The Office of International Student Services invites you to attend the following Immigration Information Sessions which were planned especially for you this semester. We hope that you find these sessions beneficial to your stay in the U.S., & we look forward to seeing you this fall!

**Maintaining Lawful F-1 Status**
- **Friday, August 29, 1:00 p.m.**
- **LOCATION:** Room 252, Student Center Building

This session will highlight student responsibilities for maintaining lawful F-1 status here in the U.S. Benefits of the F-1 status and important travel procedures will also be discussed. All F-1 students are encouraged to attend this session.

**Maintaining Lawful J-1 Status**
- **Friday, August 29, 2:00 p.m.**
- **LOCATION:** Room 252, Student Center Building

This session will highlight the responsibilities for maintaining lawful J-1 status here in the U.S. J-1 benefits and important travel procedures will also be discussed. All J-1 students are encouraged to attend this session.

**F-1 Student Optional Practical Training (Mandatory for all F-1 students who plan to apply for OPT this fall)**
- **Thursday, September 18, 3:00 p.m.**
- **LOCATION:** Room 252, Student Center Building

All F-1 students who are planning to apply for OPT this fall must attend one of these three sessions where OPT applications will be distributed and the application process will be explained. F-1 students cannot apply for OPT this fall without first attending one of these three sessions. For students who are graduating in December, the OPT applications must be submitted to USCIS within 60 days of your academic program completion date. Sessions will start on time, so please do not be late. Attendance will be taken.

**Life After OPT**
- **Friday, September 26, 4 p.m.**
- **LOCATION:** Room 112, Student Center Building

Local Immigration Attorney, Mr. Art Serratelli, will discuss various immigration options for F-1 students after post-completion OPT, including the H-1B status, TN status, and R-1 status.

**Overview of Employment Rules & Options for F-1 Students**
- **Thursday, October 16, 2:00 p.m.**
- **LOCATION:** Room 252, Student Center Building

Employment is considered to be the rendering of services for compensation—financial or other. Working in the U.S. without proper authorization, and/or for more hours than permitted, are serious violations of the F-1 status which can lead to severe consequences, such as deportation. All F-1 international students who are considering employment in the U.S. are encouraged to attend this session, which will cover the five types of employment options available to them as well as the rules and regulations for working in the U.S. If you are interested in working in the U.S. we look forward to seeing you at this session! **Special Note:** Self-employment is **not** permitted for F-1 students, and F-2 dependents are **not** permitted to work in the U.S. under any circumstances.

**Overview of Employment Rules & Options for J-1 Students**
- **Thursday, October 16, 3:00 p.m.**
- **LOCATION:** Room 252, Student Center Building

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**F-1 Student Curricular Practical Training (Mandatory for all F-1 students who plan to do a required academic internship during the Spring, 2009 semester)**
- **Friday, November 21, 3:00 p.m.**
- **LOCATION:** Room 252, Student Center Building

All F-1 students who plan to do a mandatory academic internship during the Spring, 2009 semester are **required** to attend this CPT Session this fall before the OISS can process their CPT application. CPT is explained, the application process is discussed, and the CPT applications are distributed at this session. Sessions will start on time, so please do not be late. Attendance will be taken.