



January 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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Hello and Happy New Year!

ISAP and UWG are excited to welcome 20 new international students from 8 countries:

Korea, China, France, Gabon, Pakistan, Nigeria, UK and Nepal!

For those of you returning to UWG after your break, welcome back. A great semester and year are ahead!

You are WELCOME here!



REMINDERS

- **FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT REQUIRED BY:** [January 10th, 11:59pm](#). Undergraduate - 12 credit hours. Graduates - 9 credit hours. No exceptions. Reduced Course Load (RCL) Required. Details [HERE](#)
- **DROP / ADD:** Deadline to drop or add a course to your schedule is [January 10th 11:59pm](#)
- **REDUCED COURSE LOAD (RCL):** If this is your final semester, or you have a valid medical reason to be under-enrolled, the deadline to request an RCL is: [January 10th, 5pm](#).
- **FEE PAYMENT DEADLINE:** The payment deadline for tuition and fees is [January 13th, 11:59pm](#). After this date, your enrollment could be automatically dropped if not paid in full.
- **HEALTH INSURANCE WAIVER DEADLINE:** [January 22th at 5pm](#). **Be Aware:** See next topic below.
- **SEVIS REGISTRATION TO "ACTIVE" & GEORGIA DRIVERS LICENSE:** All new and returning students are now in the process of being registered to "continued attendance" in SEVIS for Spring semester 2020. If you wish to apply for a Georgia Driver License (DL), you may do so next week. Details are [HERE](#).
- **CURRICULAR PRACTICAL TRAINING (CPT) APPLICATIONS:** CPT is a temporary work authorization for off campus internships in your field of study. The deadline to apply for Spring 2020 CPT is [Friday, January 17th at 5pm](#). Details are [HERE](#).

DEADLINE: SPRING 2020 HEALTH INSURANCE WAIVERS: JAN. 22, 2020

If you wish to waive out of UWG insurance for Spring + Summer semester 2020, you must first enroll and activate your insurance before you can request a waiver by **January 22, 2020**. Coverage begins January 1, 2020 and ends July 31, 2020.

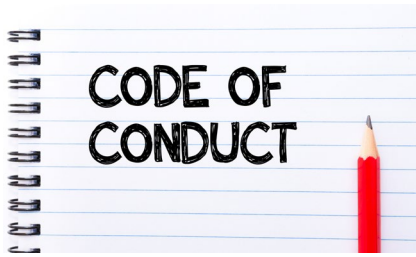


- **Note:** Waivers can take 2-4 business days to update on your bill.

Therefore, if waiver has not been approved by the fee payment deadline, pay your entire UWG bill. Then, when the waiver is

approved, you will receive an automatic refund from UWG for the insurance charge.

- Waivers are not granted automatically, and you must renew your waiver each semester.
- If you'd like to keep your UWG Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP), there is nothing to do.
- For more information or to complete the waiver please click and scroll to the bottom of the following webpage [Health Insurance](#).

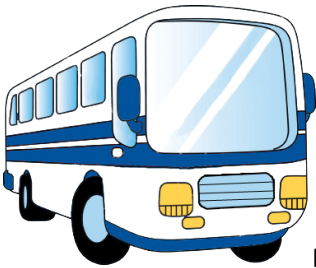


[UWG STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT >> online here](#)

Please be reminded:

- The legal drinking age in the US is **21 years old**. When you enter a bar or place that sells alcohol, you will be asked for photo ID (DL or passport). If you are under the age of 21 you will not be served or allowed to buy alcohol.
- Possession, use or distribution of pot in any form is **illegal** in Georgia and in the US, despite being legal in some states.
- In Georgia, this is a "misdemeanor" (lower category) crime, with a possible fine of \$1000 or a year in jail. O.C.G.A. §16-13-2(b)
- A criminal conviction, including D.W.I. (Driving While Intoxicated) can lead to visa **revocation** and a 10-year travel ban to the U.S.

We encourage you to think wisely about your choices.



UWG SHOPPER SHUTTLE STARTS JANUARY 10th!

Need to pick up some groceries or more items for your dorm? Don't worry! UWG offers a free campus Shopper shuttle that will take you to Walmart / Target and back!

