Spring 2016 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: Joseph Orcutt, American Automobile Association (AAA)
Wednesday, February 3     12:00-12:50   Talbert Hall 107, 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: Chris Bragdon, Eric Comins and Jessica Ereiz, International Student & Scholar Services, UB
Tuesday, February 9     3:30-4:50   Hochstetter Hall 114, North Campus
Friday, February 19     3:00-4:30   Talbert Hall 107, North Campus
Tuesday, March 22     12:30-1:50   Capen Hall 10, North Campus

U.S. Army MAVNI Program for International Students: What You Should Know

Some UB international students have expressed an interest in the U.S. Army MAVNI program, which is available to international students who are proficient in more than one language, have in-demand skills and are interested in expedited U.S. Citizenship. Program criteria include: 1) Legal residency in the U.S. for a minimum of two years without a single absence lasting longer than 90 days, 2) high school diploma, 3) qualifying scores on the Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT), and 4) qualifying scores on a proficiency test in the student's native language. If the MAVNI program interests you, come find out everything you want to know about it.
Presenter: Staff Sergeant Erik Newton, U.S. Army
Tuesday, February 9     3:30-5:00   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: Darla Maffei, International Student & Scholar Services, UB; UB International Students
Thursday, February 11     12:30-1:30   Talbert Hall 113, North Campus

H-1B Visas: An Information Session for Students

Would you like to know about work options after OPT? Come learn what an H-1B 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
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 STEM Extension, travel restrictions and other concerns will be discussed as well.

Presenters: Chris Bragdon and Amy Burk, International Student & Scholar Services, UB

- Monday, February 22 3:00-4:30 Talbert Hall 115, North Campus
- Wednesday, March 9 4:00-5:30 Capen Hall 262, North Campus
- Wednesday, March 30 6:00-7:30 Talbert Hall 107, North Campus
- Tuesday, April 19 3:30-5:00 Hochstetter Hall 114, 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 2015. Find out what you need to do to file an income tax return and report taxable income.

Presenters: Ronald Peruzzi, Internal Revenue Service, Hartford, Connecticut (3/2), Barbara Dawkins (ret.), Internal Revenue Service, Buffalo, New York (4/1), and Representatives, New York State Department of Taxation & Finance, Buffalo, New York (3/2 & 4/1)

- Wednesday, March 2 3:00-4:50 Knox Hall 20, North Campus
- Friday, April 1 4:00-6:00 Knox Hall 20, North Campus

Immigration for Entrepreneurs

Do you hope to start your own company? This session will discuss the visa statuses available for those who want to start, own, operate and work in new entrepreneurial ventures, what the requirements are, and how to apply for these statuses.

Presenter: James Eiss, Esq., Law Office of James D. Eiss, Buffalo

- Friday, March 11 3:00-5:00 Clemens Hall 120, North Campus

Advanced Optional Practical Training: H-1B Cap Gap Extension & 17-Month STEM Extension

Come find out about advanced Optional Practical Training topics. Learn how to transition from Post-Completion Optional Practical Training, tips for applying, how to avoid Requests for Further Evidence and things to consider before traveling. Note: This is not a workshop for beginners. Prior attendance at “F-1 Employment Authorization: Curricular & Optional Practical Training” is required.

Presenter: Jessica Ereiz, International Student & Scholar Services, UB

- Wednesday, March 23 12:00-1:30 Capen Hall 109, North Campus
- Wednesday, April 13 4:00-5:30 Capen Hall 262, 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; U.S. Postal Service Representatives

- Monday, April 4 3:00-3:50 Talbert Hall 115, North Campus
**Immigration: The Basics for Planning Your Future**

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.

Presenter: James Eiss, Esq., Law Office of James D. Eiss, Buffalo

Friday, April 8
4:00-6:00
Clemens Hall 120, 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.

Presenter: Jim Wirth, American Automobile Association (AAA)

Thursday, April 14
3:30-4:50
Norton Hall 213, 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. The course fee is $29. Advance registration is required. Please contact ISSS, 210 Talbert Hall (645-2258, isss@buffalo.edu) for instructions on how to register. Note: You must be on time for this session. Students who arrive after it has started will not be admitted.

Presenter: Joseph Slazak, American Automobile Association (AAA)

Saturday, February 6
9:00-3:30
Knox Hall 14, North Campus

Saturday, March 12
9:00-3:30
Knox Hall 14, North Campus