

February 2019

1st and 3rd Thursday



International Coffee Hour

Enjoy coffee and conversation at this informal gathering held on the first and third Thursday of the semester months.

International Coffee Hours in **February** will be on **February 7th & 21st!** For a complete list of dates click [HERE](#)
Prospector, Gold Room

Contact: intlssso@uncc.edu

February 20th @ 4PM



Save the Date: International Speed Friending!

Would you like to make new cross-cultural friends in a fast, structured and fun way? Here is your chance! This event will provide you brief face to face introductions with a variety of people from different cultural backgrounds. The rules are simple: You will be given conversation cue cards and a set amount of discussion time. Get to know their name, home country, age, hobbies and more!

The event will take place in:

College of Health and Human Services, Room 128

Immigration Workshops

A flyer for an OPT Workshop. It features the UNC Charlotte logo and the text 'International Student and Scholar Office IMMIGRATION WORKSHOPS'. The main text reads 'OPT Wednesday February 6, 2019 4pm - 5pm CHHS 370'. At the bottom, it says 'Optional Practical Training' and provides a website link: 'For more information about Optional Practical Training, visit our website at: isso.uncc.edu/programs-workshops/workshops/opt'.

OPT Workshop

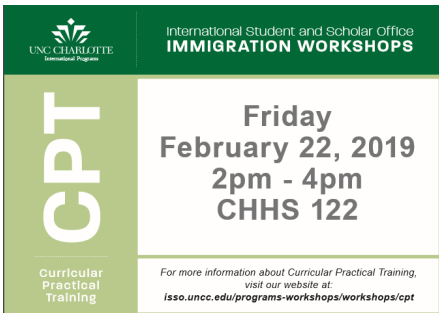
If you are graduating during the upcoming semester and are interested in applying for employment authorization, you **MUST** attend an Optional Practical Training (OPT) Workshop. Time-sensitive deadlines are set by the U.S. Government, so plan to come to an early session!

- Students must be in lawful immigration status for one full academic year (fall and spring semesters) in order to be eligible to apply for OPT
- Applications **MUST** be received by USCIS no later than 60 days after the student's graduation date
- Processing time by USCIS varies but can be up to 3 months. Therefore, students are strongly encouraged to apply up to 90 days prior to graduation

If you cannot participate in one of our in- person OPT Workshops, please participate in our [Virtual OPT Workshop](#).

For more information about Optional Practical Training, visit our [Employment Page](#).

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The flyer features the UNC Charlotte logo and the text: 'International Student and Scholar Office IMMIGRATION WORKSHOPS'. On the left, 'CPT' is written vertically in large white letters on a green background, with 'Curricular Practical Training' written below it. The main text reads: 'Friday February 22, 2019 2pm - 4pm CHHS 122'. At the bottom, it says: 'For more information about Curricular Practical Training, visit our website at: isso.unc.edu/programs-workshops/workshops/cpt'.

CPT Workshop

If you have been enrolled full-time for one full academic year (excluding summer) and currently hold an F-1 status, you **may** be eligible to apply for Curricular Practical Training (CPT), work authorization for off-campus internships.

ISSO holds CPT workshops per semester. We strongly encourage AND expect you to attend **one** CPT Workshop.

For more information about Curricular Practical Training, visit our [Employment Page](#).

Thursday, February 15th
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

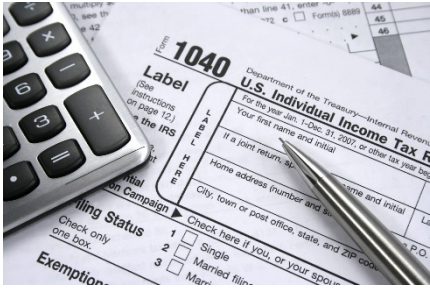


International Speaker Series: Defending the Rule of Law – At Home and Abroad

Presented By: **Hilarie Bass**, American Bar Association President In collaboration with the UNC Charlotte Pre-Law Society, the Spring installments of the annual International Speaker Series continue with Hilarie Bass, President of the American Bar Association, who will deliver a presentation, entitled “Defending the rule of Law- At Home and Abroad” followed by questions from the audience. Please RSVP here

to attend. Popp Martin Student Union, Movie Theater RSVP or Contact: globaleducation@uncc.edu

Tax Season is Approaching! - April 15th Deadline



U.S. Income Tax Filing - GLACIER Codes Now Available

ALL international students and visiting scholars in the United States **MUST** file U.S. federal and state tax returns **BEFORE April 15th** of each year if they were present in the U.S. during the previous calendar year, **even** if they did not have U.S. income. International students in valid F1 or J1 visa status for five years or less may be illegible to be exempt from withholding Social Security & Medicare taxes.