This shopper shuttle runs on **Fridays from 12pm – 4pm**

Pick up location: In front of Row Hall

MAKE FRIENDS | GET INVOLVED



The best way to meet new people, improve your English and be successful in the U.S. is to make friends. The best way to make American friends is to get involved in a campus organization!

Pick an interest, sign up, show up and say hello! It's that simple.



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CONNECT**

- List of 150+ student organization at UWG is [HERE](#)
- To sign up, register in "Wolf Connect" [HERE](#)

TAX INFORMATION 2020 (FOR TAX YEAR 2019)



ISAP will provide information about U.S. Federal and State of Georgia Tax Returns each Spring ahead of the tax-filing deadline: [April 15th, 2020](#).



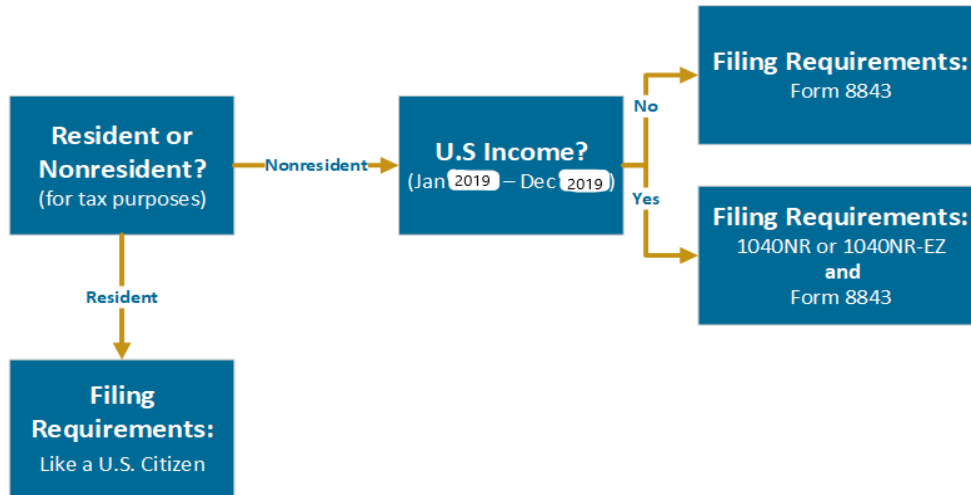
What you need to know now is:

- **DON'T BUY** Tax Prep Software: like TurboTax, H&R Block or any others! They were **not** designed for "Non-Resident " tax forms.
- ISAP will provide free access to special software called Non-Resident Federal Tax Returns.
- Everyone has at least 1 federal tax form to complete, unless you arrived in the U.S. in 2019. In that case there are no forms to complete this year.
- For more info on this process, click [HERE](#).



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Do I need to file taxes?



***ISAP does NOT provide tax advice or tax preparation assistance, only general guidance!**

2020 GEORGIA INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (GILC)

What: GILC happens each spring. It's a college student conference for international students and study abroad students from across Georgia over 1 weekend. Participants share ideas, network and above all, develop their leadership qualities and have fun! UWG can support up to 8 students. We have 2 spots available!

Dates and Location: February 21-23, 2020

Location: Covington, GA (transportation provided)

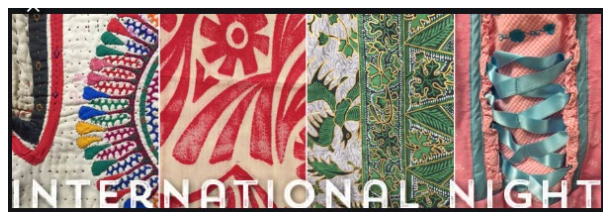
Cost: *FREE* (funded by ISC and Study Abroad)

Details: More details about GILC are [HERE](#).

To Apply: **Registration Opens Jan. 15th**. Stay tuned!



INTERNATIONAL NIGHT 2020 – CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS & VOLUNTEERS



ISAP is planning its 35th annual International Night 2020, which is by students about students! We need your talent, flair and help! This year will bring back visitors from local schools and the Carrollton community also.

There will be a parade of flags, a talent show (by audition) and a global fashion show. We expect 300-400 guests in attendance to celebrate **YOU**.

When: February 28th, 2020

Where: Campus Center Ballroom

Talent Auditions will be January 15th at 5:30pm in Kathy Cashen Hall! Tell your friends!!

