



# International Program Newsletter



## Back to School!

Welcome to the Fall 2017 semester. This fall our international students are coming from 54 different countries, welcoming students from Gabon and Kazakhstan for the first time ever. Everyone is invited to meet and visit with our international students at the Meet & Greet on Wednesday, September 6, at 3:30- 4:30 p.m. in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Silent Room, Doyle Library, Santa Rosa Campus. Light refreshments will be provided.

## \$\$\$ Scholarships \$\$\$

Interested students should check out the Online Bulletin Board for information on current scholarship opportunities including The Alex Ling Memorial Scholarship and Margaret Trussell Scholarships for



International Students. To qualify for these scholarships, students must have completed 12 units prior to Fall 2017, be currently enrolled with at least 12 credits, and must continue with 12 units in Spring 2018. Scholarships also are available for students planning to transfer in Spring 2018. Scholarships are ranging from \$450 to \$1,000. Applications for the scholarships are available online and in the Scholarship Office in Plover Hall on the Santa Rosa campus and Kathleen Doyle Hall on the Petaluma Campus. For more information, please call 527-4740.

## FLAG CHALLENGE



Identify the flags! Look for the answer at the end of the newsletter.  
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## Maintaining Student Status

Below is an overview of the basic regulations for F-1 Visa students. Failing to maintain legal status could result in serious consequences and may affect the ability to remain in or return to the U.S. F-1 students must:

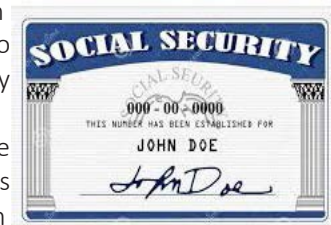
- Enroll in and successfully complete 12 units each fall and spring semester.
- Have a valid SEVIS I-20 from the school attending.
- Report any address changes to International Admissions within 10 days.
- Have legal permission for any employment.
- Limit enrollment in online classes to 3 units or one class per semester.

## Working During the Academic Term

F-1 students may work up to 20 hours per week on campus during the semester. To work on campus, the student will need to obtain a U.S. Social Security Number.

The Social Security Office requires international students to bring letters of permission from their school. Student Employment and International Admissions will provide the required letters.

Students who have completed one year as an F-1 student or have earned a degree in the U.S. may qualify for off-campus employment. Prior authorization is required. A workshop will be offered this fall to learn more about Curricular and Optional Practical Training possibilities. For more information, please contact [Kim Hunt](#), International Student Advisor, Admissions & Records Office.



## September Calendar

Sept. 4 Labor Day Holiday — no classes – school closed

Sept. 5 Professional Development Flex Day — no classes

Sept. 6 Meet and Greet, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Bertolini Student Activities Center.

Sept. 10 Last day to register/add with the instructor's signature or add code\*

Sept. 10 Last day to drop a class without a "W" symbol

\*Short courses (less than a semester in length) have different deadlines for adding, dropping and refunds. Check your course section number online to confirm deadline dates for a specific course.

## Health Insurance

Your insurance ID card will be sent to you via email. You may also download a copy of your insurance ID card from



[www.geobluestudents.com](http://www.geobluestudents.com). Details about the health insurance plan for international students can be found at: [Health Insurance Information](#). A workshop will be offered soon to explain the plan and answer student questions, and an email invitation will be sent to all international students. When possible, international students should seek the assistance of the Student Health Services Center located in the Race Building. The Student Health Services Center can help refer students to local health providers. The center will also provide students with a form that will waive the co-pay required under the insurance plan.

## Transfer Day



On Wednesday, September 6, 2017, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Santa Rosa Junior College will hold its annual university fair - Transfer Day - for students interested in transferring to a four-year institution. Representatives from 50 colleges and universities will visit SRJC's Santa Rosa campus to talk with students and answer questions about transferring from SRJC to a four-year college or university to earn higher academic degrees. The fair will be held in the Bertolini Dining Commons. More information: [SRJC University Fair](#).



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## SRJC International Club



SANTA ROSA JUNIOR COLLEGE  
INTERNATIONAL  
CLUB

All SRJC students are invited to become a member of the International Club. The group is only open to current SRJC Students, SRJC Alumni and prospective SRJC students. More information: Club's [Facebook page](#) or email the club's president, Kyla Lam, at [kyla.lam@hotmail.com](mailto:kyla.lam@hotmail.com)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The International Student Program Office is organizing workshops especially for international students. Reminders will be sent to the international students through their email accounts. Note these dates and times in your calendar now!

- ❖ *Health Services & Insurance* - Friday, Sept. 8 – 9-10:30 a.m.
- ❖ *Student Employment* – Friday, Sept. 15, 12-1:30 p.m.
- ❖ *Transfer* – Monday, Sept. 25, 12-1:30 p.m.
- ❖ *Scholarships*- Friday, Oct. 6, 12-1:30 p.m.
- ❖ *CPT/OPT (working off campus)* – Fri., Oct. 13, 12-1:30 p.m.

## Travel and Reentry



Every time an international student leaves the U.S., the student will need a valid passport, visa and I-20 form to reenter. The I-20 must be signed by a designated school official in International Admissions **before** leaving the U.S.





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## Festivals and Events

### Moon Festival

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 1, 11:00a.m – 6:00p.m Daily  
Grant Ave & Washington St., San Francisco, CA  
Two Days of Nonstop Entertainment, Food, Shopping,  
Dragon Parades, Cultural Events & More!



### Oktoberfest by the Bay

Friday, Sept. 22, 5p.m – 12a.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 23, 11a.m – 5p.m & 6p.m – 12a.m.  
Sunday, Sept. 24, 11a.m – 6p.m.  
Pier 48, across from AT&T Park, San Francisco, CA



## ELS Event



Please join the students and staff of ELS Language Center for an afternoon of games and snacks in the Bertolini Student Center Faculty/Staff Lounge which is across from the Bear's Den. ELS will provide some games (Apples to Apples, Uno, and a couple of others) as well as some light snacks. Feel free to bring your own favorite game to teach and share, as well as your favorite snack. The festivities begin at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, September 8. ELS staff and students hope to see you there!

## ISP Student Employees



Meet our ISP student employees.  
Kana Tran, Yuka Peng & Bao Le

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**SRJC International Student Program**

Can be found on Facebook.

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