Please note: Advisors at ISSO are not able to give tax advice about individual cases as we are not tax professionals, so this cannot be considered legal tax advice. You are advised to review the information from the IRS specifically addressed to foreign students and scholars, the IRS website or the North Carolina Department or Revenue. The page about When, Where and How to File Your North Carolina Return has some information for Nonresident Aliens that may be helpful.



If you did NOT work during 2018:

1. Complete **ONLY** form 8843 - From 8843 is available online, you may complete and print
 - o If you don't have a social security number, please put 000-00-0000. Since you did not earn income in the year 2018, please enter \$00.00 as your income.
 - o Mail the form **on or before April 15th** to: Internal Revenue Service Center, Austin, TX 73301-0215
 - o If you received a form 1098-T, please disregard it unless you have been in F1 or J1 status for 5 years or more and have been employed. Otherwise, you are not eligible to claim this benefit as part of your tax return.

If you DID work or received during 2018:

1. Collect your W-2 income tax statement from all 2018 employers. If you changed address or haven't received your W-2 you should contact your employer(s). For UNC Charlotte employment, contact the Payroll Office at payroll@uncc.edu.
2. Complete Forms 1040 NR-EZ, D-400 and 8843.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○To facilitate this process ISSO has purchased GLACIER Tax Prep (GTP) software licences. GTP is specifically designed to assist non-immigrants with the U.S. Federal tax form. <p>Glacier Codes may be picked up at the ISSO on the following dates and times:</p> <p>Thursday, February 7th, 2019 - 9AM to 12PM @ CHHS 128 Monday, February 11th, 2019 - 3PM to 5PM @ TBD Thursday, February 14th, 2019 - 9AM to 12PM @ CHHS 128 Monday, February 18th, 2019 - 3PM to 5PM @ TBD</p>
<p>HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY – February 14!</p> 	<p>Events for Valentines Day at UNC Charlotte</p> <p>UNC Charlotte is hosting a number of events taking place on campus during the week of Valentines Day. Please refer to the Campus Events Page for more information. The Campus Events Page can be accessed by clicking the following link:</p> <p>https://campusevents.uncc.edu/</p>
<p>International Women’s Day at UNC Charlotte</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY AT UNC CHARLOTTE</p>	<p>13th Annual International Women’s Day Celebration Nomination Application</p> <p>Available: February 9 -March 8 UNC Charlotte will celebrate the 13th Annual UNC Charlotte recognition of International Women's Day (IWD) from 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM, Tuesday, March 27, in the Student Union, room 340.</p> <p>International Women’s Day, recognized by the United Nations on March 8, is celebrated in various countries around the world. International Women's Day, as acknowledged by the United Nations, is a time to reflect on progress made and a call for change. Most importantly, International Women’s Day is a celebration of acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities.</p> <p>The UNC Charlotte campus community has celebrated IWD since 2006. This annual event includes historical information and recognition of faculty, staff, and students who have been</p>

	<p>nominated for their impact on the lives of women locally and globally. Nominations will open Friday, February 9 and will be accepted until Thursday, March 8. The 13th annual UNC Charlotte recognition of IWD is co-sponsored by the Office of International Programs, the Women’s and Gender Studies Program, and the Multicultural Resource Center. The event is open to the campus community. Popp Martin Student Union, Room 340 Contact:</p> <p>globaleducation@uncc.edu</p>
<p>February 12th - 12PM to 1PM</p> 	<p>The Center of Graduate Life Presents:</p> <p>International Graduate Student Professional Development Series: Building a LinkedIn Profile & Using LinkedIn to Network and Find a Job</p> <p>Facilitated by Megan Corkery, Assistant Director and Engineering Career Advisor, the University Career Center</p> <p>This presentation is designed primarily for students who do not have a LinkedIn profile and are interested in creating a professional online presence using LinkedIn. Students looking to improve their current LinkedIn page will also benefit from the session. Bring your laptop and be prepared to interact during this fun and casual workshop. The workshop will take place in Cone 268.</p>
<p>Quick Reminders</p> 	<p>Academic and Health Support Services</p> <p>Please take advantage of the different offices that offer academic support such as the University Center for Academic Excellence, The Writing Center, and The Center of Graduate Life.</p> <p>We also encourage all of you to continue to maintain good physical and mental health and take advantage of the Student Health Center and Counseling and Psychological Services to help you get through the rest of the winter season.</p>