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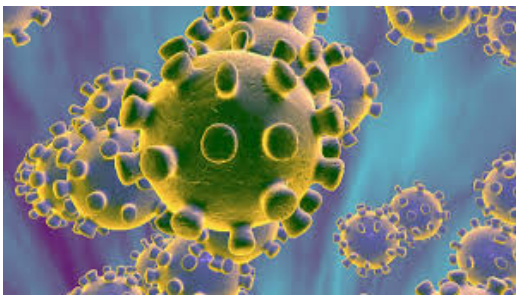
March 2020 Newsletter

Published monthly by International Student Admissions and Programs (ISAP) to provide reminders about immigration regulations, services, programs, and opportunities for involvement.

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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



ISAP understands how stressful this time can be, especially those from countries where the new virus is present. Please understand you are safe and welcome at UWG! We are working on flexible and affordable options for those who may want, or need to stay on campus this summer.

- **UPDATES:** <https://www.westga.edu/academics/isap/news-and-updates.php>
- **Download the UWG “LiveSafe” App for your phone for campus announcements**

Feeling nervous? Please reach out! <https://www.westga.edu/counseling/>

TAX FILING SEASON 2020 (FOR TAX YEAR 2019) | DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2020



If you 1st arrived in the U.S. in 2020, **RELAX** – nothing to file this year.

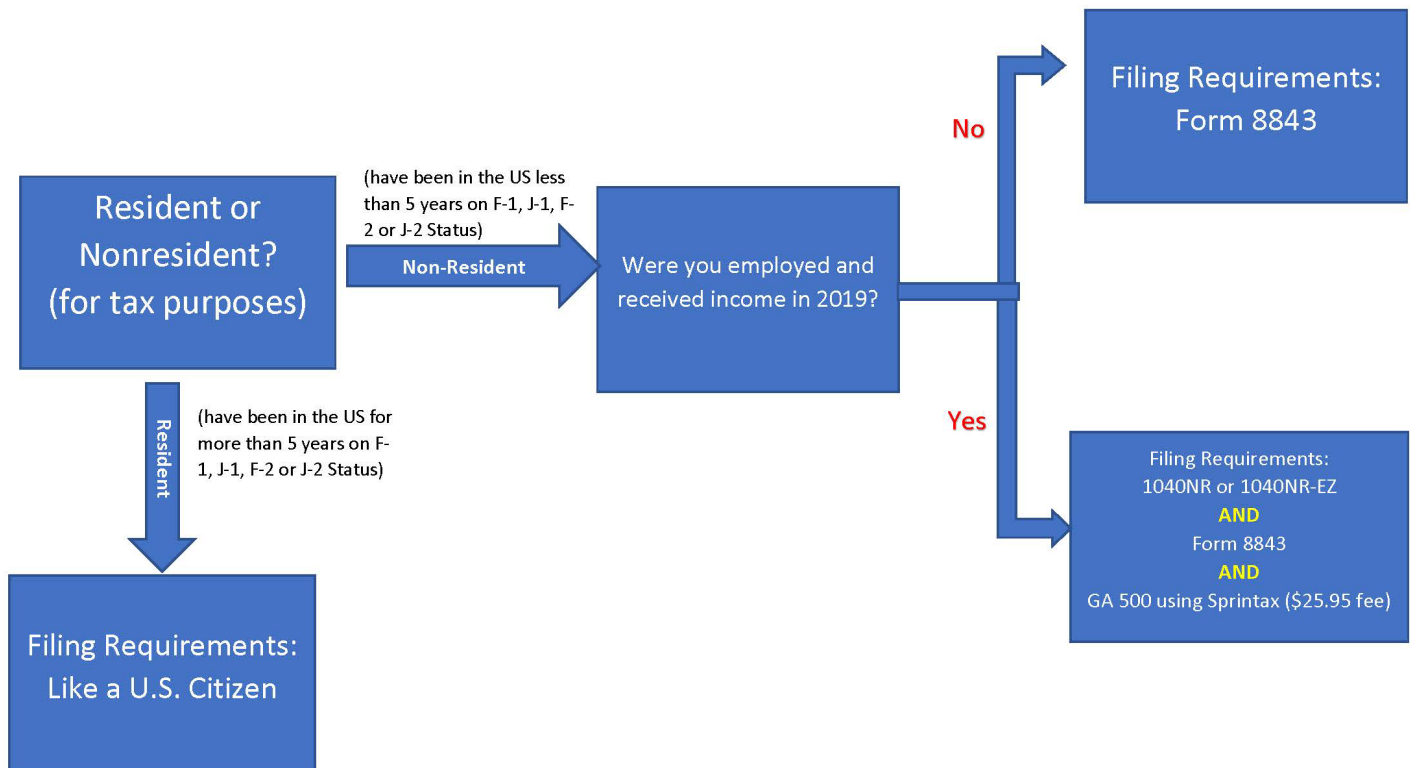
Everybody Else: *Do you want a refund?*

You need to understand your tax filing requirements and the chart below.

