


**Office of
International Student Services (OISS)
Immigration
Information Sessions
Fall 2011**



Mark your calendars for these special Immigration Information Sessions which were planned especially for Regent's F-1 student visa holders by the Office of International Student Services (OISS). We hope you will find these sessions beneficial to your stay in the United States, & 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)

- Thursday, September 1, 12:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Room 252, Student Center
- Friday, October 7, 12:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Room 252, Student Center
- Thursday, November 3, 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 information sessions where OPT applications will be distributed and the application process will be discussed. All other F-1 students are invited to come learn about OPT as well. For students who are graduating in December, the OPT applications must be received by the USCIS within 60 days of your academic program completion date (the official university Term End date). It takes the USCIS approximately 2-3 months to process the applications. The sessions will start on time, so please do not be late. Attendance will be taken.

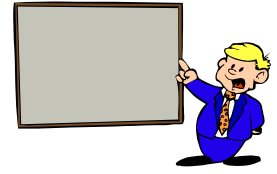
(Details about OPT can be found here: <http://www.regent.edu/admin/stusrv/iss/employment.cfm>)

► **Maintaining Lawful F-1 Immigration Status** 

- Thursday, September 8, 12:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Room 252, Student Center


This session will highlight student responsibilities for maintaining lawful F-1 student immigration status while in the United States. 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 an important reminder of their F-1 student immigration responsibilities.

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



- Friday, September 23, 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 United States (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. 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.

► **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 2012 semester)

- Friday, October 14, 12:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Room 252, Student Center

All F-1 students who plan to do a mandatory academic internship during the Spring, 2012 semester are required to attend this CPT session this Fall before the OISS can process their CPT application. All other F-1 students are invited to come learn about CPT as well. CPT is explained, the application process is discussed, and the CPT applications are distributed at this session. The session will start on time, so please do not be late. Attendance will be taken.

(Details about CPT can be found here:

<http://www.regent.edu/admin/stusrv/iss/employment.cfm>)

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