To sign up to participate or volunteer, email: rashikaw@westga.edu

SPRING SEMESTER CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT



- F1 & J1 students may be employed in non-federal work study jobs on campus up to 20hrs per week.
- J1 students must request employment authorization from ISAP.
- All employment requires application for a free Social Security Card.
- Instructions for the SSN application are here >> [Support & Services](#)
- UWG campus jobs are listed on this webpage >> [Jobs at UWG](#)

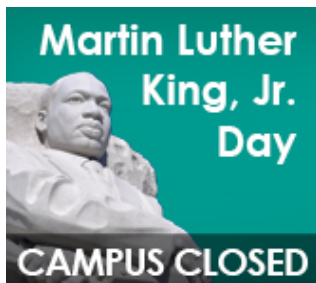
SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS

If you have a job offer or Georgia Driver's License and need to apply for a US social security #, ISAP will coordinate a shuttle to the SSC office in Villa Rica (15 miles from Carrollton) during the 1st two weeks of the semester if there is enough interest.

Contact ISAP Coordinator, Rashika Webb to join the list: rashikaw@westga.edu

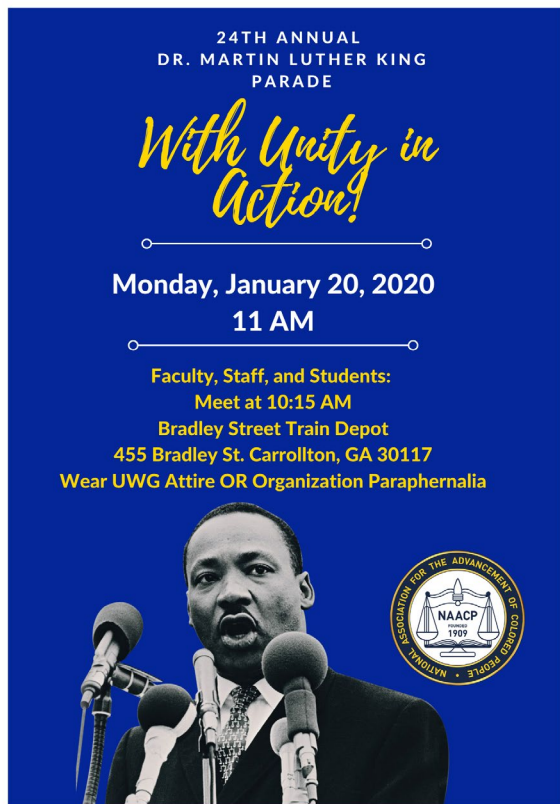
Afterwards, you will need to arrange your own transportation or reserve a ride via "Carroll Connection" at: 844-778-7826

NATIONAL HOLIDAY



University of West Georgia will be closed: **Monday, January 20th, 2020** in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. UWG will celebrate MLK on Monday, Jan. 20th, 7pm in the Campus Center Ballroom. All are invited.

- UWG MLK Celebration details are [HERE](#).
- Thursday January 23rd 9:00am – 5:00pm UWG and the College of Education is sponsoring a bus trip to the Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama! This is an excellent opportunity for you to learn a piece of southern culture and history.
 - View the [Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice website](#)
 - To sign up please click this UWG link: [Legacy Museum Visit Registration Form](#)
- More information on the legacy of MLK Jr. is [HERE](#) .



ISAP EVENTS

Resume Workshop for International Students - January 13th

Location: Mandeville Hall Conference Room

Time 1:30pm – 2:30pm

This workshop will help you tailor your resume to styles typically used in the United States as it sometimes differs from other countries.

Farmers Market Trip (Super H Mart) – January 17th

Location: Atlanta, GA (Meet in front of Mandeville Hall)

Time: 11:00am – 2:30pm

Need some specialty items from your home country? Want to get that snack you love? Sign up for this trip to Super H Mart! If you miss it don't worry there will be a trip to another farmers market in March!



How do I sign up for these events?

You register in "Wolf Connect" [HERE](#). No emails will be accepted as signing up for events.

CONNECT WITH ISAP



- **ISAP on IG | Click the Logo |**
- **International Student Admissions & Programs (ISAP) @ UWG**
Mandeville Hall | Front Campus Drive
www.westga.edu/isap | T: 678-839-4780
- **Email Us**
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