



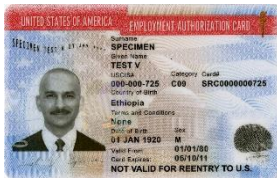
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Spring 2020 Activity Calendar

Events at a Glance

Coffee & Cookies
 Field Trip
 Happy Holidays

International Student Association
 Lunch and Conversation Series
 Other ISO events/workshops



Tuesday, February 25: OPT Workshop
12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
Sierra Vista, SV 230

Optional Practical Training (OPT) allows F-1 students to work in the US after graduation. In this workshop, an ISO advisor will go over the steps to apply for Optional Practical Training. **OPT workshops are MANDATORY for all F-1 students who will apply for OPT – if you are graduating this semester, make sure you attend at least one workshop.** OPT applications can take up to 90-120 days to be approved. Attend an OPT workshop as soon as possible if you plan to apply for OPT in the near future.

Cost: FREE! Bring your lunch. Session starts promptly at 12:30.



Thursday, February 27: Welcome Hour
12 to 1:30 pm
Student Center

Join ISO and the International Student Association as we welcome both new and returning students back to campus for the start of the term. Hang out with old friends and make new ones while connecting with important campus resources.

Cost: FREE! Food is provided.



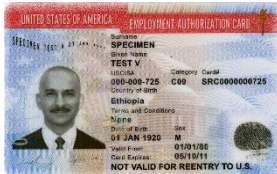
Thursday, March 5: Tax Workshop
12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
Sierra Vista, SV 230

Did you know you have to file taxes as an international student, *even if you did not work*? Taxes can be quite a confusing subject – **and your international student advisor and academic counselors are not tax advisors** 😊. To help you prepare for tax season, we invite you to attend this valuable workshop, which will explain the basics of the US tax system and how to maximize your return using Sprintax, a tax preparation software designed specifically for international students. A representative from Sprintax will be with us “live” on the webinar to take your questions.



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Monday, March 9: OPT Workshop
3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
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Cost: FREE! Bring your lunch. Session starts promptly at 12:30.



Tuesday, March 10: Lunch and Conversation
Financial Literacy
12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
Sierra Vista, SV 230

This is the first in our lunch and conversation series! Bring your lunch and join us for a discussion on financial literacy. We'll go over the basics of managing a bank account, using credit cards and debit cards, writing checks properly, avoiding phone/email scams, and responsible borrowing in the US.

Cost: FREE! Lunch is provided. [RSVP here](#). Sessions start promptly at 12:30 and will end at 1:20 pm.



Thursday, March 12: Working in the US - *Beyond the F-1*, featuring immigration attorney Arthur Serratelli
12:20-1:45 pm
Student Center, SC 212

This incredibly important workshop will cover all employment eligibility regulations with regards to working on-campus and off campus (Curricular Practical Training and Optional Practical Training). Additional sessions will be held on April 20 and 21, but **this session only** will feature Arthur Serratelli, Immigration Attorney at Serratelli Mijal PLLC, who will present a special session on the topic of H-1B and other working visas. We highly recommend attending this session if at all possible!

Cost: FREE! We will provide lunch ☺ - you must stay for the workshop to partake in lunch. **Please do not be late.** Session starts promptly at 12:20.



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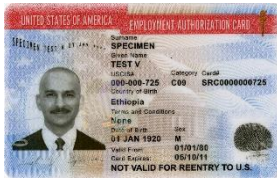


Saturday, March 14: I.S.GO!
Long Beach Aquarium
1:30 pm to 9:00 pm
Long Beach, CA

The International Student Office invites you to join us for a trip to Long Beach! We'll start our afternoon by taking a journey of discovery through the world's largest ocean at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, California. After visiting the exhibits, and seeing a wide range of marine life, including penguins, sharks, sea otters, seals and sea lions, and a tropical reef, you'll have free time to explore the Shoreline Village and the Pike's Outlets shopping centers, before an optional group dinner at Buono's Pizzeria.

Cost: \$25. Includes bus transportation and entrance to Long Beach Aquarium. **Register in ISO by Friday, March 6 at 12 pm.** Exact cash only (change cannot be made in the office). Minimum 10 students needed to run event.

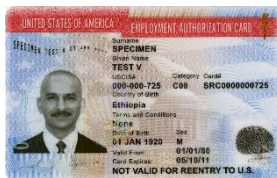
Meet: Outside Parking Structure (Lot C) at 1:30 pm. **Do not be late! Bus departs at 1:45 pm.**



Monday, March 16: OPT Workshop
3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Sierra Vista, SV 230

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Cost: FREE! Bring your lunch. Session starts promptly at 12:30.



