

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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EMPLOYMENT ON & OFF CAMPUS

Dear International Students, I know many of you have been searching for ways to work while maintaining your F-1 visa. For most of you, finding on campus employment is hard to come by. With the recent budget cuts it will be prove in harder to find campus work. However, I would still encourage you try. When searching for on campus work remember the following. **1)** You can only work on the campus of the school that issued your current I-20. **2)** You must have completed one semester with 12 units with a minimum GPA or 2.0. **3)** You must be enrolled in 12 units for the semester, (unless you are enrolled in the nursing program). **4)** You can work no more than 20 hours. **5)** Once you have secured work, come by the ISS Office, or online, to obtain an Employment Authorization Form. Remember, Assignment renewal is done each semester.

There are four types of off campus employment. **1)** Curricular Practical Training, **2)** Optional Practical Training, **3)** Severe Economic Hardship, and **4)** Employment through an International Organization. If you would like to learn more about these opportunities you can either go to our web page and review the CPT/OPT presentation, or come by our office. Remember, you must apply through USCIS for an Employment Authorization Card. Your counselor and ISS office will assist you with your application. You will need an I-20 with any employment request. You will need to submit an I-765 (filling fee=\$390) + supporting documents. You can obtain an OPT request form, CPT Application and Instructions, or a Severe Economic Hardship Form either online our in the ISS office.

A workshop on CPT and OPT will take place in the ISS Office, room 116, Monday, February 28, 1:00-1:30. For more information please come by our office.



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Special points of interest:

- Final Day to Add Courses, February 17th.
- Registration Payment is due within 10 business days of registration.
- Final day to Drop courses with a full refund is February 22nd.
- Final Day to drop courses without a "W" March 6th & *8th (for online courses)

NEW WEB LAYOUT for ISS

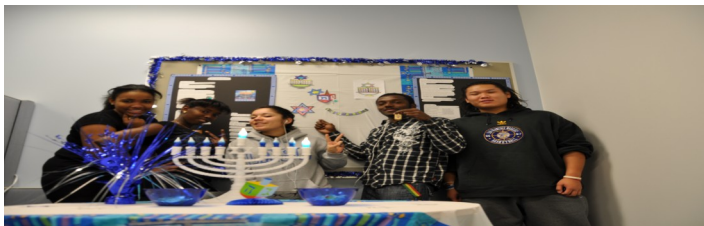


If you have been to the International Student Program web page recently you will have noticed some significant changes. Our webpage, located under www.lasc.edu, has been formatted to be more student friendly for both new and current. All of our forms are available for download. If you have a request to be made please print the form you need and then submit it into the ISS Office. You can also view presentations, find useful websites, our ISS Survey and bi-monthly Newsletter, and view our contact and office information as well. Furthermore, all forms are available in the foyer of our office. Any form you find online, you will also find located in the ISS Office.

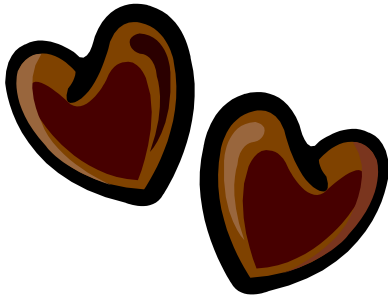
Soles For Souls



The International Student Club collected over 150 pairs of shoes from generous donors across the LASC community. All shoes were donated to Soles for Souls, a non-profit organization which sends shoes across the globe, helping those in need. The International Student Club meets each Wednesday at 4pm in the ISS Office. Without your support or interest there can be no club. Events brought to you by the ISC in the past include a trip to the LACMA, Chanuka Celebration, and an end of the year party. By being a member it allows you the opportunity to not only meet other international students, but a voice to share knowledge about your country with others. If you are interested in becoming a member or in learning about our club please feel free to come by our office or contact us at lascintlstu@lasc.edu or by phone at 323-241-5277.



VALENTINES DAY



Saint Valentine's Day, commonly shortened to Valentine's Day, is an annual commemoration held on February 14 celebrating love and affection between intimate companions. The day is named after one or more early Christian martyrs named Valentine and was established by Pope Gelasius I in 500 AD. It was deleted from the Roman calendar of saints in 1969 by Pope Paul VI, but its religious observance is still permitted. It is traditionally a day on which lovers express their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). The day first became associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. Modern Valentine's Day symbols include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, hand-written valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards.

ALLAH MADE ME FUNNY



International Student Services would like to invite you for a viewing of, **Allah Made Me Funny**, followed by a roundtable discussion. This movie trails three comedians on stage and off as they remove the chador to reveal the funny truth of what it's like to be a Muslim in America. Mohammed, Azhar and Preacher Moss, poke fun at themselves, their communities, government, human nature and the tricky predicament of living in post-9/11 America.

Where: Room 230, Student Services Building

When: Wednesday, February 23

Time: 1:00PM-2:30PM

STEPS TO ASSIST TRANSFER

STEPS

- Go to www.assist.org.
- See “Explore transfer Information” and Select LA Southwest.
- See “Agreements With Other Campuses” and
- Select a University.
- Select a “major” or a “Department.”
- View Requirements and equivalents.

What You Need to Transfer

- You need 60 transferable units
- General Education Units listed as CSU-GE for CSUs & IGETC for UCs

AND

- Units From Your Major
- Listed by major, for example Business Administration and Computer Science.
- Note: Not all universities list courses by major on ASSIST. See Blanca Rodriguez

Take Correct Classes

- Make sure your courses are:
- Listed in the catalogue
- And schedule as a CSU-GE or IGETC course.
- Listed as part of your major.
- Otherwise the CSU: UC course designation only represents an elective

Contact Lisa Ford at 323-241-5392 for more information. Located in the Student Services Center 216

LMU will be here on campus to answer Transfer questions on
02/09/11 from 11-1
03/16/11 from 11-1
04/06/11 from 11-1

Cal State Northridge will be here on campus in the SSB Lobby from 10:30-1:30 on the following dates:
02/15/11
03/10/11, & 04/05/11

TAX INFORMATION

If you need assistance, seek a tax accountant. Forms you may need include:

- Form 1040EZ or 1040NR (Income Tax Return)
- Form 8843 (Statement for Exempt Individuals)
- Form 843 (refund for Medicare)

If you received tax information in the mail please follow the instructions and submit your form to the Business Office in the SSB. Submitting this form is mandatory. If you have questions please bring your forms into the ISS Office.

IMPORTANT DATES

- February 17th: Final Day to Add Courses
- February 22nd: Last Day to Drop Courses with a Full Refund
- February 23rd: Activity: Allah Made Me Funny
- February 28th: Employment Workshop OPT/CPT
- March 6th & 8th: Last Day to Drop Course with a “W”

