

**International Student Center
Spring 2010**



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F-1 Students International E-news

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Communication is the key for success! Keep us informed of any changes in your student plans....see our office hours and counseling walk-in times for short/quick questions or make an appointment to plan your classes or discuss about your major/transfer options...ISC staff is here to assist you.

SCC Hours:

Monday thru Thursday
8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Friday
8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Location:

Rodda Hall North
(Inside Counseling Services)

Room: RHN-118

Phone: (916) 558-2486

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International Center Staff:

Susan H. Fong

Coordinator-
Counselor/PDSO

Reggie Jean-Gilles

Counseling Clerk/DSO

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Student Personnel
Assistant/DSO

SCC Panther Pride! Do the right things for your future: Get a complete educational planner to vision your dreams.

Tax F-1 Instruction & Information--- Due Date: April 15, 2010 to U.S. Internal Revenue Services

All F-1 international students who meet the "substantial presence test, which is the number of days living in the United States last **2009** year, must file tax form even if they do not work."

- (1) The following tax links and material will give important filing information for International Students: <http://www.utexas.edu/international/taxes/> it will give you filing instructions and will guide you in how to check if you meet the "substantial presence test." Click on [I would like to read more information about how to file taxes](#) then click on [step-by-step process](#).
- (2) <http://www.utexas.edu/international/taxes/faq.html> Frequently asked questions including the deadlines.
- (3) www.irs.gov You can find Internal Revenue Services forms, publications and instructions (F-1 students most of the time use 1040NR or 1040NR-EZ and 8843 and see the instructions given on the forms).
- (4) **Toll Free IRS Telephone Assistance:**
 1. General Tax Questions - (800) 829-1040
 2. Forms and Pubs - (800) 829-3676

Employment: F-1 Questions & Answers Workshop

Date: April 8, 2010

Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Location: RHN-139 (inside Counseling Services)

Questions & SEVIS & You :

- a. How to do Resume/Search for jobs
- b. Employment after Graduation (OPT)...Must apply **before end of** the semester at the International Student Center
- c. Vacation I-20 documents to take with you before traveling overseas in Summer (main point enroll full-time online enrollment Priority No. 1)
- d. **Managing your account SEVIS II** coming this year www.ice.gov/sevis

Any other questions? Bring your lunch ([drinks provided](#)) and meet other students

Spring 2010 classes are almost over: Keep up on the Good Work!

It is not too late to earn good grades....visit the LRC Tutorial Services and come for counseling at the International Student Center (Student Educational Planner or revisions). **Now is the best time to see International Adjunct Counselor, Leslie Silveira or Susan Fong, International Counselor/Coordinator, RHN-118.** You may also make an appointment for your **Student Educational Planner** with general Counselors at Counseling Counter, (916) 558-2204. **Priority No. 1 registration begins on May 3rd.** (Due to current California Budget Crisis, you need to register during Priority No. 1 for twelve unit classes (full-time) since courses fill up very quickly)....**Do not wait! plan for the future!!!!!!**

- Please come if you have academic difficulties, we will work with you to find solutions
- Make sure to attend the college named on your I-20 and complete twelve units
- Visit your instructors (professors) during their office hours
- Get to know your instructors and ask for assistance; if you do not ask for help, chances are they will not know your need for assistance like tutoring
- Ask for instructors' suggestions and referrals to improve your grades; continue attending classes to avoid being dropped from your classes
- Make sure you maintain at least twelve units throughout the semester and check your final grades within one week after finals by accessing eServices
- Come to the International Student Center early on before withdrawing "W" or dropped by instructor within your 12 units or just to say hello
- **Tutorial Services:** <http://web.scc.losrios.edu/tutoring/>
- Get Connected....to your campus...your friends....your resources....and your success

Steps to Summer Traveling

1. Request a permission to travel at the International Student Center at least 15 days before traveling
2. When requesting permission, please bring to ISC your I-20, I-94, passport and proof of full-time status
3. Documents to take when traveling are:
 - a. Valid passport
 - b. Valid visa
 - c. SEVIS I-20 signed by P/DSO
 - d. Copies of any previous I-20 forms
 - e. Proof of financial documentation

Always hand-carry your documents! Do not put them in your checked luggage.

Guidelines to Maintain F-1 Student Status:

www.ice.gov/sevis

1. Keep your passport valid at all times. Maintain full-time 12 units enrollment each semester (W's do not count towards the 12)
2. File any necessary extensions of stay before your present stay expires.—Do not allow your SCC SEVIS I-20 expire, check line #5 for expiration date and come to the ISC 45 days before or it cannot be extended
3. Do not accept off-campus employment without official USCIS permission— On-campus, you can work as "Study-Help" 20 hours or less a week at SCC only
4. Do not travel outside the United States, even briefly, without the proper documents signed by SCC P/DSO.
5. Meet with the SCC International Coordinator/ Counselor at least twice a semester.
6. Keep up-dated address/e-mail/ phone number with USCIS and College

Coming Soon - Summer/Fall 2010 registration! Get Ready and take care of:

Registration Dates: http://www.losrios.edu/lrc/lrc_reg_dates.php F-1 students need to register during Priority No.1 and definitely have twelve units within first 30 days of semester's beginning (do not depend on wait listed or late start term sessions).

Supplemental Form: Update your Supplemental Form every semester, when updating your personal information, make sure you select your major and it should be the same as your SEVIS I-20 Form and Student Educational Planner---DO NOT SELECT UNDECIDED OR NO EDUCATIONAL GOALS!

Health Insurance: Make sure you have updated Health Insurance Coverage to allow you to do eServices registration; see SCC Health Office, Pat Cousin (916) 558-2367.

Summer/Fall 2010 Class Schedule: will be posted only online around April (5th) at <http://www.losrios.edu/class-schedules.html>

SPRING BREAK: WHAT TO DO IN SUMMER VACATION???????

Join the SCC Outdoor Club!!!! Check clubs on SCC campus. Visit Crocker Art Museum Sundays free during 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, play outdoor sports or check your local area community centers where you live....there are many fun activities, it is up-to-you to get involved in your community! More information at Visitor's Guide to Sacramento online: www.discovergold.org toll free 1-800-292-2334

After a successful and memorable "Day at the Museum" with First Lady Maria Shriver and The Women's Conference recently celebrating National Women's History Month, it continues **each Saturday in March with FREE Admission Days at The California Museum!**

The California Museum
1608 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
www.CaliforniaMuseum.org
Free Weekend Parking

Ready to Transfer?

Search for scholarship, founding sources and tips to keep your budget at:

http://www.nafsa.org/students/sec/financial_aid_for_undergraduate

New Spring 2010 F-1 Students

Newly accepted SEVIS International Students, **do you have your SCC I-20 document?** If you have not done so, come in to pick-up your updated SCC I-20 Form which requires your signature---when traveling you need this with college P/DSO signature to reenter USA that shows that you are a continuing or active student attending SCC.

" Working Together.....Pursuing Excellence.....Inspiring Achievement"



Happy and Safe Spring Break: be responsible and enjoy your time off