Tuesday, March 17: OPT Workshop
12:30 pm to 1:30
Sierra Vista, SV 230

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Wednesday, March 18: Coffee & Cookies
3 pm to 5 pm
International Student Office, Sierra Vista 3rd floor

Stop by any time during our monthly Coffee & Cookies events to get the answers to any questions you have, get your I-20 signed for travel without a wait, or just hang out with a cup of coffee and a sweet treat! Coffee & Cookies are held every 3rd Wednesday of the month during regular semesters.

Cost: FREE! Bring your I-20 if you need a travel signature.



Thursday, March 19: Transfer & Immigration Workshop
12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
Sierra Vista, SV 230

In this workshop, a transfer counselor will guide you on the process of selecting and applying to another school for transfer. An immigration advisor will also review the immigration steps you need to take after admission to properly request the transfer of your SEVIS (I-20) record and protect your immigration status in the US.

Cost: FREE! Bring your lunch. Session starts promptly at 12:30.



Tuesday, March 24: General ISA Meeting
12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
Student Center

Join the International Student Association for their regular meetings. You'll learn about club business and upcoming events and have a chance to voice your opinion for future events. Refreshments will be provided to all students who participate in the meeting.

Cost: FREE! Refreshments will be provided.



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Thursday, April 2: Lunch and Conversation
Finding an Internship
12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
Sierra Vista, SV 230

Want to know the secret to finding a job after graduation? Doing an internship DURING your studies! This session will focus on ways to land an internship so that you can apply for Curricular Practical Training (CPT). Career Services will lead the training session! We'll also discuss the rules for CPT at GCC.

Cost: FREE! Lunch is provided. [RSVP here](#). Sessions start promptly at 12:30 and will end at 1:20 pm.

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Saturday, April 4: I.S.GO!
Getty Museum
10 am to 3 pm
Los Angeles, CA

Bond with your fellow GCC international students as we visit the Paul J. Getty Museum and Gardens, rated the #2 thing to do in all of Los Angeles by US News and World Report! Designed by renowned architect Richard Meier, the Getty Center is one of the most impressive architectural achievements in the United States – and it's permanent collections contain some of the finest works of art in the world (including original works by Van Gogh, Rembrandt, Manet and many more!). The museum also offers spectacular views of Los Angeles and beautiful gardens (very Instagram-worthy!). Join a free tour or self-explore using the Getty app – either way, we promise you won't be ready to leave when the time comes!

Cost: FREE. Register in ISO by 12 pm on Friday, March 27 with \$10 cash deposit (refunded on the day of the trip). Exact cash only (change cannot be made in the office; we cannot accept "group" deposits - \$10 per person must be collected). Minimum 10 students needed to run event.

Meet: Outside Parking Structure (Lot C) at 2:00 pm. **Do not be late! Bus departs at 10:15 am.**



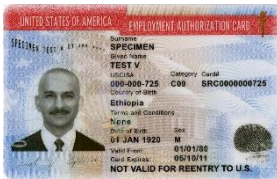
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Tuesday, April 7: Resume Workshop – International Students Only
12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
Career Center, 3rd Floor of Sierra Vista

While these workshops are open to all international students, it will be especially useful for those who will be applying for Optional Practical Training (OPT) or who wish to do an internship over the summer. If you plan to attend the workshop, you must register for it by logging into: **MyGCC | Main Menu | Workshops | Career Workshops**. Please check for links to be published a few weeks before the event.



Thursday, April 9: OPT Workshop – LAST ONE IN SPRING 2020!
12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
Sierra Vista, SV 230

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Cost: FREE! Bring your lunch. Session starts promptly at 12:30.



Monday, April 20: Working in the US
3:30-4:30 pm
Sierra Vista, SV 230

This incredibly important workshop will cover all employment eligibility regulations with regards to on campus employment and off campus employment (Curricular Practical Training and Optional Practical Training) opportunities.

Cost: FREE! Bring your lunch. Session starts promptly at 12:30.



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Tuesday, April 21: Working in the US – LAST ONE IN SPRING 2020!

12:30-1:30 pm
Sierra Vista, SV 232

This incredibly important workshop will cover all employment eligibility regulations with regards to on campus employment and off campus employment (Curricular Practical Training and Optional Practical Training)

opportunities.

Cost: FREE! Bring your lunch. Session starts promptly at 12:30.



