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International Students Times

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From the Directors Desk

Welcome back to all returning students and congratulations to you all for making it this far. We are now in the month of October and midterms are already around the corner. I hope that your transition in becoming full members of the Stevens family has been an exciting one and you have fully acclimatized to the campus environment. Much has taken place since your arrival at Stevens six weeks ago, and a lot more will be taking place.

To recap; All graduating international students were invited to the HI-B and OPT workshops in September where each attendee was briefed and notified of the procedures and fees of obtaining work permits.

The "Coffee House Hour" was a



joy for all who attended as students were able to socialize with other students of different cultures. The "Coffee House Hour" is scheduled to be held every First Friday of the Month in America's cup.

Please take the time to look over the monthly calendar to be updated on our latest events.

Good luck to all with the mid-term exams.

There are many new things in store for ISSS and you. Enjoy the rest of the month, and you will be hearing from us soon.

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New Immigration Regulations

- As of this Fall there are new fee increases for all immigration applications {opt, change of status, reinstatement}. Please visit our website or USCIS webpage for updated fee information. All forms have been updated to reflect the changes.
- All OPT applicants, must provide a copy of their "letter of completion," which can be obtained at the registrars office, for graduation with your application. You must have completed all course work and research before you will be granted full time post completion OPT.
- Regulations for CPT have also changed. Please see your specific departmental allowances.

Hot topics this month!



Are you graduating in December? What to learn all there is to know about OPT and H-1's?

Join the ISSS for two special workshops Wednesday October 17th and Wednesday September 24th both at 2pm in Skyline Suites.

Current International Student Fees

1. What is the Health Services Fee?

This fee supports services provided by the Student Health Center and the Office of Student Counseling, Psycho-

logical, and Disability Services. In addition, the fee is used to upgrade campus safety and emergency response preparedness. All undergraduates and full time graduate students will be charged a \$75 Health Service Fee in the Fall and Spring Semesters.

2. What is the International Student Fee?

The US government has increased the regulatory and documentation requirements of international students. All full time undergraduate and graduate students, including

those on CPT and OPT, will be charged a \$75 International Student Fee in the Fall and Spring Semesters.

3. What is International Student Orientation Fee?

This fee covers the cost of the International Graduate Student Orientation program. This is a one-time fee charged to all new international graduate students.

New Additions

Coming this January a new tax software called Syntax will be available to all International students to file their Income Tax Return. Space is limited so please be sure to reserve your seat in the coming month.

The ISSS department will be expanding its office to better accommodate the needs of our international students. Look for notification of our grand opening.

October 2007

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* Please visit ISSS Calendar for more details at

<http://www.stevens.edu/iss/>

"The university is the last remaining platform for national dissent."
~ Leon Eisenberg

Ten Things to do to combat HOMESICKNESS

- Exercise— Run, Swim, Cycle It lessens depression + balances your life.
- If you are religious, locate a church, temple or attend a service— something that is familiar and spiritual!
- Find the best restaurant in NY/NJ area that serves food from your homeland.
- Make a trip out of Hoboken to see another part of the country, its as easy as taking a Metro or NJ transit train ride. Google NY/NJ tourism websites for ideas on place to visit by public transport.
- Do something different while you are here(that you cannot do in your home country) attend a baseball, football game or an opera.
- Develop friendship with an American so you can learn about US culture, psychology and values.
- Offer to give a presentation about your country in a local elementary, middle or high school.
- Accept the fact that you must take responsibility for having fun while you are away from your homeland.
- Keep busy, but not just by studying. This will help you distract yourself from constantly thinking about home
- If homesickness persist speak to one of the counselors on the 7th floor.



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