MARCH 2013

Address Changes

Moving or have a new e-mail address? USCIS/DHS (United States Customs & Immigration Service/Department of Homeland Security) requires all F-1 students to notify the ISC of ANY home address changes within 10 DAYS of the move. In fact, if you have ANY contact information changes, like change of e-mail, or phone number, let us know! To notify the ISC, simply visit us in C-102, fill out the F-1 Change of Data Form, and we will change the information. This form is also available online at www.bergen.edu/isc/forms.

Health News

If you are not feeling well, and you need medical attention, be sure that you have your insurance card with you from the school, and go to a Valley Health Medical Group Office.

If it is an emergency, always go to the emergency room at the nearest hospital, but if you’re simply not feeling well, and would like to see a medical professional, the BCC Nurses’ Office suggests that you go to one of the offices with the Valley Health Medical Group.

Also, if you have submitted your Immunization form, this needs to be given to Health Services in HS-100.

In the event that your health will prevent you from attending your classes, please contact the ISC IMMEDIATELY!
Immigration News

Employment:
Working off campus without having the proper working authorization will result in the loss of your F-1 status - refer to §C.F.R. 214.1 (e). F-1 students must always obtain working permission from an International Student Counselor to either work: on-campus, off-campus when doing an internship (permission is granted on I-20 through Curricular Practical Training referred to as CPT) or working off-campus on Optional Practical Training (pre-/post-completion OPT) or through Economic Hardship. If you have a social security card, this does not grant you permission to work. This card is only legal to use if you have permission from an International Student Counselor or from USCIS. Additionally, it is illegal to use another person’s social security card. Though you may think that you will not get caught, if an immigration officer were to ask you for your legal working papers and you could not provide them, this is grounds for immediate termination of your F-1 status.

Additionally, this could seriously hurt any chances you may have at changing or adjusting your status in the future, if you opt to do this. To sum this up, working off campus without the proper approval – DON’T DO IT!

There will be plenty of workshops this semester that will cover both working on and off campus. Students who will be graduating in May and are planning to apply for post-completion OPT, are required to attend the OPT workshop (OPT).

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The ISC is always the first place you should stop. The ISC may be able to assist you in the event that you have a medical reason for not going to class. Come see our office immediately! Never let a professor tell you not to attend a class for any reason. According to immigration, you MUST register and attend classes (a minimum of 12 credits) or you could lose your F-1 status.

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Spring Break
Enjoy the week off! Bergen will be open but some offices may have limited staff. If you are traveling outside the U.S., be sure to stop by the ISC and get your travel signature!

--Daylight Saving Time Begins--
Spring Forward
It’s that time of year to change all clocks forward by one hour.
March 10th
2AM becomes 3 AM
Let's get started!

Make-Up Orientations

Friday, 8th 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Room L-159
Friday, 15th 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Room L-159
Friday, 22nd 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Room L-159
Friday, 29th 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Room L-159

Graduating this May 2013?

Make sure that you have completed the Application for Graduation Form, see Registration in A-129. This form can also be found online at www.bergen.edu/registration.

All graduating students will have a 60 day grace period from the last day of classes to do one of the following:

- Transfer Out
- Apply for post-OPT benefit
- Make preparations to return home

Reinstatement Workshops

- March 14th: 1pm – 2pm
- March 27th: 11am–12pm
- April 2nd: 2pm – 3pm
- April 9th: 10am – 11am
- April 18th: 3pm – 4pm

Want to graduate earlier?

Take an additional course during Mid-Semester Start. Classes begin on March 26th!

TRAVEL SIGNATURE DAYS

MARCH 14th & 15th
ALL DAY
9AM–5PM
NO APPT. NEEDED!
# Spring 2013 Workshop Schedule

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*19th @ 11 am - 1pm —Felician College Transfer Information Session (meet with a Transfer Representative)*

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If you would like additional information on a workshop listed, call 201.689.7601, e-mail isc@bergen.edu, or stop by the International Student Center (C-102).

The workshops will be held in C-102. Please be on time. If there are no attendees 10 minutes after the advertised start time, the workshop will be cancelled. All workshops will be approximately 1 hour except for the special session from Felician College.