

INTERNATIONALINK

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It's a New Year at The University of Findlay!

The Office of International Admissions and Services wants to welcome new and old students alike to a new year at The University of Findlay. The start of a new year brings with it hope, excitement and a year of possibility. As you begin this new year take some time to think about what your personal and career goals are for 2009. What are some measurable goals you can set to improve yourself as a person? Maybe it's becoming more physically fit, getting more involved in helping others or stepping outside of your comfort zone and trying something new. What are some measurable goals you can set for your career? Are you on track in your program of study? How does your current program fit what you see yourself doing in five years? These are all good questions to ask yourself to help you become the person you want to BE. 2009 is an open slate and it's up to you to make the most of it. We wish you the best in 2009!



New Students Arrive at The University of Findlay



Immigration Highlight

My OPT ends in June but my H1 doesn't start until October! What do I do?

A frequently asked question this time of year concerns the gap between a student's OPT ending sometime before October 1st and the beginning of H1 employment authorization on October 1st. For example, a student who is going to apply for an H1 visa on April 1st but whose OPT ends in June. What happens between June and October 1st when the H1 begins?

The government has implemented something called a "cap gap extension". This new regulation allows a student to either continue working through the gap until October 1st or at least maintain legal status to begin working on October 1st. Basically if you have an approved H1 before your OPT expires you may continue working. If your H1 is still in process when your OPT ends, you will have to end employment but can remain in the country. I will update you on specifics in the near future on what you need to do take advantage of the cap gap.

What's Happening



International Night 2008

International Night

April 17th kicks off International Night 2009! It's a night to show off your home country in food, dress, games and dance for the Findlay community.

Now is the time to begin thinking about what you and friends from your home country would like to do for International Night. Early planning and organization is key to showing everyone your best.

If you have any questions regarding International Night and what you need to do to be a part of it, please contact Kelli

Wages or Debbie VanAtta in the Office of International Admissions and Services.

2009 Begins the Chinese New Year "Year of the Ox"

Genuine, hard working, trusting, responsible and fearless, the Ox is a strong character and always strives for excellence. The Year of the Ox will bring opportunities for success through dedication and fortitude. Strong bonds will be shared with family and associates, while close friendships forged will last a lifetime. This will be a year of peace, tranquility and prosperity.

MBA Program Now Accepting Direct Admits for the March Session

If you have a friend who would like to join the MBA program let them know that they can now join the program in March as a direct admit. See our website on applying for the program.



Friendly Reminders

- **IMPORTANT:** Please be sure to update your local address through our web site! Your F1 status could be terminated if you don't! 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 have pictures to share in the International Link, you can email them to haines@findlay.edu.

Student Life in Pictures



Winter 09 International Orientation



OPT Application Session

OPT Application Sessions are held in the Endly Room of the AMU promptly at 9:30 a.m. Please download and complete the OPT Application Packet from our web site before you attend the session. The application can be found at:

<http://www.findlay.edu/admissions/info/international/immigrationinformation/f1student/default.htm>

OPT APPLICATION DATES	
2009	
January 6	
February 3	
March 3	
April 9 (Thurs.)	
May 5	
June 2	
July 7	
August 4	
September 1	
October 6	
November 3	
December 1	



Mark Your Calendar!

Free Shuttle Service!



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

The shuttle runs:

- Every Tuesday and 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 University of Findlay, in Findlay, Ohio, 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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