

InternationalLink



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Happy New Year!

It's a brand new year! For some of you this new year means the start of a big step you have taken in your life. It will be your first year as a student in America. There will be a lot to learn, not only in the classroom but outside the classroom as well as you adjust to living in America. For others this new year means the transition from being a student here at the University of Findlay to beginning a new job as you begin your one year of internship on OPT. And for the rest of you caught somewhere in the middle, it's just another year of getting through classes!

Where ever you are in your college career, the new year always stands before us and asks us to reexamine our lives in light of the past year. As you think about this new year, what are the goals you want to achieve? What are the steps you need to take to reach them? What positive changes have you made in your life this past year that you want to see continue in the new? What are some of the shortcomings you have allowed in your life that you would like to improve? These are all important questions to think about seriously. Remember, your life is yours to make of it what you will. The decisions you make today will affect your future. We wish you all the best in 2008!



Students learn about Blackboard in the Spring 08 Orientation



Michael tours an American farm.

Upcoming Events

Jan 21, 2008 Martin Luther King Day

No classes. Office closed.

February 14, 2008

Valentines Day

April 11, 2008

International Night!



Immigration Highlight

Highlighting important F-1 regulations you need to know!

Don't Let Your Immigration Documents Expire!

Immigration documents. Love them or hate them, they are a very important part of your stay while in the United States. One small piece of your immigration documents are your expiration dates. It is easy to lose track of your expiration dates and to allow them to expire. It is very important you keep track of your expiration dates and take the steps necessary to make sure they do not expire while you are studying. I want to talk about three important documents that you need to keep track of and what to do to extend the expiration date.

PASSPORT

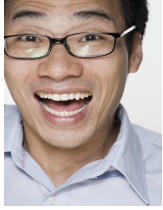
Your passport can not expire while you are in the United States. In fact, it must be renewed six months BEFORE the expiration date. If you see that your passport is going to expire, you can contact your countries embassy by finding the embassy on the internet. Every country has different requirements for renewing your passport. It is usually just a matter of filling out the appropriate application online and mailing your application to them. They will in turn send you a new passport.

VISA

Your visa is one document that is allowed to expire while you are in the U.S. It is no problem to be here and have an expired visa. You will need to renew it though if you plan on traveling outside the United States at any point. The only way to renew is by traveling back home and scheduling an appointment with a visa officer. Kelli Wages in our office can give you a Visa Renewal Letter that will help you renew your visa.

I-20

Be sure to look at your Completion of Studies date on the first page of your I-20. Do not let this expire or you will be out of status! If you see that it will expire, simply come into our office for an I-20 Extension Form BEFORE it expires.



Friendly Reminders!

- **IMPORTANT:** Please be sure to update your local address through our web site! There are many students who have not updated their local address. And please be sure to update your utility companies (electric, gas, water) with the correct local address as well. You can find the Change of Address form under the Office of International Admissions and Services section of the U.F. website.
- Travel signatures on page three of your I-20's are valid for six months! You must be registered for the next term before we can sign your I-20.
- If you are traveling back home, think about bringing something back from your home country to share in International Night!
- If you have pictures to share in the International Link, you can email them to haines@findlay.edu.



Christmas 07



Kalina skiing back home.



Ryan Thakkar and his proud parents Komal and Vanitha. Congratulations!



The University of Findlay, in Findlay, Ohio USA, has a longstanding tradition of welcoming international students to its campus. Each year, we welcome over 200 new international students from over 40 different countries and territories.

Learn more about International Admissions and Services on the web!

<http://www.findlay.edu/admissions/info/international/default.htm>

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Free Shuttle Service!

No transportation? No problem! You can catch our shuttle service every Thursday and Saturday at the AMU!

The shuttle runs:

- Every Thursday to the Findlay Village Mall from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Every Saturday to Walmart from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The shuttle picks up and drops off students every half an hour at the AMU.

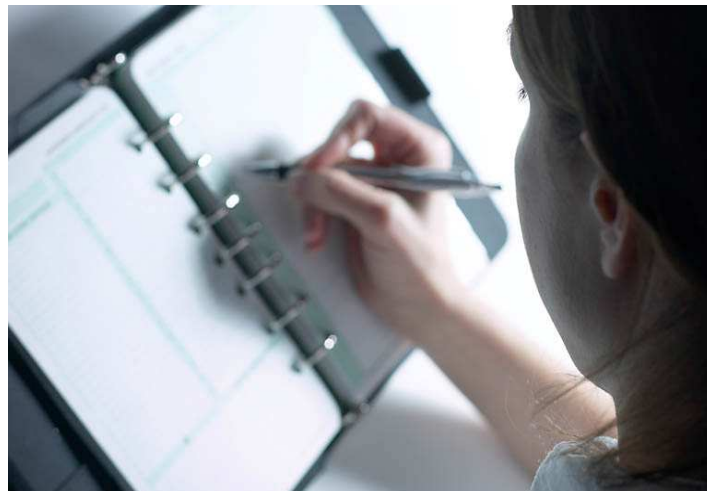
OPT Application Session Dates

OPT Application Sessions are held in the Endly Room of the AMU promptly at 9:30 a.m.

Please download the OPT Application Packet off our web site and complete it before you attend the session. The application can be found at:

<http://www.findlay.edu/admissions/info/international/immigrationinformation/flstudent/default.htm>

2008 OPT APPLICATION DATES	
January 8	August 5
February 5	September 2
March 4	October 7
April 1	November 4
May 6	December 2
June 3	
July 1	



Mark Your Calendar!