The #1 Question About Taxes in the U.S.

Q: I'm not a U.S. citizen, so why do I need to do this?

A: The US government might owe you a refund. If you don't ask for it, you won't get it. If you ever apply for a future visa, status or a Green Card, all tax records will be required for every year. Filing a tax form each year is the law for everyone in the U.S., regardless of income or employment.





- 1. Watch:** this short video intro above, from Sprintax.
- 2. Sign up and Attend:** “Let’s Taco Bout Taxes” info session with w free food.
- 3. If you miss the info section:** Follow the easy steps provided on our revised [ISAP tax information page](#). ISAP cannot assist you in preparing them or repeating the information session on an individual basis.

Be aware: the Sprintax code provided by ISAP is only for use by UWG international students who are enrolled or on OPT. Sharing the code with anyone else is a basis for termination of your status.

ALERT VIDEO | TAX SEASON IS ALSO FRAUD SEASON

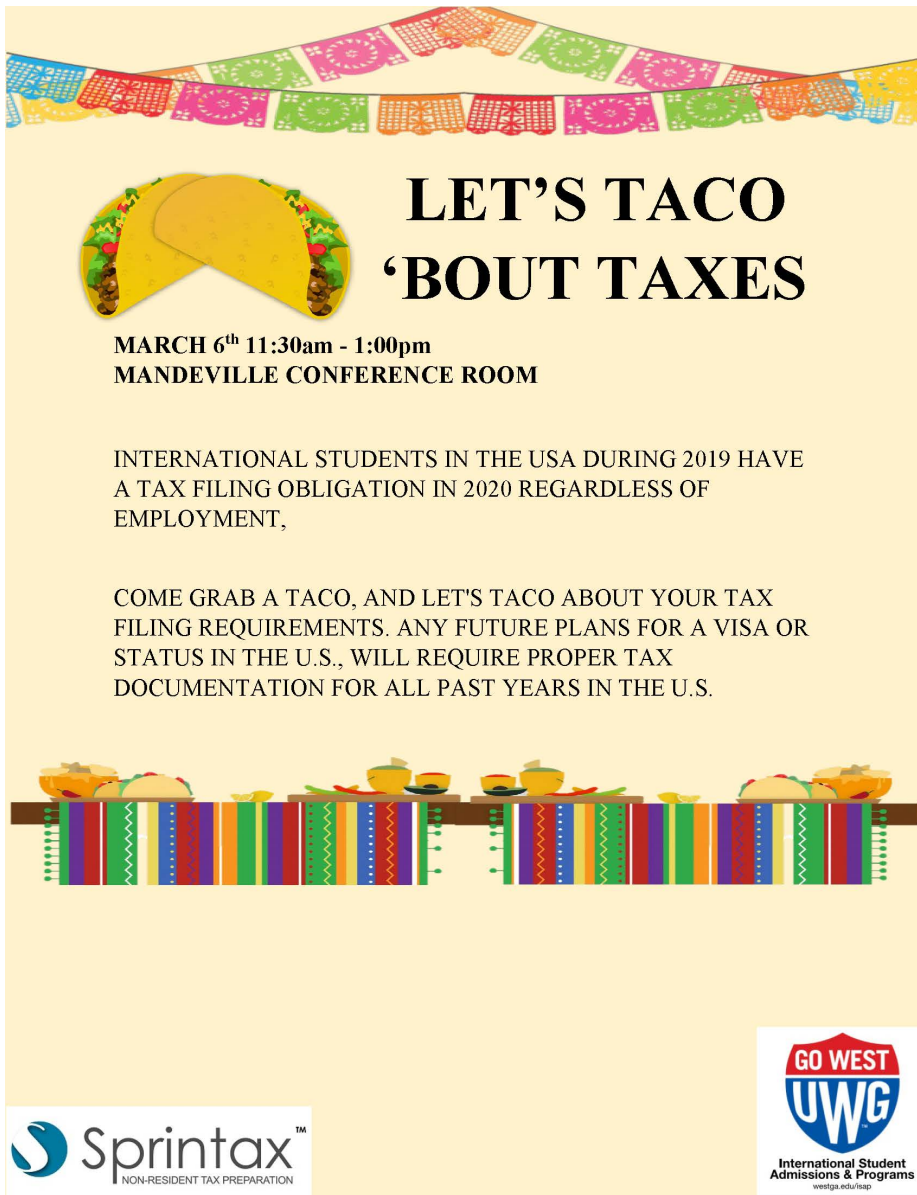


- ISAP has received reports of unknown individuals pretending to be IRS agents who try to collect payments via high pressure calls or emails. Ignore such contact!! Ask ISAP first. Please watch this short [VIDEO](#) about tax fraud. Spread the word!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

“Spring forward, Fall backwards”. This means on March 8th, the time moves 1 hour forward during the night. It also means you “lose” an hour of sleep. Most devices set themselves these days, but be aware.