Wednesday, April 22: Coffee & Cookies

3 pm to 5 pm
International Student Office, Sierra Vista 3rd floor

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Cost: FREE! Bring your I-20 if you need a travel signature.



Wednesday, April 22: Resume Workshop – International Students Only

3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Career Center, 3rd Floor of Sierra Vista

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Thursday, April 23: General ISA Meeting
12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
Student Center, SC 212

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Cost: FREE! Refreshments will be provided.



Tuesday, April 30: Transfer & Immigration Workshop
12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
Sierra Vista, SV 230

In this workshop, a transfer counselor will guide you on the process of selecting and applying to another school for transfer. An immigration advisor will also review the immigration steps you need to take after

admission to properly request the transfer of your SEVIS (I-20) record and protect your immigration status in the US.

Cost: FREE! Bring your lunch. Session starts promptly at 12:30.



Thursday, May 7: Lunch and Conversation
Identity Intersections in the US
12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
Sierra Vista, SV 230

Have you ever stopped to think about how identity affects you? Key facets of identity—like gender, social class, age, sexual orientation, race and ethnicity, and religion—play significant roles in determining how we understand and experience the world. Our identities shape the types of opportunities and challenges we face, and our interactions with others. Entering into a new culture can raise several issues of identity or introduce you to new cultural constructs you may not be familiar with. Join us for a discussion on identity construction in the US!

Cost: FREE! Lunch is provided. [RSVP here](#). Sessions start promptly at 12:30 and will end at 1:20 pm.



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Saturday, May 9: I.S.GO!

Hike to Echo Mountain

9 am to 2 pm

San Gabriel Mountains, CA

Spectacular views and the ruins of an old hotel await you on this popular 5.4-mile hike! Echo Mountain is the former site of the *Echo Mountain House*, a hotel built in the late 1800's by Thaddeus Lowe. There were no roads to this hotel — guests reached it by riding a small railway that climbed straight up the side of the mountain over 1,000 feet! The ill-fated hotel was destroyed by fire and flood, but the ruins of the hotel and railway remain ready for exploration! There's even a megaphone at the top where you can shout your name into the mountains...and hear them "echo" your name right back to you!

Cost: FREE. Register in ISO by Friday, May 1 at 12 pm with \$10 cash deposit. You will be refunded your \$10 deposit on the day of the trip. Exact cash only (change cannot be made in the office; we cannot accept "group" deposits on larger bills - \$10 *per person* must be collected). Minimum 10 students needed to run event.

Meet: Outside Parking Structure (Lot C) at 2:00 pm. **Do not be late! Bus departs at 9:15 am.**



Monday, May 11: Transfer & Immigration Workshop

3:30 pm to 4:30 pm – LAST ONE IN SPRING 2020!

Sierra Vista, SV 230

In this workshop, a transfer counselor will guide you on the process of selecting and applying to another school for transfer. An immigration advisor will also review the immigration steps you need to take after admission to properly request the transfer of your SEVIS (I-20) record and protect your immigration status in the US.

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Wednesday, May 20: I.S.GO!
Dodgers Baseball Game
5:30 pm to 11 pm
Los Angeles, CA



Hang out with your fellow GCC international students as we watch a major league Dodgers baseball game! This is your chance to see Dodger favorites Clayton Kershaw, Cody Bellinger, Julio Urias, Kenta Maeda and more in action! Don't leave the stadium without trying a world famous Dodger Dog!

Cost: \$35. Includes bus transportation and entrance to Dodger's Stadium. **Register in ISO by Friday, April 17 at 12 pm.** Exact cash only (change cannot be made in the office). Minimum 10 students needed to run event.

Guest Policy: Tickets for this event are reserved for GCC international students until Friday, April 10. You may request that your guest be added to an interest list. (a "guest" is someone who is not an international student at GCC). You will be notified by Monday, April 13 if there is room for your guest to join the trip. Please follow the instructions provided if contacted. Non-GCC guests must complete a participation waiver.

Meet: Outside Parking Structure (Lot C) at 5:30 pm. **Do not be late! Bus departs at 5:45 pm.**



Tuesday, June 2: End of Semester Social
12 to 1:30 pm
Student Center

Join ISO and the International Student Association for an end of the semester celebration. This special event will give us a chance to hang out and celebrate our graduating students! It's not "goodbye," its "see you soon!" If you are graduating, please

[RSVP by Friday, May 22](#) to receive a special gift at the event.

Cost: FREE! Lunch will be provided.