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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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TAX FILING SEASON 2023 (FOR TAX YEAR 2022) | **DEADLINE: APRIL 18, 2023**



If you 1st arrived in the U.S. in 2022, **RELAX** – nothing to file this year.

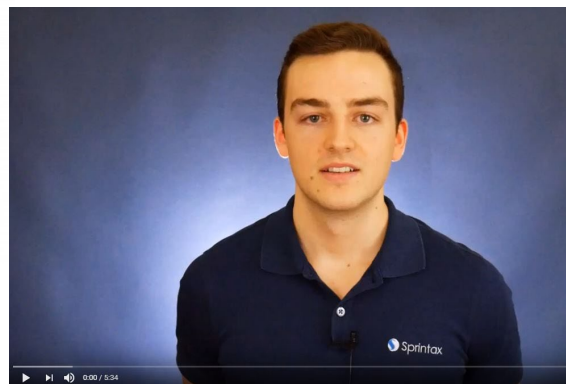
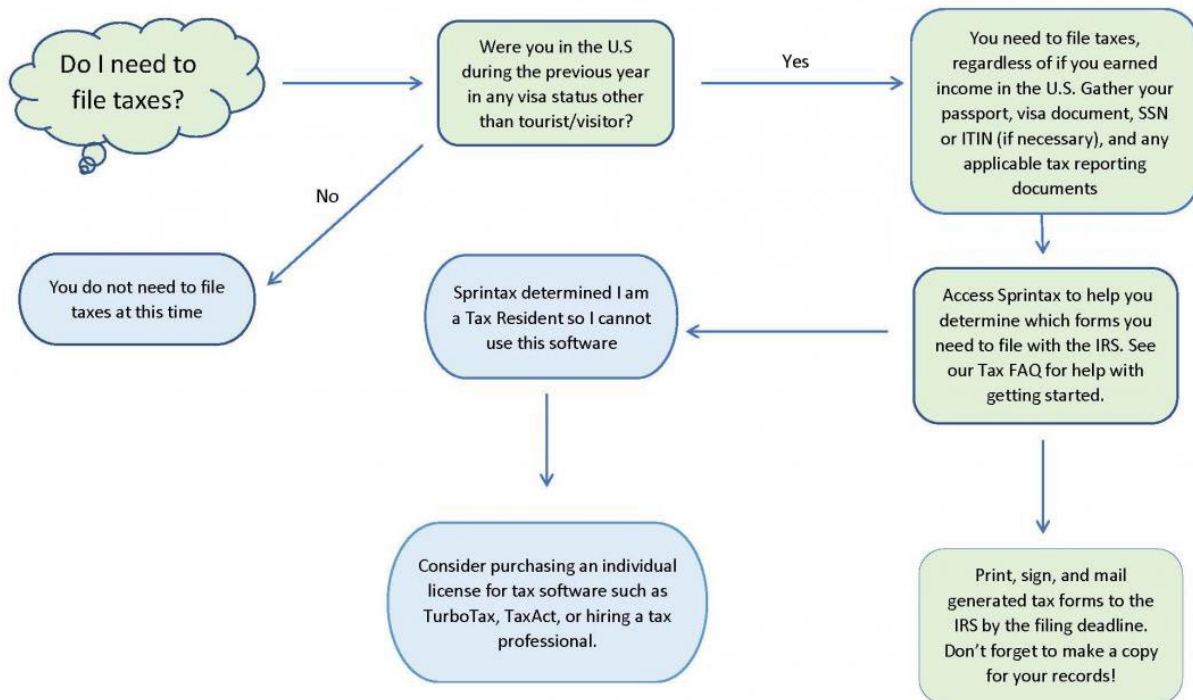
Everybody Else: *Do you want a refund?*

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!

NEED TAX INFORMATION? Let's Taco Bout it!



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

“Spring forward, Fall backwards”. This means on March 12th, 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.

HAPPY SPRING BEAK, MARCH 20– 24, 2023.



Have a great spring break everyone!

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.

In any case, don't forget to request an updated travel signature by requesting it via email, if your last one is more than 6 months old.



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

SUMMER/FALL 2023 COURSE REGISTRATION

Currently enrolled students this Spring 2023 may register for Summer/Fall 2023 courses beginning April 3, 2023

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

- Please review international student [enrollment requirements](#)

Standard Int'l Enrollment Requirements

Minimum Credit Hours Required in Fall and Spring:

Undergraduate Students - 12 credit hours (limited to 1 online course)

Graduate Students - 6 credit hours (limited to 1 online course)

Enrollment over the summer is not required. Summer is viewed as an "optional" semester for international students who did not begin the school year in the summer.

- Don't hesitate to contact ISAP if you have questions.

How Do I Register for Classes?

Go to the Banweb tab in your MyUWG portal at <https://www.westga.edu/student-services/registrar/registration-information.php>

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: 2 this semester. Sign-up required. **RSVP to :dplummer@westga.edu**

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 for Spring 2023 are held at the ISAP Office located in Mandeville Hall

Upcoming Workshop Dates:

- March 1, 2023 – Optional Practical Training (OPT)
- March 24, 2023 – Curricular Practical Training (CPT)

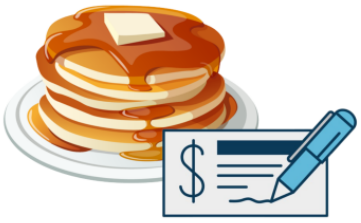
For more details see [International Student Employment](#)

International Student Buddy Program





The application is now live for those who are interested in being a part of the new International Student Buddy Program. Please submit the questionnaire to express your interest in being a part of this new program! <https://forms.gle/KoKB6zw1CXuXCiL5>

PANCAKES & PAYCHECKS
ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



COME ENJOY PANCAKES WHILE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM HUMAN RESOURCES PROVIDES INFORMATION ON HOW TO SECURE A STUDENT WORK POSITION AND BOOST YOUR RESUME!

MARCH 17TH • 10:00 AM
MANDEVILLE CONFERENCE ROOM

 STUDENT EMPLOYMENT  INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSIONS AND PROGRAMS

Join us for pancakes and to learn about on-campus student employment opportunities. **Friday, March 17, 2023 at 10 AM in the Mandeville Conference Room.**