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Be Aware of Scams
Have you had this happen? Want to discuss it?

Recently, we have had reports of two new types of 'scams.' There have been increased accounts of students facing pressure to give strangers rides or money. There have been incidents of people simply entering a student's car and insisting that the students drive him/her somewhere. In these cases, you can say no. Giving a stranger a ride or money may seem nice, but it is often the start of a robbery. Do not put yourself in danger. If you feel uncomfortable, do not hesitate to call the police (911).

If you have been involved in this type of a situation, we would like to know. Please email lescis@syr.edu with the information or come in to meet with an advisor. Always lock your apartment and car doors. Be aware of your surroundings.

*Some students have reported receiving mysterious emails claiming to be offering a job. The emails state that the Career Center sent out the student's email, and that the company (which is not named in the email) is interested in hiring the student. If the emails does not give information about the company, it is probably a scam.

There are a number of scams which target students and especially international students. When we find out about new forms of scams, we attempt to notify you through the SCIS News. However, scams are constantly changing and becoming more unique and sophisticated. If someone is demanding money from you, we recommend that you seek advice from our office or DPS before paying them or giving them any personal information.

Slutzker Center News and Events

Still Seeking Volunteers for Fall 2016 Graduate International Orientation

We are looking for Volunteers to assist with the Fall 2016 Orientation program for the new graduate international students arriving in August.

Orientation: Friday, August 19, 2016 from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Volunteer responsibilities: setting up tables and chairs, setting up technology, and stamping Orientation passports, participating in sessions

Ice Cream Social: Thursday, August 18, 2016, 5:30 PM.

Volunteer responsibilities: Mingling with new students and eating ice cream

If you have already volunteered, we are about to make your assignment and you will hear from us shortly.

If you expect to be on campus this summer and on Friday, August 19, 2016, 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. Thank you!

Peer Assistants Needed

The Slutzker Center for International Service is recruiting Peer Assistants to join us this August.

Remember how welcomed the peer assistants made you feel when you first arrived at the Slutzker Center? Peer Assistants are unpaid volunteers who support the Slutzker Center in its mission to support and to serve Syracuse University's international student population.

You will welcome and assist students during the arrival, check-in and throughout the undergraduate orientation process.

This is a great opportunity to meet new international students, to form new friendships, build your resume and give back to the University community.

To be considered, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled at Syracuse University for at least one academic semester,
- Attend training prior to beginning the Peer Assistant work before August 8.

Peer Assistant volunteers **will be required to work a minimum of 14 hours per week** during the term(s) for which they applied.

If interested please send your request for application to Herman Veitch at hqveitch@syr.edu.

Changes to August 2016 Advisor on Call Schedule 1 - 3 PM Only

Effective Monday, August 1, 2016 through Friday, August 26, 2016, as we prepare for the arrival of our new students, we will reduce Advisor On Call(AOC) hours for walk-in questions and issues to 1 PM -3 PM only.

On Friday, August 19, 2016, there will be **no** Advisor on Call due to our Graduate International Orientation Program. If you need to see an advisor and cannot visit the Slutzker Center Monday-Friday between 1 PM and 3 PM, please make an appointment to see an advisor by calling 315-443-2457 or emailing lescis@syr.edu. Regular AOC hours will resume the week classes begin on Monday, August 29, 2016.

August 2016 CPT and OPT Seminars and Processing

The only CPT and OPT Seminars in the month of August will be Wednesday, August 3, 2016 in the Slutzker Center. The regular CPT and OPT seminars (first and third Wednesday of the month and second Friday of the month in the Slutzker Center) will resume the first week in September, on Wednesday, September 7, 2016. Extensive information about CPT and OPT can be found on the Slutzker Center website and you may view the power point presentation.

Walk-in CPT and OPT processing will end Thursday, August 4, 2016 from 10 AM -12 noon and resume the regular schedule (Monday from 3 PM-5 PM and Thursday from 10 AM-noon) the week that classes begin on Monday, August 29 from 3-5.

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