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. Contact International Student & Scholar Services for registration instructions. Course Fee: $29.

Presenter: American Automobile Association (AAA) Representative

Saturday, September 10    9:00-3:30    Student Union 210, North Campus
Saturday, October 22     9:00-3:30    Student Union 210, North Campus

Car Insurance 101: How to Choose It & What to Do If You Have an Accident

Learn what types of insurance coverage are available, how they differ, what the State of New York requires and what to do if you have an accident.

Presenter: Jeffrey Rakas, American Automobile Association (AAA)

Tuesday, September 13    3:30-4:30    Student Union 330, North Campus

How to Communicate More Effectively with UB Employees

This workshop is for individuals who are new to the U.S. Have you ever had an interaction with a UB employee that did not go as you expected? Were you ever in a situation where you could not communicate your needs effectively in a UB office? Come learn language and culture tips for successful communication in University offices.

Presenters: Ellen Dussourd, International Student & Scholar Services, UB; Keith Otto, English Language Institute, UB

Wednesday, September 21    3:30-4:45    Talbert Hall 103, North Campus


Do you need to interpret immigration documents (passports, visas, I-20’s, I-94’s, DS-2019’s) for your job? Do you need to determine if an international student is eligible to work at UB? Do you need to sign off on new student employees’ I-9 forms? This workshop is specifically designed for staff members who must interpret immigration documents in order to process appointments and fulfill their job responsibilities.

Presenters: Amanda Brown, International Employment Tax Unit, UB; Ellen Dussourd, International Student & Scholar Services, UB

Thursday, September 22    12:30-1:50    Natural Sciences Complex 210, North Campus
Responding to the Needs of International Students: Tips for Staff Members

How can UB staff better respond to international students’ needs? This workshop presents strategies used by international students, explains the reasons why students employ various strategies, and suggests best practices for effective communication and understanding. Learn practical do’s and don’ts, and much more!

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

Tuesday, September 27  3:30-4:45  Natural Sciences Complex 210, North Campus
Friday, November 4  12:00-1:15  O'Brian Hall 214, North Campus

Your Passport to Employment: Tips & Strategies from UB 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 the U.S. workplace and their employer’s work environment.

Presenters: UB Alumni

Tuesday, October 4 (IT)  3:30-4:50  Natural Sciences Complex 210, North Campus
Friday, November 18 (Management)  3:00-4:30  Jacobs Management Center 106, 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 you complete your program? How do you decide which option works best 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, October 7  3:00-4:30  Clemens Hall 120, 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, October 28  3:00-4:30  Clemens Hall 120, North Campus
Winter Driving
Do you know how to drive safely on snow and ice? Come learn safety tips for driving in the winter.
Presenter: Kristen Godzala, American Automobile Association (AAA)
Wednesday, November 9  4:00-5:00  Student Union 330, North Campus

Holidays Around the World: Canada
Have you ever wondered about the cultural, historical, political and religious holidays celebrated in other countries? Come listen to Canadian students present the origin, significance and customs surrounding major holidays celebrated in their country.
Presenters: UB International Students
Tuesday, November 15  12:00-1:00  Student Union 210, North Campus