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IMPORTANT FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT REMINDER

FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS: Undergraduate F-1 student are required to register for and maintain at least 12 credit hours for the entire fall and spring semesters. Only 1 online course (3 credit hours) per semester count toward full-time enrollment. No exceptions without an approved Reduced Course Load (RCL), so please speak to your international student advisor before taking any action that will place you below full-time. Failure to maintain at least 12 credit hours by dropping classes, being dropped from classes, or withdrawing from classes is a serious violation and will result in loss of F-1 status. Summer enrollment is optional for *continuing* students. For more information about enrollment requirements, click [HERE](#)

SUMMER NON-RESIDENT TUITION WAIVER APPLICATIONS CLOSING 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](#)

U.S. Tax Season – 15 days left!! **Deadline to File: Monday, April 15th!**



Only those who arrived in the U.S. for the first time in 2019 are not required to complete any Tax forms this year.

All other international students are required to submit tax Form 8843. If you held a job or had income in the U.S. in 2018, you must submit both form 8843 and a full tax return. ISSS provides a free code to use Sprintax software to prepare your federal forms.

Click [HERE](#) to get started to receive the free code.

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., CE 1100
- **Dunwoody:** April 5, 2019, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., NA 1160

ALERT! 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 this short [VIDEO](#) about tax fraud and let your friends know.

OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (OPT) REMINDER!



Attention spring and summer 2019 Graduates

Post-Completion Optional Practical Training (OPT) is a benefit that allows temporary employment that is directly related to an F-1 student's major area of study. OPT at the associate's degree level is for a period of 12 months maximum. For more information about OPT click [HERE](#). If you are graduating and if you are interested in OPT, you must attend an on-campus or on-line OPT workshop prior to applying for OPT.

CULTURAL FESTIVALS IN APRIL – DON'T MISS THE FUN!



CULTURE FEST 2019

Enjoy a time of exploring different cultures!

Thursday, April 4th

11:30AM - 1:30PM

Dunwoody Campus Student Center

2101 Womack Rd, Dunwoody, GA 30338

- HENNA • FASHION PARADE • CULTURAL DISPLAYS • ZUMBA •
- PEKING OPERA MASK PAINTING •
- INTERNATIONAL FOOD TASTING •

Interested in hosting a Cultural Display Table or participating in the Fashion show?
Email: ekendrick@gsu.edu or trobinsn57@gsu.edu



International Day

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT EVER LEAVING CLARKSTON.

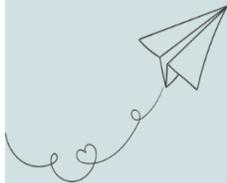
JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN, AND CULTURE.



DATE: April 16th

TIME: 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: CN building cafeteria



International Peer Assistant (IPA) Program 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.

AMIS (Atlanta Ministry with International Students)

JOIN US FOR
**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
AND SCHOLARS NIGHT**
AT SUNTRUST PARK

New York Mets  Atlanta Braves

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019
GAME TIME 7:20PM

 AMIS (Atlanta Ministry with International Students) invites international students, scholars and friends to join us for a fun night of Braves Baseball at SunTrust Park.
For more information, email office@amis-inc.org.

TRANSITIONING FROM PERIMETER COLLEGE TO THE ATLANTA CAMPUS



Are you thinking about transitioning to the Atlanta Campus? ISSS advises you to prepare carefully for this important next step. Here are a few reminders:

- Review the [Transition admissions requirements](#)
- Meet with your academic advisor to determine your readiness to transition to the Atlanta Campus
- Review the [Estimated Cost for Undergraduate Studies](#) and financial requirements for I-20 issuance for the Atlanta Campus, and plan carefully for the added cost.
- Complete [the Transition application](#) to have your records transferred from the associate degree to the bachelor degree track
- For questions about your Transition application, please contact admissions@gsu.edu or 404-413-2500.
- Once admitted, ISSS on the Atlanta Campus will contact you with instructions on what to do next.
- Meanwhile ISSS at Perimeter College is here to help you with general questions about the transition process. Call us at 678-891-325 or 770-274-

Request Travel Signature for Summer Break International Travel



GSU's Summer Break is coming up soon. 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](#) with "Know Your Rights at the US Port of Entry" link. It contains referrals, should you ever need them.



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For questions about any of the information mentioned above, contact:

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