Summer Newsletter- May 27, 2022

The ISSS Office (and other University offices) will be closed Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day.

This summer, ISSS will be open 8am-4pm. We will offer advisement by appointment (including Zoom) on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10am-12:30pm. We will also offer walk-in hours in our office on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 12:30-3:00pm.

**ISSS Announcements:**
- Staying in the US? Report your summer address
- Students Graduating This Summer: Registration Reminders
- How to Apply for OPT
- Request a Travel Signature if Traveling this Summer
- Buddy Program- Volunteers Needed for Fall 2022!
- International Student Webinar: Getting Your First Job in the US (TODAY)
- CURCE: Undergraduates Looking for Summer or Fall Research? NEW Opportunities!

**Nearby Events:**
- Troy Night Out (May 27)
- 2022 Tulip Dig and Sale (May 28-May 29)
- Albany Symphony Orchestra's American Music Festival: Dogs of Desire (June 3)
- Movies Under the Stars! - Spider-Man No Way Home (June 3)
Staying in the US? Report your summer address

DHS requires that F-1 and J-1 students report any change to US address within 10 days of the change. If you will be living in the U.S. this summer and have changed addresses or will change addresses please remember to update your SEVIS USA address in MyUAlbany to report your current residence. Click “Read More” for more information.

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Students Graduating This Summer: Registration Reminders

If you will be a continuing student next Fall this means summer is a "vacation term" for you. This means there are no registration requirements for you this summer; you can take whichever classes (if any) you'd like to.

However, if you are graduating this summer then summer is not a vacation term for you. It is your final term. This means you must follow the normal F-1 and J-1 registration requirements (the same requirements you follow during Fall/Spring semester).

- If you will not enroll full-time this summer and will be graduating, remember to submit an authorized reduced course load for final semester of required coursework request.
- F-1 and J-1 international students who began studies after March 2020 must maintain registration in at least one non-fully online course (i.e. an in person or hybrid course).
- If you are taking courses at another institution and will be transferring them in, please speak to an ISSS advisor about concurrent enrollment requirements and whether or not your enrollment meets all requirements for maintaining F-1/J-1 status.
- If you are a graduate thesis/dissertation level student (such as PhD students enrolled in 899 during Spring 2022) who will graduate this summer additional summer enrollment is usually not required. Please check with ISSS if you have any questions.

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How to Apply for OPT

Students who graduated this Spring and planning to apply for Post-Completion OPT Work Authorization should complete the following steps as soon as possible to apply. Students graduating this summer can also file now.

**Step 1:** Watch the [required OPT workshop](#).

**Step 2:** Review [all instructions](#).

**Step 3:** Submit the EForm to ISSS with all required materials to request a new I-20 recommending OPT (see link in Step 2)

**Step 4:** File with DHS-USCIS after you receive the new I-20 recommending OPT from ISSS (see link in Step 2)

If you have questions please speak with an ISSS advisor.

USCIS processing times are currently estimated at 1.5-3 months.

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**Request a Travel Signature if Traveling this Summer**

If you are considering travel this summer, please review the current considerations and risks to decide whether or not to travel at this time. If you need help or have questions please speak with an ISSS advisor.

**If you will travel please make sure to request a travel signature on your I-20 or DS-2019 before leaving.**

Please make sure you have all documentation required to re-enter the U.S. This includes an I-20/DS-2019 with a valid travel signature when re-entering the U.S. (travel signatures for enrolled students are valid for 1 year; travel signatures for students on OPT are valid for 6 months), a valid passport (with at least 6 months validity remaining), and a valid F-1/J-1 visa; proof of full vaccination for COVID-19; and a negative COVID test or proof of recovery meeting the CDC requirements when re-entering. Students on OPT must also carry their EAD card and are highly encouraged to carry proof of employment. If your OPT is pending please speak to an ISSS advisor before traveling internationally.
Buddy Program- Volunteers Needed for Fall 2022!

