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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](#).

Slutzker Center News and Events

Volunteers Needed July 14

A few undergraduate student volunteers needed on July 14 from 9 a.m. to noon....Can you help?

On July 14, secondary school counselors from around the world will be visiting the Syracuse University campus to get a better idea about why they should recommend SU to their students! The Undergraduate Admissions Office has asked for several international UG students to meet with these counselors and give them "an inside view." Please email the director of the Slutzker Center, paburak@syr.edu, if you are going to be on campus and available that morning. I will treat you to lunch afterwards if you can help us out! I look forward to hearing from you! Thanks.

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 will be held Friday, August 21, 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 20, 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 21, 2015, we could use your help! Please email Mary Idzior at 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 language 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.

No Seminars or Practical Training Processing Limited Services Tuesday, May 26 - Friday, May 29

Syracuse University, including the Slutzker Center, will be closed on Monday, May 25 for the Memorial Day Holiday. For the remainder of that week, Tuesday, May 26 to Friday, May 29, there will be no seminars (Practical Training, On-Campus Employment, or Travel) and no practical training processing. Many members of our staff will be away at a conference, so there will be limited services that week. Please note these limited functions when making plans.

Cultural and Community Events

Downtown Living Tour May 16, Noon - 6PM Pike Block Buildings 310 S. Salina St, 13202

The Downtown Living Tour highlights the diversity of residential units in downtown. The tour offers something for those looking to live downtown and those interested in historic preservation, interior design, architecture, and urban living.

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



Salt City BBQ Festival May 16, 11AM - 11PM Clinton Square W Genesee, S Clinton Streets

This is a national BBQ competition sanctioned by the Kansas City BBQ Society which also adds points to the National Jack Daniels competition. Local BBQ food vendors and live music.



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

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"One's philosophy is not best expressed in words; it is expressed in the choices one makes. . . and the choices we make are ultimately our responsibility." - **Eleanor Roosevelt**

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