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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 the Form 1042-S from the Payroll Office. If you're not sure if you should receive this form, you can contact Payroll Office at payroll@syr.edu. By law, the Payroll Office must send out these forms by March 15.

Tax Seminar

March 4, 9 – 11 AM
Gifford Auditorium, HBC

The Slutzker Center will hold a tax seminar for international students and scholars who are considered non-residents for tax filing purposes.

At this time there will only be a representative from the Federal giving the seminar and he will address any questions you may have after the presentation. We are trying to get a representative from the State but at this time not sure they will be able to come.

Documents to bring with you to the seminar:

1. W-2 form from your MySlice.
2. W-2 form received from any other employer if you worked elsewhere in 2015 (i.e. curricular practical training)
3. Form 1040NR-EZ or 1040NR
4. Form IT-203 and IT-203B (state forms)
5. Or bring your laptop with electronic versions of the above forms

If you have not already, you should [request access \(please link to the link on our website\)](#) to GLACIER tax prep for completing your federal return. **Access requests completed by noon on Thursday, March 4, should be**

processed in time for the seminar on Friday.

If you earned a scholarship or fellowship with a stipend, tax was withheld from a non-payroll payment, or you claimed benefits of a tax treaty you should wait until you receive the 1042s form from the Payroll Office before you request an access code. If you're not sure if you should receive this form, you can contact Payroll Office at 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).

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 3/2, 3/16, 3/30 – 500 Hall of Languages
Fridays 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 or 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! If you are graduating on May 11, 2016, you are now within the 90 day period.

**Arts and Sciences Presents: Undergraduate
Pre-registration Workshops
March 9, 12 – 1:20 PM
March 10, 1 PM
Slutzker Center**

Advising and Career Services in the College of Arts and Sciences is pleased to offer the undergraduate students of CAS two pre-registration workshops, to be held on Wednesday, March 9th, from 12:00-1:30

pm, as well as Thursday, March 10th at 1:00 pm in the Slutzker Center seminar room on the first floor. All attendees will receive a Core Check Sheet, outlining their progress towards their degree. This is an opportunity to more fully understand the College's academic requirements and find out whether you are on track to graduate on time. Follow the link below to provide us with your student information and we will have your Core Check Sheet available at the meeting.

To register for a session, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events to Keep in Mind

If you plan to stay in Syracuse over Spring Break, let us know if you are interested in joining either or both of the following events.

St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 12 in downtown Syracuse. Plan to meet on campus and ride the Connective Corridor Bus downtown.

Niagara Falls

Looking for something "cool" (COLD!) to do during Spring Break?

The Slutzker Center is considering a trip to Niagara Falls on Saturday, March 19. We will leave SU early in the morning (around 7:30 a.m.), and return late in the evening (9-10 p.m.). Only a few students have indicated an interest, so if we don't have at least 25 students, we probably will not be able to go. Please let us know if you are interested. There will be a non-refundable registration fee of \$25 if we have a sufficient number of students expressing an interest by Monday, February 29. It is a beautiful place to visit, even in the winter!!! We will eat at a restaurant, see the sights, and be able to shop for souvenirs! Let us know at lescis@syrr.edu if you are interested.

Watch the SCIS News and our Facebook page in the coming weeks for more information.



Syracuse University Events

Between Us/Entre Nos
Instillation and Performance
Alexis Disselkoen
March 4, 6 PM
La Casita, 109 Otisco St, 13204

Alexis Disselkoen is a Los Angeles based artist of Mexican and Anglo descent who uses performance and installation to explore identity and belonging.

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



Indoor Challenge Course—Open Enrollment Day

March 6, 1 - 5PM

Flanagan Gym

On March 6, the course will be open to all undergraduate SU/ESF card holders. The event is free, but advanced registration is required. If you register for the event and do not attend, your Bursar Account will be charged \$25.

Instructors will guide you through the course and how to climb to the ceiling.

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

Cultural and Community Events

International Center of Syracuse Wine Tasting

March 5, 4 -6 PM

Vinomania

313 E. Willow St (Pearl St entrance) 13203

The International Center of Syracuse is hosting a wine tasting at Vinomania on Saturday, March 5th from 4 PM – 6PM as a part of our effort to build bridges across cultural and national boundaries. This is an opportunity to enjoy samples of wine, Salt City Coffee, Lune Chocolat, Smoke Incorporated BBQ and other local food; as well as a chance to learn about ICS from board members and volunteers. ICS brings groups from around the world to Central New York for educational exchanges, as well as hosting events to bring the diverse communities of Syracuse together. One dollar of every bottle sold will go to benefit the International Center of Syracuse.

Must be 21, with valid ID to attend.

For more information, click [here](#) or follow the [International Center of Syracuse](#) on Facebook.

International Women's Day

March 6, 3PM

Slutzker Center

Join us in the Celebration of International Women's Day on Sunday, March 6 at 3 PM at the Slutzker Center for International Services. Enjoy desserts, coffee and tea with music and conversations. . . in many languages!

Attendance is limited, please RSVP by March 1 to lescis@syr.edu.





Important Reminders

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"Plenty of people miss their share of happiness, not because they never found it, but because they did not stop to enjoy it."
- **William Feather**



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