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**Tax Information**

**GLACIER Tax Prep is now available for Syracuse University students.** You can request an access code by going to our [website](#). Please allow 3 – 5 business days for processing. Make sure that you type the correct information in each field on the form. Wrong information could delay getting an access code. If you have a scholarship or fellowship that is not taxable or a tax treaty you should wait until you receive you're the 1042s form from the Payroll Office. If you're not sure if you should receive this form, you can contact Payroll Office at [payroll@syr.edu](mailto:payroll@syr.edu). By law, the Payroll Office must send out these forms by March 15.

\*If you have worked on campus, your W-2 from Syracuse University is available through your MySlice.

**Form 1095-B**

Students who are enrolled in the AETNA Gallagher Syracuse University health insurance program may have received a Form 1095-B in the mail recently. This form confirms that you are maintaining ACA compliant health insurance. For many of you who do not have social security numbers, there is a place holder number in Box 2, "Social Security number." Disregard that piece of information.

F-1 students who have been here fewer than 5 years, or J-1 students who have been here fewer than 2 years, do not need this form because the U.S. federal government does not require you to prove compliance with the ACA health insurance requirement. You may keep the Form 1095-B for your records, but you do not need to report it on your tax return unless you have been here over 5 years (F-1) or 2 years (J-1).

The image shows a sample Form 1095-B, Health Coverage, for the year 2015. The form is divided into several sections:
 

- Reporting Information:** Includes fields for the filer's name, address, and contact information, as well as the recipient's name and address.
- Annual Reporting Coverage:** A section for reporting health coverage for the entire year, with checkboxes for 'Yes' or 'No' for each month.
- Other Coverage Provider:** A section for reporting health coverage from other providers, with checkboxes for 'Yes' or 'No' for each month.
- Covered Individuals:** A grid for reporting health coverage for each covered individual, with checkboxes for 'Yes' or 'No' for each month.

 The form also includes a section for 'Covered Individuals' with a grid for reporting health coverage for each covered individual, with checkboxes for 'Yes' or 'No' for each month.

## STEM OPT Update

On January 23, 2016, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia extended the time it had previously given the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to reissue the regulations providing for the STEM extension of Optional Practical Training. Initially, DHS had been given until February 12, 2016. DHS now has until May 10, 2016 to reissue STEM OPT regulations.

In response to an August 2015 court ruling dictating that the STEM extension of OPT would no longer exist after February 12, 2016 unless DHS correctly published a new regulation, DHS published a regulation on October 19, 2015 hoping to have it implemented before the February 12, 2016 deadline. The process of promulgating regulations requires time for public comment, consideration of the comments by DHS and a response from DHS. DHS received 50,500 comments to the published regulation and has realized that it is unable to read and react to the comments before the court established deadline of February 12, 2016. Therefore, DHS requested a 3 month extension (until May 10, 2016) from the court and it was granted. The Court has indicated that there will be no further extensions so the STEM regulation must be implemented before May 12, 2016 or the STEM extension of OPT will no longer exist.

In the meantime, the employment authorization of students currently authorized for the STEM extension of OPT will continue until at least May 10, 2016. Students who are eligible for the STEM extension of OPT may apply for the STEM extension until at least May 10, 2016. To be eligible for the STEM extension of OPT, you must be authorized for OPT on the basis of your program of study in a STEM field and have employment with an employer that participates in E-verify. You may apply for the STEM extension up to 120 days before the end date of your authorized OPT.

DHS requested this extension of 90 days so they must believe they can meet this deadline to publish new STEM OPT regulations. We do not know if DHS will be able to meet this deadline. We do not know if DHS will be able to implement new STEM regulations by May 10, 2016. The October 19, 2015 proposed STEM regulations provided some changes to the current STEM regulations. We do not know if the STEM regulations will be finalized as proposed in October 2015 or if DHS will further change the proposed regulation based on the comments they received. We have no information about what will happen after May 10, 2016. We will inform you of any guidance we receive.

## Slutzker Center News and Events

### Curricular/ Optional Practical Training Seminar

In order to apply for CPT or OPT you should attend a CPT/OPT Seminar before you apply. CPT/OPT seminars are held on the first and third Wednesday, and second Friday, of each month at the Slutzker Center. The CPT seminar begins at 3 PM and the OPT seminar begins at 3:45 PM.

