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Summer Non-Resident Tuition Waiver Applications Open



- Applications are now open for Non-Resident Tuition Waivers for Summer 2017.
• Deadline to apply: March 31st (1 month)
• There are certain restrictions and other eligibility requirements.
• For more information or to apply, please click here.

Request Travel Signature for Spring Break International Travel



GSU's Spring Break is coming up March 13th – 17th. If you plan to travel internationally, DON'T forget to request an updated travel signature via [iStart](#). You need an updated signature if your last one is more than 6 months old. Processing time is 3-5 business days, so plan ahead. Please review our [travel information](#) page also before booking any international travel. It has been updated with a travel checklist and a "Know Your Rights" at the US Port of Entry link with referrals, should you ever need them.

U.S. Tax Season – In Progress



Spring 2017 is the time to report income and physical presence in the US for *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 or forms to complete this year :) All others have at least 1 tax form to complete, even if they had no income in 2016.

IRS Deadline to submit tax form(s): April 18th, 2017

By now all international students have received an email from the ISSS office with all the necessary information to use Sprintax, how to obtain the free access code, and what documents are required. For reference, all the information is [here](#). Do not wait until the last

minute since it can be a lengthy process.

CPT/OPT Employment Workshops



ISSS employment workshops are offered to prepare you to apply for F1 Visa benefits: CPT or OPT, and to answer specific questions.

All workshops are held in Sparks Hall, Suite 248 (See dates and times to the left) or on our website [here](#).

Date	CPT	OPT
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

Registration for the workshops is required:

1. Log-in to [iStart](#)
2. Click "Session Sign-ups"
3. Sign up for the time and date of your choice.

Spring Trip: Visit Historic Savannah, Georgia



ISSS and ISAC (downtown campus) coordinate low-cost trips for students, scholars, and their guests. The trips provide great opportunities to explore areas outside Atlanta, U.S. history and culture, and to have fun!

Where & When: Savannah, GA, May 2 - 5, 2017, right after Spring semester finals.

What's Included: 3 night's hotel, round-trip transportation, snacks and bottled water, several guided tours and free-time to explore, shop or relax in one of the most fascinating and historic cities in the U.S.

Details: Check-out the all the details, prices and registration info on our Savannah Trip page [here](#).

Fall 2017 V.I.S.A Leaders Needed – In Progress



20 VISA Leaders (Volunteer International Student Assistants) are needed for the Fall 2017 orientation. Are you looking to make new friends, assist new international students arriving at GSU and *be paid for your assistance?*

Being a VISA leader is short-term, on-campus employment, so you do not need CPT or OPT authorization, and it includes a 3-day fun training program with a team building adventure!

Applications due: **Friday, March 31st at 5 p.m.**

Learn more about the opportunity [here](#) or email hwang45@gsu.edu.

To Apply: click [here](#)

Display Your Art in GSU's Student Center Gallery



This **April 10th**, the Multicultural Center will host an art gallery reception in Student Center East showcasing artwork with the message of *hope and inspiration*. Your artwork can be expressed through themes of politics, social concern, social standards, personal life, etc. All artwork will be on display for 1 month in the student center art gallery. Any medium (photography, print, painting, etc.) is acceptable, including performance art!

Deadline to submit artwork: Wednesday, March 15th.

To submit artwork, click: [here](#).

For more information, please click [here](#) or contact: wbritto@gsu.edu, or call (404) 413-2396.

Blue MARTA Breeze Cards Expiring Soon!



All Georgia State University students, faculty and staff who participate in the Marta Breeze card discount program must bring their current blue MARTA Breeze Cards in for replacement with the new silver Breeze Cards by **March 31, 2017**.

After March 31st, the blue Breeze Cards will no longer work. Students, faculty, and staff who use the MARTA Breeze paper tickets on the Perimeter campuses are not affected by this change. More info about this change and other useful information about parking [here](#).

International Student *Job Search* Workshop



The Spring International Student **Job Search** Workshop is organized by ISSS and GSU Career Services! Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about trends in the job market and the best ways to approach employers. [GSU Career Services](#) also provides professional advice on writing resumes, cover letters, mock interviews practice, what to wear or say, how to find jobs and internships, even how to shake hands and make culturally appropriate eye contact in the U.S!

When: Tuesday, March 28, 1-4pm

Where: Student Center West, Room 466/468, **No RSVP needed.**

ISSS is Hiring: Student Assistant Needed



ISSS is currently seeking a student to work as a Student Assistant for the Summer Semester. **The application period opens this Friday, March 3rd** so stay tuned and follow the [ISSS FB page](#) since the application link will be posted there on Friday 3/3/17.

Requirements: Availability during the entire summer, May - August

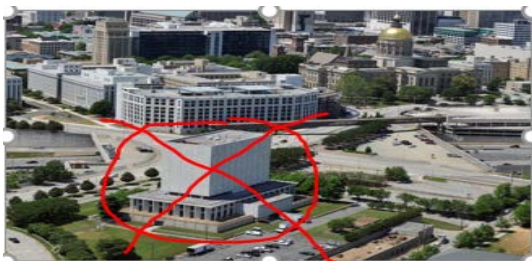
Duties include: front desk back-up, uploading e-files to database, document prep for global shipment, maintaining office supplies and

organization of ISSS, and working with non-native speakers of English from all over the world.

Rate of Pay: \$8.75 / hour.

Application Deadline: Sunday, March 12th, 11:59 pm.

Georgia Archives Will Be Imploded on March 5th, at 7 am



The state of Georgia is imploding its 51-year old Georgia Archives building this Sunday, March 5th at sunrise, 7:01 am. The location is downtown, near the Capitol building, on Capitol Ave SE, Atlanta, GA 30312. Apparently, the sunrise implosion is a tradition. Should be a cool thing to watch up close if interested. More info [here](#).

2017 International Spring Festival



Every spring, [ISAC](#) coordinates the GSU International Spring Festival. It's a week of events produced by various student groups on campus. International students and their American counterparts seek to promote culture and diversity through a fashion show, dance show, flag parade, international pageant, and tabled events.

When: March 25 - April 1

[Click here for Full List of Events](#)

GSU's "#8 in the U.S." Beach Volleyball Matches: March 7th



Our Beach Volleyball team is ranked #8 in the entire country!
Come and watch them play on their one-day tournament!

Willy's will be there along with Ice Byrd Frozen Yogurt and **free sunglasses and leis** will be given out.

When: Tuesday, March 7th from 1pm and 5 pm.

Where: Right behind the GSU Sports Arena

Admission is free for all GSU students, so bring all your friends with you and enjoy a great game!

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