NEED TAX INFORMATION? Let's Taco Bout it! RSVP DEADLINE MARCH 4th





**LET'S TACO
'BOU TAXES**

MARCH 6th 11:30am - 1:00pm
MANDEVILLE CONFERENCE ROOM

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN THE USA DURING 2019 HAVE A TAX FILING OBLIGATION IN 2020 REGARDLESS OF EMPLOYMENT,

COME GRAB A TACO, AND LET'S TACO ABOUT YOUR TAX FILING REQUIREMENTS. ANY FUTURE PLANS FOR A VISA OR STATUS IN THE U.S., WILL REQUIRE PROPER TAX DOCUMENTATION FOR ALL PAST YEARS IN THE U.S.



To sign up, email:
rashikaw@westga.edu

HAPPY SPRING BEAK, MARCH 16 – 20, 2020.



Have a great spring break everyone! We will be in our offices all week. ☹️

TRAVEL SIGNATURE REMINDER | FORM I-20 OR DS-2019

If you plan to travel abroad over Spring Break and return, consider issues related to Corona virus first, or ask ISAP. You could be stuck in quarantine as conditions spread.



In any case, don't forget to request an updated travel signature by visiting the ISAP office, if your last one is more than 6 months old.

Please review our [travel information](#) page also before booking any international travel

ISAP EVENTS



International Festival: A Day Around the World!

A celebration of global education, international and multicultural students, staff and faculty at UWG!

- March 11th
- Campus Center Ballroom 4pm – 8pm
- T-shirts, food, entertainment, crafts...

International Parade of Flags | Flag Bearers Needed

We have 15 students but need more volunteers to carry a country flags of the nations represented here on campus. We provide the flag and pole. This will take about 12-15 minutes. To sign up, email: Rashika Webb / rashikaw@westga.edu by March 5th, 2020

For more information about this event visit our website at:

<https://www.westga.edu/academics/isap/activities-and-events.php>



March 27th Coca-Cola Museum, Atlanta

- Depart at 10:00am!
- \$5 for UWG Students
- *Sign-up on Wolf Connect

UWG Outdoors

URec Outdoors offers lots of fun, low-cost trips to explore our region! Please see: <https://www.westga.edu/campus-life/urec/adventure-trips.php>

UWG Athletics

Be sure to check out their games as part of the American University tradition! We recommend catching an exciting basketball game or the volleyball match! All events are free with UWG ID: <https://uwgsports.com/>

SUMMER/FALL 2020 COURSE REGISTRATION

Currently enrolled students this Spring 2020 may register for Summer/Fall 2020 courses according to the following date structure:

Current *Seniors & all Graduate level students* – March 30

Current *Juniors* ss# ending in 00-49 – March 31

Current *Juniors* ss# ending in 50-99 – April 1

Current *Sophomores* ss# ending 00-49 –April 2

Current *Sophomores* ss# ending 50-99 – April 3

Current *Freshmen* ss# ending 50-99 – April 6

Current *Freshmen* ss# ending 00-49 – April 7

Be sure to check your MyUWG for any holds on your account and take care of them!

How Do I Register for Classes?

Go to the Banweb tab in your MyUWG portal at <https://myuwg.westga.edu/>

Here also is a PowerPoint with steps on [How To Register](#)

EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

**TAKE
THE
NEXT
STEP...**



Before you can work off campus for any reason, you need authorization. Come learn about it at our free employment workshop: 4 this semester. Sign-up required. Details are here at [International Student Employment](#)

So, what is Curricular Practical Training (CPT) or Optional Practical Training (OPT)?

- CPT – Authorization for paid off-campus internships
- OPT – Authorization for employment in the U.S. after graduation

All Employment Workshops are held in the Mandeville Hall Room 109 1:30 - 2:30pm

Upcoming Workshop Dates:

- March 11th, 2020 – Curricular Practical Training (CPT)
- March 13th, 2020 – Optional Practical Training (OPT)

To sign up for more details see [International Student Employment](#)

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Include your 917 and full name
- **Walk-in Advising | *Please sign-in at the front desk!***
Monday – Friday (except Tuesday mornings)
9:30am – 11:30am | 1:30pm – 4:30pm