From Wednesday, February 3 to Wednesday, March 30 CPT/OPT seminars will be held in other locations on campus. The seminar information is also available on our [website](#). Be sure to arrive early. If the seminar is full, you will have to wait to attend the next session.

Wednesdays 2/17, 3/2, 3/16, 3/30 – 500 Hall of Languages  
Fridays 2/12, 3/11, 3/25 – Kittredge Auditorium, Huntington Beard Crouse (HBC)

We process CPT/OPT on Mondays from 3PM – 5PM and Thursdays from 10AM – Noon. If you cannot attend the seminar, you must review the information on our website before you can apply for CPT/OPT. In order to apply for CPT/OPT you must have all necessary documents prepared when you arrive at the Slutzker Center for CPT/OPT processing.

### Extended Practical Training Processing Times

The Slutzker Center will have additional processing times for OPT applications in the months of February and March 2015:

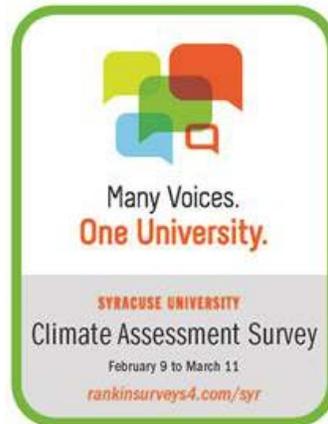
Mondays: 3 – 5 PM  
Tuesdays: 3 – 5 PM  
Wednesdays: 3 – 5 PM  
Thursdays: 10 AM – 12 Noon

To ensure the fastest processing time we recommend that you attend an OPT Seminar, follow the application process on our website and make sure you have all your documents completed with the appropriate copies together before coming in to process your OPT/CPT.

You may apply for OPT up to 90 days before your program completion date and up to 30 days following your completion date. Immigration can take 60-90 days (and is currently processing applications filed in November 2015) to process your application SO APPLY EARLY!

## Syracuse University Events

**Syracuse University  
Climate Assessment Survey**  
"Many Voices. One University."  
[rankinsurveys4.com/svr/](http://rankinsurveys4.com/svr/)



This survey is open to all SU students, faculty, and staff. Your participation is voluntary and confidential. You take the survey online on a secure website created by the project's outside consultant. It is also accessible in alternate formats and available in Spanish as well as English. It takes about 20-30 minutes to complete. Your responses will help improve the learning, living, and working environment at SU. Also, you will have the opportunity to enter to win prizes for your participation.

Please follow this [link](#) for more information, or click [here](#) to take the survey.

### **International Graduate Student Workshop Series**

#### **What Every International Student Should Know About US Employment**

**Dan Beaudry**  
**February 15, 4 -5:30 PM**  
**Maxwell Auditorium**

Dan Beaudry is the author of *Power Ties: The International Student's Guide to Finding a Job in the United States*. Most recently, he was the Campus Recruiting Manager for Monster.com. His presentation will cover information about securing an H-1B sponsorship at companies that have policies against sponsoring H-1B visas, how to discover jobs which are not advertised, the importance of human resources and the way around potential ways around it when seeking a job, and the most effective ways to submit resumes, as well as other important information about employment in the US.

**'Agents of Change'**  
**Movie Screening**  
**February 17, 6 PM**  
**CFAC Community Black Box Theater**  
**805 E Genesee St**

"Agents of Change" examines the untold story of the racial conditions on college campuses and in the country that led to protests. The film's characters were caught at the crossroads of the civil rights, black power and anti-Vietnam war movements at a pivotal time in America's history. Today, the struggle continues with the protest in and around Ferguson, Mo., and the nationwide student-led movement, including the I, Too, Am (Harvard, UCLA, Michigan, etc.) campaigns, which according to the Boston Globe lay bare the "the racial tensions on campuses today, raising questions about inclusiveness, identity and racial stereotyping."

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

## Cultural and Community Events

**Salsa Night**  
**February 11, 5:30 – 8PM**  
**Everson Museum of Art**  
**401 Harrison St, 13202**

This event features salsa music, dancing, and wine tasting. Instructor Roberto Perez will teach the basics of salsa and merengue. There will also be a guided tour of the galleries.

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

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"The citizen who criticizes his country is paying it an implied tribute" - **William Fulbright**



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