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

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 (up to four) 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 online registration instructions.

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

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

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 and J-1 scholars who had been in the U.S. for two 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 (3/2 & 4/1)

Wednesday, March 2 3:00-5:00 Knox Hall 20, North Campus
Friday, April 1 4:00-6:00 Knox Hall 20, 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

Monday, March 7     11:30-12:45     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, March 11     3:00-5:00     Clemens Hall 120, North Campus

Teaching Students from Around the World: Perspectives on Academic Integrity

Come find out how academic integrity is viewed and enforced in countries represented by UB international students. What understanding of academic integrity did the students have before coming to Buffalo? What actions did they consider to be cheating? Were they aware of plagiarism and how to cite sources? What expectations did they have regarding consequences of academic integrity violations?

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

Tuesday, March 29     11:00-12:00     Capen Hall 107, North Campus

How to Ship Your Stuff Home

Are you leaving the U.S.? 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

Beyond the Basics: Meeting International Students’ Needs

How can UB staff better respond to international students’ needs? This workshop involves discussion of critical incidents in order to understand better some strategies used by UB international students and the reasons why they employ such strategies. Gain additional insights into the causes of miscommunication and misunderstanding. Learn strategies for successful communication and cultural understanding.

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

Friday, April 8     12:00-1:15     Talbert Hall 107, 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 your current status ends? 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