The Office of International Student Services (OISS) invites all students in F-1 immigration status to attend the following Immigration Information Sessions which have been planned especially for you this semester. We hope you find these sessions beneficial to your stay in the U.S., & we look forward to seeing you this Fall!

► F-1 Student Optional Practical Training (OPT) Employment Benefit (Mandatory for all F-1 students who plan to apply for OPT this Fall 2013)
• Thursday, September 5, 12:00 p.m.
• Location: Room 252, Student Center
• Friday, October 4, 12:00 p.m.
• Location: Room 252, Student Center
• Friday, November 1, 1:00 p.m.
• Location: Room 252, Student Center

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 application cannot be submitted more than 90 days prior to the official semester Term End date for your school. In addition, your OPT application must be received by the USCIS within 60 days of the Term End date, so please plan accordingly. Sessions will start on time, so please arrive on time. Attendance will be taken.

(OPT details can be found here: http://www.regent.edu/admin/stusrv/iss/employment.cfm)

► Overview of Employment Rules & Options for F-1 Students
• Thursday, October 10, 12:00 p.m.
• Location: Room 252, Student Center

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 strongly 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. we look forward to seeing you at this session!

Special Note: Self-employment is generally not permitted for F-1 students, and F-2 dependents are not permitted to work in the U.S. under any circumstances.

(Details about working in the U.S. can be found here: http://www.regent.edu/admin/stusrv/iss/employment.cfm)

► F-1 Student Curricular Practical Training (CPT) Employment Benefit (Mandatory for all F-1 students who plan to do a required academic internship during the Spring 2014 semester)
• Thursday, October 24, 12:00 p.m.
• Location: Room 252, Student Center

All F-1 students who plan to do a mandatory academic internship during the Spring 2014 semester are required to this CPT sessions 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 arrive on time. Attendance will be taken.

(CPT details can be found here: http://www.regent.edu/admin/stusrv/iss/employment.cfm)

► Maintaining Lawful F-1 Immigration Status
• Friday, September 27, 12:00 p.m.
• Location: Room 252, Student Center

This session will highlight international student responsibilities for maintaining their lawful F-1 immigration status, while they are living in the United States of America. Benefits of the F-1 status and important travel procedures will also be discussed. All F-1 students are encouraged to attend this session as reminder of their F-1 student immigration responsibilities.