

Summer 2009 Announcements: We hope you are all having a good summer break. Here are some announcements and general reminders for the upcoming Fall 2009 semester.

SUMMER IPS OFFICE HOURS:

Morning advising by appointments or walk-in basis from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Monday to Thursday

Walk-in basis from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Thursday

Summer workshop hours: F-1 Work Opportunities on Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. or Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

IPS OFFICE CLOSURE: IPS will be closed on July 3, for the Independence Day Holiday, and on July 10 for an office retreat.

Tuition *Increase* for Fall 2009:

Tuition and fees have been increased effective Fall 2009. Please go to <http://info.sjsu.edu/web-dbgen/narr/soc-fall/rec-233.html> to review the new fees in detail. *Please note that the \$339.00 per unit multiplier remains the same.*

Changes to Course Repeats and Grade Forgiveness:

The following messages have also been sent to all undergraduate students via MySJSU.

The first message regards changes from the CSU Chancellors Office, Executive Order (EO1037), and from SJSU Senate Policies F08-2, and S09-7 that will take effect in Fall 2009.

These are significant changes that will be effective Fall 2009. (1) course repeats, (2) Incomplete ("I") grades, and (3) late drops (from courses) and late withdrawals (from entire semesters).

This message only provides information about course repeats. Please see the Advising Hub for more details on this and the other two issues: <http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/>

Course Repeats:

You will be allowed a maximum of 16 units of "Grade Forgiveness" (formerly known as "Academic Renewal") during your college career. You will be limited to a maximum of 9 units of lower division coursework and a maximum of 9 units of upper division coursework (with the total never to exceed 16 units).

The process of Grade Forgiveness is now automatic, no need to petition for it:

If you received a grade of C- or less in a course and sign up to take it again, PeopleSoft and MySJSU will automatically count the units of the course towards the 16 units of Grade Forgiveness that you are now allowed.

Grade Forgiveness can be applied only once to any individual course (this is the same as existing Academic Renewal policy).

To better understand Grade Forgiveness, and to find out the new rules on Incomplete or Withdrawals go to the Advising Hub at <http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/>

Academic Standing for Spring 2009 Grades:

Students are encourage to check your academic standing on your MYSJSU account. If you are on Academic Probation, this means that your grade point average has fallen below an acceptable level for good academic standing. If you are not able to sufficiently improve your grade point average by the end of the Fall 2009 semester you may become subject to Academic Disqualification. Be sure to meet with an academic advisor in your department to discuss a plan to improve your grades. Undergraduate students should also contact Linda Florez, the Academic Advisor for International Students in the Advising Services Office, for assistance, at Linda.Florez@sjsu.edu

You should also come in to see an International Student Advisor in the IPS Office, so that we can discuss your situation and find out what options are available to you to avoid loss of your F-1 student status.

Changes in Enrollment Limits: IMPORTANT!

In order to balance the availability of classes, please note the following **changes to enrollment limits** during the Fall 2009 registration cycle:

Advanced Registration: Monday, June 8 – Sunday, August 16

- Enrollment limited to 14 units through Sunday, August 9

- Enrollment limited to 18 units from Monday, August 10 through Sunday, August 16

Late Registration: Monday, August 24 – Friday, September 11

- Enrollment limited to 18 units

Thursday, September 3 is the last day to:

- Drop classes or withdraw from SJSU without a "W" grade.

- Add and drop courses of equal net value and not be responsible for additional state university/non-resident fees.

Friday, September 11 is the last day to:

- Add classes

- Submit instructor drops, if the instructor wishes to use that option.

- Submit CR/NC and Audit options

Late enrollment will be assessed additional fees.

See www.sjsu.edu/bursar/fees for Installment Payment Plans. **Failure to make payments by the due dates will result in enrollment cancellation, with no guarantee that you will be able to re-enroll after late payment**

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All continuing students are advised to register for classes as early as possible. The California state budget cuts will cause there to be fewer classes offered in the Fall, and they will most likely fill up faster than in the past.

Please also remember that all F-1 students are required to study full time (undergrads: 12-units; grads: 9-units). A reduced course load petition (RCL) must be approved by IPS prior to the end of Add/Drop, Sept. 11, 2009, for concurrent enrollment at another college, and students in their first or last semester.

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Spring 2009 Graduates: Last chance to apply for Post-completion OPT !!

Students who completed their degree requirements this May 2009 and wish to apply for Post-completion Optional Practical Training (OPT) should keep in mind that their OPT applications must reach the USCIS California Service Center before the July 30, 2009 deadline. You may only begin your employment after receiving your Employment Authorization Document (EAD) from USCIS and after the start date on it is reached. This will take approximately one or three months from the time the application reaches USCIS.

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Special Post-completion OPT Q & A Workshop for students on Post-completion OPT:

Thursday, July 9, 2009 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in BBC 004 (Boccardo Business Center)

We will update you with the latest information from USCIS on Post-completion OPT and answer any questions you have about reporting requirements, days of unemployment, status change to H-1B and the Cap-Gap and STEM Extensions.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FALL 2009 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

The IPS Office invites applications for the Fall 2009 Orientation Assistance Program. As a volunteer Orientation Assistant, you will play an integral role during the New International Student Orientation held next August 18 and 19 to help out at Orientation and welcome hundreds of international students to the SJSU campus. If you want to make a difference, meet new international students and scholars, or learn about different cultures, we strongly encourage you to apply. We are seeking to fill 10- 15 Orientation Assistant positions by July 15, 2009.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Act as a peer leader for a group of international students
- Act as a resource for international students as they check-in prior to Orientation
- Help prepare for and run orientation

If you are interested in volunteering, please visit the IPS website and complete the Volunteer Form or send an email to sjsuips@sjsu.edu (subject heading: Orientation Volunteer).



Volunteer Application Form - June 09.doc

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Message from MALAYSIAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Greetings,

We would like to introduce you to the Malaysian Professional Business Association (MPBA). MPBA is a non-profit organization, consisting of people mainly from Malaysia who resides in the bay area. We organize social and business events throughout the year, and would like to reach out to you. Our members consist of professionals in various industries, students in the area, homemakers, etc. We understand that as an international student, support from local community, especially fellow Malaysians is crucial. This is especially true for those who are coming to the USA for the first time. MPBA provides a platform to meet and make new friends and foster relationships. Please join us by visiting www.mpba.org. We would like to see you in our future events.

Best regards
MPBA Marketing team

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NSEERS: NATIONAL SECURITY ENTRY-EXIT REGISTRATION SYSTEM

If you are subject to National Security Entry-Exit Registration System (NSEERS), please remember:

1) You must go through departure registration when you leave the USA. Several ports of departure are designated to handle NSEERS registration. Refer to the NSEERS information sheet for a list of ports of departure (<http://www.ice.gov/graphics/specialregistration/WalkawayMaterial.pdf>) At the port of departure, you must appear in person and leave from that port on the same day. Failure to register your departure may delay your re-entry into the USA.

2) You must notify the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) of your new address within 10 days of moving.

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REPORT ADDRESS CHANGES WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE CHANGE

International students in F-1 or J-1 status are required by US Government regulations to report 1) their current (local) address where they reside while enrolled in classes, and 2) their permanent (home country) address. Regulations also require international students to report any change of address within 10 days of moving to a new residence. To report your address changes, you are NOT required to complete Form AR-11. Instead, you must inform IPS and also update your MySJSU account address information so that SJSU can report the address changes in SEVIS.