January 28, 2022

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**Sprintax Codes Available Starting Monday, January 31st:**
ISSS has purchased Sprintax tax software to help international students and scholars to file their 2021 federal tax return. There is no personal exemption for 2021. All non-residents must file a tax return if income was earned in 2021.

Codes for Sprintax will be available on **Monday, January 31, 2022**. To obtain a Sprintax tax code, please email isss@albany.edu. Please include the following information in your email:
Beginning of Semester Events for International Students

ISSS is offering a variety of "post-Orientation" programs to start the semester. Both new and continuing students are welcome!

**Cultural Connections Welcome Event (Feb 2)**
Join Cultural Connections on Wednesday, Feb 2nd from 5-7 in the Campus Center Assembly Hall (2nd floor of the campus center). This is a great event for new students and their buddies to attend. We will play some games and refreshments will be served.

"There are Two Languages In My Head": Strategies to Navigate English Academic Writing for International Students (Feb 3)
As an international student, you have more than one language in your mind. How do you write well and communicate your ideas fluently?

Join PhD student Mary Dinh for this workshop on Thursday, February 3rd from 3-4:30pm on Zoom. Log in with your UAlbany Zoom account: https://albany.zoom.us/j/99062445881?pwd=OVBRMytGZEQzMFNVSmtekVIM0VzUT09

The Basics of Writing in an American Classroom (Feb 4)
As a follow up to Thursday's session, join this session to learn some basic tips and resources for writing in an American classroom.

Join ISSS advisor Kayla O'Donnell for this workshop on Friday, February 4 from 3-4:30pm on Zoom. Log in with your UAlbany Zoom account: https://albany.zoom.us/j/98119444963?pwd=VGtlRzlXWHM1eHY2ekxPZlhpNTBhZz09

Know Your Rights in the US (Feb 9)
What should you do if you're stopped by an immigration official or law enforcement? What if you're pulled over while driving? Which documents should you carry when traveling near the border? Learn about this and more from Immigration Attorney Seth Leech from Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP.

Wednesday, February 9th at 5pm on Zoom. Log in with your UAlbany Zoom account: https://albany.zoom.us/j/92195407087?from=addon
DHS Registration Requirements Reminders

F-1 and J-1 students must be registered full-time or on an approved reduced course load as a condition of maintaining F-1 and J-1 status. For undergraduate students 12 or more credits is full-time. For graduate students 9 or more credits is full-time.

Students may only drop below full-time registration if they have first been granted a reduced course load authorization by the ISSS office (review the reasons for a DHS reduced course load).

In order to help students maintain status, a bar will be put in place TODAY which prevents F-1 or J-1 students from dropping below full-time registration credits. This means that you will not be allowed to drop a course after that time unless you were approved for a reduced course load by ISSS. If you qualify for a reduced course load but have not yet submitted a reduced course load authorization request please do so as soon as possible. Processing times can take up to 7-9 business days, and if you submit the request late you may accrue tuition liability as a result.

If you are trying to swap classes while maintaining full-time registration please add the new course you want first and then drop the course you no longer need.

The 0% liability for dropped semester length courses ends on January 30, 2022.

While DHS flexibilities with online course loads is continuing in Spring 2022, students who began their program after March 2020 are not eligible for a fully online schedule (with or without a reduced course load).

If you have any questions please contact ISSS@albany.edu

Make Sure Your Demographic Data is Up to Date (DHS Reporting)

F-1 and J-1 students must report updates to their physical address, phone number, and email within 10 days to maintain their status. This reporting is done through the Demographic section of MyUAlbany. Please check to make sure that your information is up to date.

If you are studying outside the U.S. this term, please complete the Out of Country Reporting EForm. Your SEVIS USA address should remain your most recent physical address in the U.S.
New & Readmitted Students: Submit Your New Student Arrival Reporting EForm

If you are a new or readmitted F-1 or J-1 student who entered the U.S. using an initial I-20 or DS-2019, you are required to submit a New Student Arrival Reporting EForm. If you have not submitted that EForm yet please do so as soon as possible.

**New students:** We would like to know your impressions of the Orientation Program for New International Students. Please provide us with feedback to help us improve our future programs. Please complete the evaluation. If you have any questions, you can contact International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) at isss@albany.edu.

"Untranslatable Words"

We welcome you to watch a video project from Kaori Chen and Dr. Ineke Murakami called "Untranslatable Words."

"'Untranslatable Words' seeks to educate and spark interest in Asian and AAPI cultures. The 12-minute video’s introduction contextualizes the project in the wave of anti-Asian violence that has only increased in this third year of pandemic and deteriorating international relations between the U.S. and the P.R.C."

We welcome any Asian and AAPI students with possible phrase contributions for this project to contact Dr. Murakami (imurakami@albany.edu) and Ms. Chen (kchen3@albany.edu). Thank you for sharing your perspectives with our community.
Library Workshops for International Students (Research & Citation)

**Workshop I: Introduction to Research Process (via Zoom)**
Date and Time: February 4, Friday 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Topics: what is a research paper, steps in the research process, choosing a research topic, finding background information and articles, using library’s research databases, and hands-on exercises.

**Workshop II: What is ‘plagiarism’ all about? How to avoid it? (via Zoom)**
Date and Time: February 11, Friday 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Topics: in-text citations and bibliography; why acknowledge sources; when to cite; differences among quoting, summarizing, and paraphrasing; types of plagiarism; how to cite; tips for avoiding plagiarism; academic integrity; and group discussions.

**Workshop III: Citation Practice (via Zoom)**
Date and Time: February 18, Friday 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Topics: DOI (digital object identifier), ways of providing in-text citations, how to paraphrase.
Exercise: rewrite one passage taken from a book or a journal article in your own words and provide both in-text and full citations.

As Workshop II and Workshop III are closely related, students are strongly encouraged to attend Workshop II first.

To sign up for any of the workshop, please contact Dr. Yu-Hui Chen (ychen@albany.edu). A Zoom meeting invite will be sent to you before each workshop takes place.

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**Upcoming Events**

**Study Abroad Fair (Feb 8)**

**Mid-Year Involvement Fair (Feb 2)**
Join us for the Education Abroad fair! Invite your friends to this informational event where you can talk to Education Abroad staff and learn about global opportunities. FREE and you do not need to sign up in advance. Please join us anytime between 11am-2pm on Tuesday February 8th in the Campus Center West Expansion

You can also talk with other students about your experience as an international student. This is a great chance to represent your home and make some friends who care about traveling the world – just like you do! You do not need to prepare anything in advance. Please contact studyabroad@albany.edu with any questions.

Can't make it? No problem! Contact the Education Abroad office to schedule individual advising.

The 8th Annual Mid-Year Involvement Fair will take place on Wednesday, February 2nd from 10:00am to 2:00pm in the Lecture Center Concourse. We will feature tables from a variety of offices and departments on campus.