [psawinad@syr.edu](mailto:psawinad@syr.edu).

## Syracuse University Events

### 17<sup>th</sup> Annual A.S.I.A. Night April 26, 7 - 9 PM Skybarn (South Campus)

Asian Students in America (ASIA) is hosting their annual end of the year cultural show with talents from all across campus.

For more information, click [here](#).

## Cultural and Community Events

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Syracuse Film Spring Fest

April 25 - 26  
See schedule for times  
Palace Theatre  
2384 James St, 13206

This is a chance to view locally made and indie films by professionals, students, and those with a connection to Central New York. This film festival aims to support local filmmakers and the growing CNY film industry. You will have a chance to meet filmmakers, cast and crew.

For more information, and the full schedule, click [here](#).



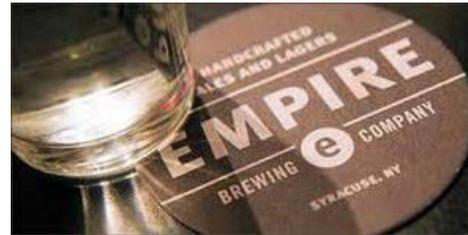
## YPAC Speakeasy 2015

April 28, 5 - 8 PM  
Empire Brewing Company  
120 Walton St, 13202

The Young Professionals Advisory Council (YPAC) Presents: Speakeasy 2015 to benefit Make-A-Wish Central New York.

Dress up in 'Roaring 20s' attire for drink, games, and fun.

Suggested donation: \$10. For more information, or to get tickets, click [here](#).



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"Experience is not what happens to you; it's what you do with what happens to you."—**Aldous Huxley**

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