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Immigration Updates



Please check your GSU and personal email accounts for an 1/30/2017 email from ISSS containing important information regarding the 1/27/2017 Executive Order (EO) signed by President Trump. ISSS will be closely monitoring immigration-related developments, and updating our [website](#) with helpful links and information related to the EO. We recommend the [first link](#) on that page, which is a comprehensive overview of the EO and its impact

on various groups. If you have any questions or need support, please contact us at [iss@gsu.edu](mailto:iss@gsu.edu), 404.413.2070, or in 252 Sparks Hall. We are here to help!

## U.S. Tax Season is Here (For Tax Year 2016)



Spring is tax season in the U.S. based on tax year 2016 (January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016.) The U.S. tax agency is called the IRS (Internal Revenue Service). If you initially arrived in the US in 2017, there are no IRS requirements for you this year. All others have at least 1 tax form to complete.

**IRS Deadline to submit tax form(s):** April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

ISSS offers **FREE** tax preparation software called Sprintax. It is a safe, secure, online software designed specifically for international students and scholars. ISSS advises you to **ONLY** use Sprintax. *We will send out the information and code in mid-February.* Please start by reviewing the ISSS Tax Information page on our website >> [HERE](#) <<

## ALERT: Tax Season is also Fraud Season



- ISSS has received reports of unknown individuals pretending to be IRS agents who try to collect tax payments via calls or emails. **THIS IS A SCAM!**
- If you receive such contact, ignore it or ask ISSS first.
- Please watch this short [VIDEO](#) about tax fraud and let your friends know.

## CPT/OPT Employment Workshops

Employment Workshop

Date	CPT	OPT
Feb. 7 & 22	2:00 pm	2:30 pm
March 7 & 29	2:00 pm	2:30 pm
April 18	2:00 pm	2:30 pm
May 2	2:00 pm	2:30 pm

- ISSS employment workshops are offered to prepare you to apply for CPT or OPT and to answer specific questions. All workshops are held in Sparks Hall, Suite 248 (See dates and times to the left).
- Workshops are **MANDATORY** before applying for CPT or OPT. You can attend either the CPT, OPT or both sessions.
- OPT applicants should complete the workshop *only* in the semester you plan to graduate.
- There is no cost. A minimum of 4 students must sign up in advance, or the session will be cancelled.
- Registration is required: Log-in to [iStart](#) and click "Session Sign-ups" to register for the in-person workshop of your choice. More info >> [HERE](#) <<.

## Full-Time Enrollment Reminder



**ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS:** All international students must be properly enrolled and must have completed the “registration adjustment” process if you were dropped for non-payment by Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Details are >> [HERE](#) <<

## Join 2017 Georgia International Leadership Conference (GILC)



- **What:** “GILC” is an amazing weekend leadership conference for international students and study abroad students from across Georgia. Our own, Mike Townsend, is Chair of the conference again this year! Sign up if you want to increase your leadership skills, make new friends, have fun, and network with international students from other schools within Georgia.
- **Conference Dates:** February 17th – 19th, 2017
- **Registration Deadline:** February 08, 2017 / **Register** >> [HERE](#) <<  
**Payment deadline:** February 10, 2017

- **Cost:** \$100 per person. ISAC is fortunate to be able to fully support student costs by refunding the student guarantee upon completion of the program.
- **Location:** Rock Eagle, 4-H Center (Eatonton, GA)
- **Website:** Please visit <http://gilc.weebly.com> for more details.
- **Video:** Check out last year’s [GILC recap video](#)

## Fall 2017 V.I.S.A Leaders Needed!

**VISA (Volunteer International Student Assistant) Leaders** are needed for the Fall 2017 orientation.



- Do you need leadership experience for your résumé?
- Are you looking to make new friends and help out new international students at GSU?
- This is a short-term **paid**, on-campus position, and you don’t need CPT or OPT authorization. VISA Leaders are also provided a 3-day FUN training program.
- For more information, click >> [HERE](#) << or contact Huan Wang at [hwang45@gsu.edu](mailto:hwang45@gsu.edu) .
- **To apply**, please click >> [HERE](#) << Applications due by **Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 5 p.m.**

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