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 Spring!

► F-1 Student
Optional Practical Training Employment Benefit
(Mandatory for all F-1 students who plan to apply for OPT this Spring)

- Friday, January 17, 12:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Room 252, Student Center
- Thursday, February 06, 1:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Room 252, Student Center
- Friday, April 04, 1:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Room 252, Student Center

All F-1 students who are planning to apply for OPT this Spring 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 Spring without first attending one of these three sessions. (August graduates should attend one of the OPT sessions which will be offered during the summer months.) For students who are graduating in May, the OPT applications 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. (Details regarding OPT can be found here: http://www.regent.edu/admin/stusrv/iss/employment.cfm)

► Overview of Employment Rules & Options for F-1 Students

- Friday, February 14, 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 unless they are authorized for post completion OPT, 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 Employment Benefit
(Mandatory for all F-1 students who plan to do a required academic internship during the Spring or Summer 2014 terms.)

- Friday, March 21, 12:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Room 252, Student Center
- Thursday, April 10, 1:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Room 252, Student Center

All F-1 students who plan to do a mandatory academic internship during the Summer 2014 semester are required to attend one of these two CPT sessions this spring 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. (Details regarding CPT can be found here: http://www.regent.edu/admin/stusrv/iss/employment.cfm)

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