



International Student Newsletter

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- Keep your local address and phone number up to date.

You can find this newsletter online anytime at:
www.uwsuper.edu/oip/intl_curr/international-student-newsletters.cfm

Welcome New Students!

This Spring semester of 2011 we are pleased to welcome eleven new international students to UWS and the OIP. Five students come to us from China. Two students are from France and two more are from South Korea. We have one student from Nigeria and one from Japan. Please say "Hello" and help us to make them all feel welcome!

Tax Form Workshops on Feb 8 & 16

NOTE: If you arrived in the US for the first time on or after January 1, 2011, you do not have to fill out any tax forms this year. Please disregard this information.

It's tax time again! The OIP will be offering several informational workshops over the next couple of weeks to advise you on the tax forms you need to fill out. Remember that you must comply with all US laws, including tax laws, to maintain your F-1 status in the US. At these workshops we will talk about:

- Form 8843 (All international students must fill out this form, even if you did not have employment.) Bring your passport, previous forms 8843, a calculator, and a pen.
- Forms W-2 (Were the correct taxes withheld?) and W-4 (Did you fill yours out correctly?)
- CINTAX Federal income tax software for non-resident alien international students (Get your access code here.)
- Wisconsin Form 1-NPR

The workshops will be offered on the following dates and times:

Tues, 2/8, 5:30pm, Old Main 322

Weds, 2/16, 5:30pm, Old Main 322

If you have any questions about taxes, please attend one of the workshops. Many students have the same questions.

The deadline for filing your tax forms this year is: April 18, 2011. The sooner you file your tax forms, the sooner you will get your refund.

May Graduates: Time to apply for OPT

Students who are graduating in May 2011 should make an appointment now with Kim to begin the process of applying for Optional Practical Training. Keep in mind that approval of your application can take up to 3 months, so apply early enough to ensure that you will receive your Employment Authorization card before the end of your 60-day grace period following graduation. Information is available on our forms page: www.uwsuper.edu/oip/intl_curr/forms.cfm.

The current application fee is: \$380

Letters of Invitation

If you would like to invite family members from home to attend your graduation, contact Kim in the OIP to request a travel visa support letter for them. Letters will usually be ready within 3 business days.

Shopping Shuttle—Feb 19

The OIP will offer the next Shopping Shuttle on Saturday, Feb. 19, to take you to the mall at 10:30, 11:30, or 12:30, and back to campus between 1:30 and 3:50pm. The shuttle is FREE, but please sign up in the OIP.

Keep your local address up to date in e-hive

Keeping your address and phone number up to date is one of the requirements of maintaining your F-1 status. If you have moved or changed your phone number recently, please be sure to let the OIP know.

You should also update your e-hive account with your new address and phone number. Your 'Mailing' or 'Campus' address in your e-hive should always be a local address. Your 'Home' address can be your foreign country address. You can go to the Help Desk in McCaskill 122, or come see us in the OIP if you need help updating your address.