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**Summer Non-Resident Tuition Waiver Applications Opens Soon**



- This non-resident tuition waiver is based on financial hardship
- Applications for the Non-resident Tuition Waivers for summer 2019 will open March 5, 2019 and close on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 5:00 PM.
- Deadline to apply: **Tuesday, April 2, 2019** (application closes at 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](#)
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**Optional Practical Training (OPT)  
Workshop**  
for F-1 International Students

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).

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday, March 13, 2019	12:00 PM	Clarkston Campus, Room CN 2240
Thursday, March 14, 2019	12:00 PM	Dunwoody Campus, Room NB 2102

## U.S. Tax Season is Here (For Tax Year 2018)



Spring is tax season in the U.S. based on tax year 2018 (January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018). If you initially arrived in the US in 2019, 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 15, 2019**

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. Please start by reviewing the ISSS Tax Information page on our website >> [HERE](#) <<

### Sprintax Assistance:

ISSS at Perimeter College will offer walk-in assistance for students needing help navigating Sprintax only:

**Clarkston:** March 22, 2019, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Location TBA

**Dunwoody:** April 5, 2019, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Location TBA

## 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. For more details, please watch these short videos below about tax fraud and let your friends know.
- IRS video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0y5z0kWgBcM>
- Federal Trade Commissions: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/media/video-0118-irs-imposter-scams>

## Flu Season



For tips to help protect yourself this season, please click << [HERE](#) >> for important information from the Dean of Students office at GSU.

## International Coffee Hour



# International Women's Day

\* Wednesday, March 6, 2019

**Clarkston Campus**

LRC 4190

12 – 1 p.m.

\* Tuesday, March 5, 2019

**Dunwoody Campus**

NB 2100/2101

12 – 1 p.m.

Celebrating the economic, political, and social achievements of women in the past, present, and future. Refreshments will be provided.

## International Peer Assistant (IPA) Program is currently accepting applications for the 2019-2020 program



Would you like to make new friends while welcoming new international students to Perimeter College? Would you like to help plan International Coffee Hours and other cultural events to provide opportunities for culture sharing at Perimeter College? If this sounds like you and you would like to join the IPA team, please apply.

To Apply:

Click [HERE](#)

Applications due: **Wednesday, April 17, 2019**



IPA Leaders are paid a stipend of \$175 in fall term and \$125 in spring term. However, the biggest benefits are applicable and transferable leadership skills learned, friendships formed, and the fun you have while helping others. IPAs are also eligible to attend the all-expense paid Georgia International Leadership Conference (GILC) in the fall.

## VISIT THE U.S. CAPITAL WASHINGTON, D.C.

ISSS will sponsor an exciting, low-cost day trip to Washington, D.C. this Spring. Participants will visit all the major sites of the U.S. Capital and have plenty of free time.

**Dates:** May 7-10, 2019. Departure after Spring semester finals and return in time for Maymester classes.

**Estimated Cost:** \$350. Includes round-trip flight and 3 nights shared hostel rooms.

**To Apply:** If you are interested in attending this trip, please contact Dawn Edwards at [kedwards65@gsu.edu](mailto:kedwards65@gsu.edu).

For more details about the trip, please click [HERE](#).



## Upcoming Cultural Festivals

You are invited to represent your country/culture at these upcoming events. Watch you email for the next announcement about how you can get involved or call ISSS at 678-891-3235 or 770-274-5570.

### *Culture Festival 2019*

Thursday, April 4, 2019 | Student Center | 12 p.m. – 1p.m. | Dunwoody Campus |

Food, music, cultural artifact displays, cultural attire, dance, musical performances, refreshments, and more...

Funding from Student Fees.



### *International Festival 2019*

Tuesday, April 16, 2019 | Student Center | 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. | Clarkston Campus |

Food, music, cultural artifact displays, cultural attire, dance, musical performances, refreshments, and more...

Funding from Student Fees.

## Important Spring Break Travel Signature Reminder



Don't forget to have your form I-20 or DS-2019 signed before you depart the U.S over the spring break if your current travel endorsement is more than 6 months old. For details on this requirement and request process, please click >> [HERE](#).

**Tip:** Don't wait until the last minute! All requests in iStart take 3-5 days to process.



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