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This is the Weekly ISSS Newsletter that we send out every Friday. It includes very important immigration updates that you must be aware of, as well as information about events happening on campus and in the area.

Are you a part of a student organization and want to see your event advertised to your fellow students? Please send the details and/or flyer to ISSS@albany.edu.

**Important ISSS Announcements**
- OPT and CPT Workshop Schedule - CPT Workshop on Wednesday 9/30
- The Basics of Academic Writing in an American Classroom Workshop - Tuesday 9/29
- USCIS I-765 and Filing Fee Updates Effective October 2, 2020
- Immigration Art (Immigration Attorney) Coming Virtually on October 27th!

**Upcoming Events**
- Cultural Connections Student Organization
- Virtual Job and Internship Fairs
- JSA Language Cafe
- AdvisingPLUS Tutoring Services
- CAPS Groups- Reach out and Connect
- Virtual Let's Talk (now on Zoom!)
Interested in doing an internship while studying in the U.S.? Join our...

**CPT WORKSHOP**

**WEDNESDAY, 9/30 AT 3:30PM ON ZOOM**

EMAIL ISSS@ALBANY.EDU OR MESSAGE US FOR THE ZOOM MEETING DETAILS

Learn more about off-campus work authorization for F-1 students and the CPT application process

**ISSS will host a CPT workshop on Wednesday, 9/30/20 at 3:30pm on Zoom!**

Zoom Link: [https://albany.zoom.us/j/99831824369](https://albany.zoom.us/j/99831824369)

We encourage all students applying for OPT to attend one of the scheduled live OPT workshops on Zoom to ask questions and hear the latest information. You can find a full schedule on our website here: [https://www.albany.edu/issss/assets/OPT_CPT_Flyer_Fall_2020.pdf](https://www.albany.edu/issss/assets/OPT_CPT_Flyer_Fall_2020.pdf)

But if you want a refresher, or your schedule is packed right now, you can also view a full recording on the OPT Request instructions page of our website, click on Read More below.
You may encounter new styles, forms, and expectations for writing while studying in the U.S. Join this workshop to learn the basics and some tips for academic writing!

Tuesday, September 29th from 3:00-5:00pm EST on Zoom
Zoom Link: https://albany.zoom.us/j/95653735791

USCIS I-765 and Filing Fee Updates Effective October 2, 2020
USCIS is increasing the filing fee for several of its forms, effective October 2nd. After October 2nd, the I-765 filing fee (used for OPT and other work authorizations) will increase to $550, and the I-539 filing fee (used for changes of status and reinstatement) will increase to $390 for online filing and $400 for paper filing.

Additionally, USCIS announced this week that a new edition of the I-765 form will be released on October 2nd. Please always obtain the I-765 form directly from the USCIS website and read all instructions to ensure you're using the correct edition. You can access the USCIS by clicking Read More below. Below is USCIS’s description of which edition may be used when:

What to Know About Sending Us Your Forms I-765 and I-765WS

*If you send the 12/26/19 edition (which is the old edition):*
We will not accept this edition if it is postmarked on or after Aug. 25, 2020.

*If you send the 08/25/20 edition (which is the current edition):*
We will accept this edition if it is postmarked on or after Aug. 25, 2020.

*If you send the 10/02/20 edition (which is the new edition):*
This form has not yet published and is available in preview mode only, so you have an opportunity to see what it looks like.
We will not accept this edition if it is postmarked before Oct. 2, 2020.
This edition will be the only acceptable edition for forms postmarked on or after Oct. 2, 2020.

Immigration Art (Immigration Attorney) Coming Virtually on October 27th!
Immigration Attorney Art Serratelli is back to offer advice on employment and immigration options after F-1 status (H1b, Green Cards and more!)

**Tuesday, October 27th**

**Virtual Webinar:** 5:00pm-7:00pm on Zoom. Message or email ISSS@albany.edu for Zoom meeting details.

**Virtual 30 Minute Consultations (1 on 1):** appointments available 9:30am-12:00pm, 1:00pm-4:00pm. Email immigration.art@gmail.com your name, preferred communication contact (phone, Skype, etc...) and availability to schedule (please use email Subject Line UAlbany Consultation Request, October 27)

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Upcoming Events
Cultural Connections
Student Organization

Get involved and connect with other cultures by joining Cultural Connections! Missed their first event? That's okay, you can still contact them on Instagram @culturalconnectionsualbany

Virtual Job and Internship Fairs

The Office of Career and Professional Development will offer job and internship fair virtual sessions in September-October. For more information, contact career@albany.edu.

Guide to the Career Fairs:
https://albany.joinhandshake.com/articles/18970

Virtual Career Fairs Schedule and Registration Information:
https://albany.joinhandshake.com/events?page=1&per_page=25&sort_direction=asc&sort_column=default&type=CareerFair

AdvisingPLUS Tutoring Services

A+ Tutoring & Academic Support is always here to help you! They are offering online tutoring and remote academic coaching sessions for undergraduate students to make sure you get the support you need.

Meet with a UA Albany peer tutor, request a tutor through TutorMatch, or use the online tutoring services. For more information on any of these services, click Read More below!

JSA Language Cafe

Read More
The Japanese Student Association hosts a language chatting room virtually on Mondays at 9pm (EST). Learn and/or practice Japanese and English, and meet new friends. To access the chat room on Monday, click Read More.

CAPS Groups- Reach out and Connect
In addition to the International Circle, CAPS offers a number of groups, including: Introduction to Mindfulness; LGBTQ+ Empowerment and Support; Come Together: Staying Social Connected while Physically Distanced; Graduate Student Support; Managing Anxiety; Coping During COVID19; and Women of Color Empowerment and Support. Click "Read More" for more information on the groups offered.

Virtual Let's Talk (now on Zoom!)
The Virtual Let's Talk service is a way to engage in a brief 15-20 minute consultation with a CAPS clinician. A secure zoom meeting will be available Monday through Friday 1:00-3:00pm when classes are in session. Click Read More below.
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