**BUDDY PROGRAM FALL 2022**

Make friends and learn new cultures!
Contact isss@albany.edu for more details

Sign up today to welcome new International Students this Fall!

EARN ONE RSSW CREDIT!

ISSS is seeking current students to volunteer to be a buddy to a new international student this Fall!

To make friends, learn a new culture, and help a new member of our UAlbany international community [sign-up here](#).

Undergraduate students can also earn 1 credit of RSSW.
As an international student, you may be facing challenges securing your first job in the United States.

Career coach Kwan Segal, the founder of ICAway, will discuss ways that you can navigate barriers and take advantage of opportunities in your career development journey in the U.S.
You will receive tips and techniques that you can use to communicate with potential employers about your visa status, future sponsorship, as well as networking and career branding strategies to help you secure your first job in the U.S.

Date: Friday, May 27, 2022
Time: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET
Where: Zoom Meeting

CURCE: Undergraduates Looking for Summer or Fall Research? NEW Opportunities!

Check out the CURCE Blackboard Community Page for NEW Summer and Fall 2022 Research Opportunities in the “Research Opportunities” link:

- Biophysical Computer Simulations of RNA structure and folding
- Capital Region residential indoor air quality exposure
- Interdisciplinary Research in AI, Cognitive Science, and/or Tech Ethics, Research Assistant
- Birth and Beyond (BABY) Study, Research Assistant
- The Cognition and Language Laboratory, Research Assistant
- Microwave Remote Sensing Lab, Researchers
- Psychological Understanding of Legal System Encounters
- Visual Cognition and Eye Movements Project, Research Assistant
- Birth and Beyond (BABY) Study, Research Assistant
- Exercise: Treatment for Diabetic Cognitive Impairment and Blood-Brain Barrier Dysfunction Study, Research Assistant

To access the CURCE Blackboard Page, go to the “Community” Tab on your Blackboard dashboard and click on “CURCE” in the middle “My Organizations” box.
Troy Night Out (May 27)

When: Friday, May 27, 2022 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Where: Downtown Troy, Troy, NY 12180
Cost: FREE ADMISSION

Every Troy Night Out, the streets of downtown come alive with music and culture beckoning you to discover local businesses, art galleries, fine restaurants, and unique boutiques of all varieties. Held the last Friday of every month, Troy Night Out is the perfect time to Enjoy Troy, with specials, sales, and promotions around every corner.

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2022 Tulip Dig and Sale (May 28-May 29)

When: Saturday, May 28, 2022 until Sunday, May 29, 2022
See Below for Dates & Times
Where: Washington Park Albany, NY 12203

May 28th: Tulip Dig Begins 9 a.m. at the Moses Fountain. The City will provide tools, but please bring a garden fork (NOT a shovel) if you have one. Bulbs are $10 for a bag of 30 – 5 bags per person. The tulip dig is limited strictly to designated beds, under the direction of park staff and volunteers and ends promptly at 12:00 p.m.

May 29th: Tulip Sale Begins 9 a.m. at the Lakehouse. The remaining bulbs are first come/ first serve and are $10 for a bag of 30 – 2 bags per person. The sale is open while supplies last.

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Albany Symphony Orchestra’s American Music Festival: Dogs of Desire (June 3)

Captivating, fresh, and cutting edge, the Dogs of Desire is always a highlight of the American Music Festival. A singular concert experience featuring newly penned works by today’s most adventurous composers. Hear it here first, before the ink dries!

Hosted By: Cohoes Music Hall
When: Friday, Jun 3, 2022 7:30 PM
Where: The Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St. Cohoes, NY 12047
Cost: $42

Movies Under the Stars! - Spider-Man No Way Home (June 3)

Hosted By: Christ's Church Albany
When: Friday, Jun 3, 2022 7:30 PM
Where: SUNY Plaza, Downtown Albany, NY 12246
Cost: FREE ADMISSION

Family activities and music will begin at 7:30 pm. Movie begins at 8:00pm.

Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and get there early to get a great spot!
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