ISSS NEWSLETTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIPS ON U.S. ACADEMIC CULTURE: ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

In case you have not done so already, we strongly urge you to find out the standards of academic honesty and dishonesty in each of your courses. As you know, all professors view plagiarism as a form of academic dishonesty. However, there are other forms of academic dishonesty which are defined differently by different professors.

In some courses, students are assigned group projects. In other courses, students are not allowed to discuss out-of-class assignments with classmates. It is your responsibility to find out what is and is not allowed in each of your courses. You should read the syllabus, check your course or departmental website, and find out from your professors. The penalties for academic dishonesty are quite severe, ranging from an F grade for the assignment or course to dismissal from the department or University.

Some international students have committed acts of academic dishonesty because they did not understand what constituted cheating in their courses. Inform yourself so this does not happen to you!

GLOBAL CINEMASPECTIVES FILM & DISCUSSION SERIES: “TERRAFERMA”

Ernesto is an elderly fisherman who lives on the Sicilian island of Linosa. Political and economic unrest in North Africa has caused a growing number of people to flee their country in the hopes of settling in Europe. The Sicilian government has firmly warned sailors not to pick up Africans attempting to enter the country illegally by boat. When Ernesto sees a young man and his pregnant mother drowning after fleeing a small boat, his conscience forces him to rescue them, and he and his family become unwitting criminals as they give the immigrant family a place to stay.

Date: Friday, February 26
Time: 5:00-7:30
Place: Knox Hall 4

Prof. Laura Chiesa, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, UB, will introduce the film and lead a discussion following the screening.

Co-sponsored by International Student & Scholar Services and the Undergraduate Academies
INTERNATIONAL TEA TIME

Do you enjoy meeting new people, playing games and having tea? If so, please join us!

International Tea Time brings together international and U.S. students for conversation and fun. We play games, talk and get to know each other.

Days: Every Monday
Time: 5:00-6:30
Place: Student Union 240, North Campus

Organizer: UB Counseling Services

For more information: http://ub-counseling.buffalo.edu/tea.php

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CORNER

The Center for Excellence in Writing's English Conversation Corner provides an informal, relaxed atmosphere for students who would like to practice their English conversation skills.

“Afternoon Chat with Mike D.”
Tuesdays, 12:00-1:30

“Coffee Chat with Michelle”
Wednesdays & Thursdays, 9:30-11:00
Baldy Hall 209, North Campus

No need to sign up. Drop in and out at your leisure. For more information, call 645-5139, e-mail writing@buffalo.edu or visit www.writing.buffalo.edu.

UB CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN WRITING

The Center for Excellence in Writing (CEW) offers one-on-one writing consultations to UB students. The consultants discuss essays, reports, application materials, theses, dissertations, etc. They serve as a thoughtful, informed audience for writers across the disciplines and help them make choices about revision.

The CEW also offers special programs for graduate students: Dissertation Retreats and Writing Groups. If you are interested, please email writing@buffalo.edu.

For more information, please visit http://writing.buffalo.edu.
ELI OPEN LAB

Practice your pronunciation and listening comprehension on your own with tapes at the English Language Institute’s Open Lab.

Days & Times: Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:00-5:00 p.m.; Tuesdays, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Thursdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m.
Place: Clemens Hall 1 & 3, North Campus

Free and open to all UB students. Bring your UB Card!

ISSS WORKSHOPS

“Your F-1 Immigration Status: A Refresher”
Friday, February 19
3:00-4:30
Talbert Hall 107, North Campus

“F-1 Employment Authorization: Curricular & Optional Practical Training”
Monday, February 22
3:00-4:30
Talbert Hall 115, North Campus

ISSS TRIPS & ACTIVITIES

BEGINNER DOWNHILL SKIING OR SNOWBOARDING

Embrace the winter! Learn to downhill ski (also called Alpine skiing) or snowboard! Choose from two different activity packages: Beginner Skier and Beginner Snowboarder. Beginner packages only allow access to the beginner hill. (Note: After your lesson, you may take a test and pay extra to access the other hills.)

Date: Saturday, February 20
Meeting Time: 8:15 a.m.
Meeting Place: Flint Loop, North Campus
Return Time: 6:00 p.m.
Cost: $54 for beginners (for round-trip transportation, equipment rental, professional lessons, equipment breakage insurance, lift pass) (non-refundable)
Sign-Up Deadline: 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, February 18 (or when sold out)

Sign up at https://www.ubeevents.org/event/1516issstrips


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ADVANCED DOWNHILL SKIING OR SNOWBOARDING
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Embrace the winter! Learn from professionals to downhill ski (also called Alpine skiing) or snowboard! Choose from two different activity packages: Advanced Skier and Advanced Snowboarder. Advanced packages allow access to all open hills.

Date: Saturday, February 20
Meeting Time: 8:15 a.m.
Meeting Place: Flint Loop, North Campus
Return Time: 6:00 p.m.
Cost: $75 for advanced (for round-trip transportation, equipment rental, professional lessons, equipment breakage insurance, lift pass) (non-refundable)
Sign-Up Deadline: 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, February 18 (or when sold out)

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BUFFALO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: ANDRE WATTS PLAYS BEETHOVEN
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ISSS invites you to an unforgettable evening watching Grammy Award winner Andre Watts perform Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4. The BPO will also perform Barber’s “Overture to The School for Scandal” and Bartok’s “Concerto for Orchestra.” Note: A South Campus (Main Loop) drop-off will be available after the concert.

Date: Saturday, February 20
Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Place: Flint Loop, North Campus
Performance Time: 8:00 p.m.
Return Time: 11:00 p.m. (approximately)
Cost: $39 (for ticket and round-trip bus) (non-refundable)
Sign-Up Deadline: 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, February 18 (or when sold out)

Sign up at https://www.ubeevents.org/event/1516issstrips

“Preparing for Graduate School”
Wednesday, February 17
3:00-3:50
Park Hall 275, North Campus

“Job and Internship Search Strategies for STEM Majors”
Wednesday, February 17
4:00-5:00
Student Union 330, North Campus

“Prehealth Committee Student Information Meeting”
Wednesday, February 17
4:00-5:00
Student Union 145C, North Campus

“Quiet: A Workshop for Introverts”
Wednesday, February 17
5:00-6:00
Student Union 250, North Campus

“Job and Internship Search Strategies for Social Science Majors”
Thursday, February 18
3:30-4:30
Student Union 330, North Campus

“Writing the Personal Statement for the Professional Health Schools”
Thursday, February 18
4:00-5:30
Student Union 145A, North Campus

“Leading Self: Cultural Competence 101”
Thursday, February 18
5:00-6:00
Student Union 240, North Campus

“Coffee Night with the Alliance: Advocating for Women’s Health and Safety”
Thursday, February 18
5:30-7:00
Student Union 114, North Campus
“Backpacking in the Winter—What’s Needed”
Thursday, February 18
6:00-8:00
Student Union 145F, North Campus

“Pharmacy Admissions Demystified”
Friday, February 19
4:00-5:00
Student Union 306, North Campus

“Diversity Institute: Part I”
Saturday, February 20
10:00-2:00
Student Union 210, North Campus