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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

Remember, in order to be readmitted to the US after travel abroad, you need a travel signature from within the last 12 months on the third page of your I-20.

Travel seminars at the Slutzker Center will continue throughout the summer – the first and third Wednesday of each month at 1:30 PM and every Friday at noon.

The last of our 'extra' seminars are:

Thursdays: 5/7 at 12 Noon

Fridays: 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 valid until at least July 31, 2015.

Slutzker Center News and Events

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.

Syracuse University Events

Commencement Weekend May 9 – 10

On Saturday, May 9, 2015, Syracuse University's schools and colleges will hold celebratory Convocations to individually recognize degree candidates and to present special awards. Tickets are not needed to attend. Convocations are

followed by receptions, where students and families have the opportunity to mingle with faculty. Questions regarding Convocation seating, attire, or rehearsals should be referred to the school or college of the student's major.

[Download the 2015 Convocation Schedule here.](#)

On Sunday, May 10, Syracuse University will hold its [Commencement](#) in the Carrier Dome at 9:30 AM.



Cultural and Community Events

City Market 2015 May 10 Armory Square South Franklin and Walton Streets

Held the 2nd Sunday of each month through October along downtown's Walton St., this market will offer the finest in arts & crafts as well as antiques & collectibles.

For more information about the event and vendors, click [here](#).



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"Thinking will not overcome fear but action will." - **W. Clement Stone**

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