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If you are graduating this semester and or plan to attend the Commencement Ceremony in May, make sure to visit commencement.syr.edu for more information. This website has everything you need to know to prepare for graduation and Commencement Weekend for you and your family. This website also provides a form letter, which you may send to your family members if they plan to attend the Commencement Ceremony.



Slutzker Center News and Events

Does your I-20 or DS-2019 need to be extended?

Will you NOT complete your program by the program end date on your I-20 or DS-2019?

F-1 and J-1 students who will not complete their programs by the expected completion date on their I-20 forms or DS-2019 forms, must apply for extension **before** the expected completion date on their current forms. Extension request forms can be found on our website.

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 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.

Important Reminders

Full-Time Course of Study

Meeting Your Health Requirements

HR notice for on-campus employees

Is it your last semester of study?

Transferring from SU to a new U.S. school

Optional Practical Training EAD cards

Address Change Reporting Requirements

Keeping Good Rental Records

Protecting Your Property

US Embassy Announcements

Check your VISA Application Status in India

E-Verify Employers & Federal Contractors List

Copycat "Immigration Help" Sites

CPT/OPT Seminars

Studying Abroad

International Student Arrests & Public Safety





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