

Spring 2012 Workshops for Students

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Winter Driving

Do you know how to drive safely on snow and ice? Come learn safety tips for driving in the winter.

Presenter: Mike Formanowicz, American Automobile Association (AAA)

Wednesday, January 25

12:00-1:00

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

AAA Driver Improvement Course

AAA's six-hour defensive driving course will enable you to receive a 10% discount on your car insurance, reduce the number of points on your driving record (if you have any violations), refresh your driving skills and learn techniques for collision prevention.

Advance registration is required. The course fee is \$28. Please register at:

<http://appointmentquest.com/cgi-bin/WebObjects/EmbeddedDesktop.woa/8051/wo/D34ZKn9Euuqz2pT7KFjaAdRTmiU/0.0.0.0.10.4.2.0.1.3.20.3?key=2000434122>

Presenter: Joseph Slazak, American Automobile Association (AAA)

Saturday, January 28

9:00-3:30

Clemens Hall 120, North Campus

Saturday, February 18

9:00-3:30

Clemens Hall 120, North Campus

Your F-1 Immigration Status: A Refresher

Do you remember what it means to maintain your F-1 status? We will discuss course registration requirements, working on- and off-campus, domestic and international travel, your immigration documents and much more! Note: You must be on time for this session. Students who arrive after it has started will not be admitted.

Presenters: Eric Comins, Jessica Ereiz and Emily Quackenbush, International Student & Scholar Services, UB

Tuesday, January 31

3:30-5:00

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

Friday, February 10

3:00-4:30

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

Friday, February 24

1:30-3:00

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

H-1B Visas: An Information Session

Would you like to know about work options after OPT? Come learn what an H-1 B visa is, who is eligible for it, what the steps are for obtaining an H-1B visa and so on.

Presenter: Ellen Dussourd, International Student & Scholar Services, UB

Monday, February 6

12:15-1:15

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

Tuesday, March 13

3:30-4:30

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

Monday, April 16

3:00-4:00

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

H-1B Visas for Entrepreneurs

Do you dream about starting your own company in the U.S.? Come find out the latest on the H-1B Entrepreneur category, including what constitutes the employer-employee relationship, the status of USCIS's implementation of the policy, and other USCIS-led efforts to spur economic growth.

Presenter: Oscar Budde, Esq., UB Immigration Services

Tuesday, February 7

4:00-6:00

Student Union 210, North Campus

F-1 Employment Authorization: Curricular & Optional Practical Training

Learn the differences between Curricular Practical Training (CPT) and Optional Practical Training (OPT), and how to apply for these F-1 employment authorization benefits. The 17-month OPT extension, travel restrictions and other concerns will be discussed as well.

Presenters: Chris Bragdon, Eric Comins and Jessica Ereiz, International Student & Scholar Services, UB

Monday, February 13

3:00-4:30

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

Wednesday, February 29

4:00-5:30

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

Wednesday, March 21

12:00-1:30

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

Tuesday, April 10

3:30-5:00

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

Your Passport to Employment: Tips & Strategies from UB Engineering Alumni

Are you embarking on your job search? Come hear UB alumni discuss their experiences searching for a suitable position and, after they were hired, adapting to their employer's work environment.

Presenters: UB Alumni

Thursday, February 23

4:30-6:00

Clemens Hall 120, North Campus

Income Tax Workshops (for nonresident filers)

Learn about U.S. tax laws as they apply to F-1 and J-1 students who had been in the U.S. for five years or less in 2011. Find out what you need to do to file a tax return and report taxable income.

Presenters: Frances Brandenburg and Ronald Peruzzi, Internal Revenue Service, Hartford, Connecticut and Suzanne Reusch, New York State Department of Taxation & Finance, Buffalo, New York

Tuesday, February 28

3:30-5:30

Student Union Theater, North Campus

Friday, March 30

4:00-6:00

Norton Hall 112 (Woldman Theater), North Campus

Immigration: A Guide to Work after Graduation

What options are available to allow you to live and work in the U.S. after graduation? How do you decide which works for you? Come learn about nonimmigrant and immigrant visa options, the requirements, the processes to obtain them, and who to call for information and assistance.

Presenters: James Eiss, Esq., Law Office of James D. Eiss, Buffalo (3/23)/ Rosanne Mayer, Esq., Miller Mayer, LLP, Ithaca, New York (4/13)

Friday, March 23

3:30-5:00

Clemens Hall 120, North Campus

Friday, April 13

3:30-5:00

Clemens Hall 120, North Campus

How to Ship Your Stuff Home

Are you graduating? Come find out the best ways to ship your belongings to another state in the U.S. or your home country. Find out about transportation options, rates, customs, packaging and so on.

Presenters: Eric Comins, International Student & Scholar Services, UB; UPS and U.S. Postal Service Representatives

Monday, March 26

3:00-4:30

Clemens Hall 120, North Campus

Travel USA

This workshop is geared toward inexperienced travelers who want to explore the U.S. while having fun, learning and sticking to a low budget. Participants will learn travel tips and tricks from experienced travelers.

Presenters: Chris Bragdon, International Student & Scholar Services, UB; UB International Students

Wednesday, April 4

12:00-1:00

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

How to Buy and Maintain Your Car

Learn tips for finding a good used car that matches your budget, negotiating the best price and keeping your car in good running condition in all seasons.

Presenters: John Schneider and Jim Wirth, American Automobile Association (AAA)

Thursday, April 12

12:00-1:30

Clemens Hall 120, North Campus