

Spring 2008 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: Rodric Mooney, (AAA) American Automobile Association

Wednesday, January 23

3:00-4:00

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

H-1B Visas: An Information Session

Are you a student who would 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-1 B visa and so on.

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

Tuesday, February 5

12:00-1:15

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

Tuesday, March 18

4:00-5:15

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

Wednesday, April 23

3:30-4:45

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

Your Immigration Status: Rights, Responsibilities and Consequences

Do you know what happens if you fall out of immigration status and what your options are if you are caught? This session discusses immigration law and policies that apply from the moment Immigration & Customs Enforcement agents knock on the door to arrest a nonimmigrant who is out-of-status, through detention and immigration court, to the time the individual is placed on a plane home. Come find out about detention and removal hearings, including posting bond and relief against removal.

Presenters: Sophie Feal, Esq., Supervising Immigration Attorney, Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project, Inc. / Lev Kubiak, Acting Special Agent in Charge, and Peter Hoelter, Group Supervisor--SEVIS Investigations, Immigration & Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security

Friday, February 8

3:00-5:00

Clemens Hall 120, North Campus

Academic Presentations 101

Learn the basics of American-style classroom presentations. Topics include: professors' expectations, effective visuals, delivery techniques and clear transitions, as well as emphasizing your main points and how to deal with nervousness.

Presenters: Kathy Curtis and Keith Otto, English Language Institute, UB

Friday, February 15

3:00-4:30

Clemens Hall 120, 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. Travel restrictions and other concerns will be discussed as well.

Presenters: Eric Comins and Diane Hardy, International Student & Scholar Services, UB

Thursday, February 14	4:00-5:30	Capen Hall 31, North Campus
Wednesday, March 5	5:00-6:30	Capen Hall 31, North Campus
Tuesday, March 25	12:00-1:30	Capen Hall 31, North Campus
Thursday, April 10	3:00-4:30	Capen Hall 31, North Campus
Friday, May 2	12:00-1:30	Capen Hall 31, North Campus

Income Tax Workshops

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

Presenters: Barbara Dawkins, Internal Revenue Service, and Suzanne Reusch, New York State Department of Taxation & Finance

Tuesday, February 19	5:00-7:00	Norton Hall 112, North Campus
Friday, March 28	5:00-7:00	Norton Hall 112, North Campus
Wednesday, April 2	5:00-6:00	Norton Hall 112, North Campus

Note: The workshop on Wednesday, April 2 is for students who had no U.S. income in 2007.

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 be introduced to hostelling, and learn travel tips and tricks from an experienced traveler.

Presenter: Benjamin Breault, Hostelling International--Niagara Frontier Council

Monday, February 25	4:30-5:30	Capen Hall 31, North Campus
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How to Ship Your Stuff Home

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

Presenters: Eric Comins, International Student & Scholar Services, and Representatives, UPS, U.S. Postal Service, ABF U-Pack and Good & Fair Bekins

Wednesday, April 2	3:00-4:30	Capen Hall 31, North Campus
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Immigration: A Guide to Work after Graduation

Are you interested in finding out about temporary business visa options other than H-1B and permanent residence options? Come expand your knowledge of visa categories. Learn when an immigration attorney is needed and how to choose one.

Presenter: Rosanne Mayer, Esq., Miller Mayer, LLP, Ithaca, New York

Friday, April 4	2:00-4:00	Clemens Hall 120, North Campus
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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: Rodric Mooney, AAA (American Automobile Association)

Monday, April 7

3:30-5:00

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

