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On behalf of ISSS, welcome to all new and returning international students to Perimeter College for fall 2018. We hope you all had a fun summer and that the fall semester is off to a great start.

ISSS at Perimeter College looks forward to serving you. Please see below for our contact information, including office hours, advising hours, and locations on the Perimeter College Campuses. We are here to assist you when you have questions or concerns, so do not hesitate to contact us. We also encourage you to visit the ISSS [website](http://issg.gsu.edu) for important and helpful information for international students.

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Walk-in Advising Hours:

Monday & Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Monday
through Friday, 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Campus Closed Monday, Sept. 3th for Labor Day Holiday



GSU campus, post offices, banks and government offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 3th for Labor Day in the U.S. ISSS will not be processing any e-forms or checking email until Tuesday, 9/4 at 8:30am. In case of emergency, please call GSU Police at 404-413-3333.

There are several large events taking place with 500,000+ visitors expected near the city center, especially *Dragon Con*. Check out all the fun >> [HERE](#). Enjoy your long weekend!

Course Enrollment Minimums



- Undergraduate Students: 12 hours in Fall and Spring
- Limit of 1 on-line course (3 credits) per semester may count toward full-time enrollment
- Enrollment details, click >> [here](#).

Final Payment Deadline and Dropped Classes

Payment deadline **Tuesday, August 28th, 2018, 5pm** for all tuition, fees and student health insurance.

- Any balance at midnight on August 28th will result in all classes automatically dropped on August 29th. ISSS cannot prevent this and is not involved in course enrollment or financial processes.
- However, if your classes are dropped, please refer to Student Account emails regarding *"Registration Adjustment."* That process allows you to re-construct your class schedule. The process takes several days and requires you to contact faculty members directly from August 29th, 1pm – August 31st, 4pm.



SEVIS Reporting deadline: Wednesday, September 19th, 2018.

- By that date, ISSS must report all international student records to the federal government. Your registration must show full-time enrollment by noon on September 19th. **Therefore, your registration must reflect full-time enrollment in PAWS by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, September 18th.**

!! Important Deadline Clarification !!

- To maintain status, your academic enrollment in PAWS must be normalized by the *SEVIS deadline*, not the later *registration adjustment deadline*. We cannot consider *submitted or pending* registration adjustments.

Spring Non-Resident Tuition Waiver Application Opens Soon



- This non-resident tuition waiver is based on financial hardship
- Applications for the Non-resident Tuition Waivers for Spring 2019 will open on September 4th and close on October 1st.
- Deadline to apply: October 1, 2018, **5:00 PM**
- There are restrictions and eligibility requirements; please read them carefully
- Applications must be complete and meet requirements to be considered - For more information or to apply, please click [here](#)

New I-765 Form Effective Sept. 17, 2018

Please be advised: starting **Sept. 17, 2018**, USCIS will only accept the new edition of form I-765 for employment authorizations (your OPT EAD card application). ISSS will update its links and forms. You may still find outdated versions of the form online elsewhere, but don't use them after this new form goes into effect, or your application will be denied.

Application For Employment Authorization
Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS
Form I-765
OMB No. 1615-0040
Expires 05/31/2020

For USCIS Use Only	<input type="checkbox"/> Authorization/Extension Valid From	Fee Stamp	Action Block
	<input type="checkbox"/> Authorization/Extension Valid Through		
	Alien Registration Number A- <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>		
	Remarks		

International Coffee Hours

Join us for International Coffee Hour and enjoy learning about the countries we are featuring in September. This is a great opportunity to socialize and share your culture with International and American students, talk with International Student & Scholar Services staff, meet PC faculty and staff, and take a break from studying. Snacks and cultural activities provided.

Date	Featured Country	Time	Campus
Wednesday, September 26, 2018 	VIETNAM	12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Clarkston CN 2220
Wednesday, September 26, 2018 	TBA	12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Dunwoody NB 2100/2101

Optional Practical Training (OPT) Workshops



Are you graduating this semester and thinking about applying for Optional Practical Training (OPT) to work for one year to gain experience in your field of study? Before you can apply for OPT you will need to complete an OPT workshop [on-line](#) or on-campus (listed below). On-campus workshops will include a short overview of on-campus employment and employment based on economic hardship at the beginning.

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, September 25, 2018	3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Dunwoody NB 2100/2101
Thursday, September 27, 2018	3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Clarkston CN 2220

International Families

ISSS has developed a whole new section of our website devoted to supporting the dependents of our primary F1, J1 and H1-B international population. We hope this helps your spouse and children to more easily adjust to life in the Atlanta area. Check it out!



Go to our website: <https://iss.gsu.edu/home/international-families/>

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International Families



Hello and Welcome!

We understand that living in a new country is both exciting and challenging for international students, scholars and their families! Our goal is to provide resources and support so you can maximize your Atlanta experience. International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) at Georgia State University (GSU) provides the following information to help ease your adjustment to life in Atlanta and the U.S.

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University assumes no liability for the accuracy of this content or whether it is complete or current. If you discover errors, please report to us by email us at: iss.gsu.edu Thank you.

Amis 41st Annual Welcome Reception for International Students



You are invited to the 41th Annual AMIS International Student and Scholar Welcome Reception! This event is free including the concert, food, friends, and fun! The reception will feature live music, catered free food and fun! Everyone is welcome, and you can bring friends to this free event. Please pre-register through this link [HERE](#).

When: Saturday, September 8, 2-4pm

Where: Student Center Ballroom at Ga. Tech, 350 Ferst Drive NW, Atlanta 30332.



Dragon Con Parade Atlanta 2018 – Cultural Opportunity

Don't miss the FREE Dragon Con parade downtown on Saturday 9/1 at 10am. Dragon Con is the largest multi-media, pop culture convention in the world focusing on sci-fi, fiction, fantasy, gaming art, and music. Take MARTA or park at GSU and walk. You'll never forget it! More details on the parade available [HERE](#).



Please follow us on Facebook to get updates regarding ISSS events, policies, and other important information.

Like our page at: <https://www.facebook.com/isspc.gsu.edu/>.

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