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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.

This year's deadline for filing your taxes is April 18, 2016.

Be Aware of Scams

An international student, who lives in a residence hall, received a phone call on her cell phone. The person started the conversation with a statement that seemed to be offering academic help, "I am calling because we understand that you are having academic problems." In fact, she is not having academic problems. The caller continued, "We know that you are from [name of country student is from] and we can help you." Then he started speaking in her language with the correct accent. He said that she had to send money to a special account and then they would help her with her academic problems.

*Of course this is a scam, and she did the right thing. She hung up the phone without saying any more to the caller. We want to know if you have had this type of phone call recently. Please email lescis@syr.edu if you have been targeted by this type of scam.

Please read the reminder below and never give money to anyone who calls you and demand money from you or makes threats.

There are a number of scammers 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.

Commencement Information

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

Changing your Program End Date

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.

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