

Spring 2023 Activity Calendar

Events at a Glance

Happy Holidays – Instagram Tag Event!

Lunch and Conversation Series

Other ISO events/workshops

℥ = hybrid offering (choice of Zoom or in-person; must register for in-person option by deadline)

Find links to join workshops and add events to your personal calendars at
www.glendale.edu/international/calendar



It's Tax Season: And Yes YOU Need to File!

Register on our [Taxes](#) page for Sprintax Tax Workshops

Did you know you have to file tax forms as an international student, even if you did not work? Taxes can be quite a confusing subject – and your international student advisor and academic counselors are not tax advisors 😊. To help you prepare for tax season, we invite you to attend these valuable FREE workshops, where a representative from Sprintax, a tax preparation software designed specifically for international students, will explain the basics of the US tax system and how to maximize your return using Sprintax.

#GCC_ISO_CARES MONTH KICKS OFF MARCH 13!

Let's make sure you're doing well and are on track to reach your goals by planning ahead for next semester. ISO staff will call all students with US phone numbers to schedule an appointment with an academic counselor. **Please make sure your phone number is correct in MyGCC and activate your voicemail!**

If we are unable to reach you by phone, an online appointment will be automatically scheduled for you. Check your GCC student email the week of March 6 for your #GCC_ISO_CARES appointment.

Please contact us immediately at gcciso@glendale.edu with any scheduling conflicts.

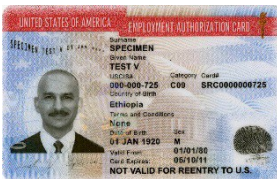
ISO Workapalooza! **2 weeks. All work. All the time.**



ISO Workapalooza: Working in the US Workshops

- 7ℓ Tues, Feb 28, 12:30-1:30 pm OR 4-5 pm PST, SV 230 or Zoom
- 7ℓ Wed, Mar 1, 4-5 pm PST, SV 230 or Zoom

This workshop will cover all general employment eligibility regulations with regards to on campus employment and off campus employment (Curricular Practical Training and Optional Practical Training) opportunities. You may join this session in-person or via Zoom. **If you will be joining in-person, you must [RSVP here](#) at least 24 hours before the event.**



ISO Workapalooza: OPT Workshops (for Sp23 Graduates)

- 7ℓ Tues, Mar 7, 12:30-1:30 pm OR 4-5 pm PST, SV 230 or Zoom
- 7ℓ Wed, Mar 8, 4-5 pm PST, SV 230 or Zoom

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ISO Workapalooza: Lunch and Conversation

Working in the US: Beyond the F-1

SPECIAL EVENT featuring Immigration Attorney, Arthur Serratelli

- 7ℓ Thurs, Mar 9, 12:30-2:00 pm PST, SV 230 or Zoom

This workshop will feature special guest, immigration attorney Arthur Serratelli, who will guide you through your options for working in the US AFTER your studies, including H-1B, O-1, TN, and other visa statuses! Don't miss this one-day only special event, which will help you better plan for your future. **[Advance Registration](#) is required by 48 hours before the event for BOTH Zoom and In-Person Attendance.** Please note that Mr. Serratelli will join via Zoom.

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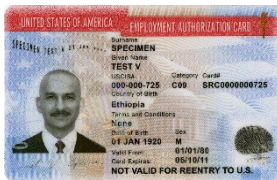
[Professional Development Workshops](#) through the Career Center
[Tax Preparation Workshops](#) through Sprintax

TIME CHANGES SUNDAY, MARCH 12!
Daylight Savings Time starts in California and it's time for us to "Spring Forward."
Set your clocks forward one hour (i.e. 1 am PST becomes 2 am PDT).
Students overseas: [check your new class times](#)



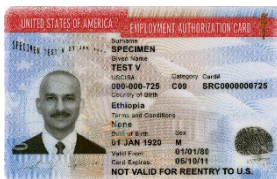
Tuesday, March 21: Happy Holidays!
Iranian (Persian) New Year
Instagram - Tag @GCC_ISO!

Eid'e Nowruz, or Iranian New Year, is celebrated every year on the first day of spring. Celebrations last two weeks starting with fire jumping the Wednesday before new year for good health (Charshambeh Sooree). During Nowruz (or "new day"), families set up a special table called the Haft Seen (or "Seven S'es") with symbols of good health, wealth, and longevity, eat traditional foods like herbed rice with smoked fish, and give out gifts or money to their loved ones. Thirteen days after Eid, the community gathers at local parks to end the festivities (Seezdeh Bedar), where people eat a special herb and bean soup called Ash Reshteh for additional blessings of good health. Happy new year to all those celebrating Eid'e Nowruz! Show us how you're celebrating by tagging us on Instagram @GCC_ISO!



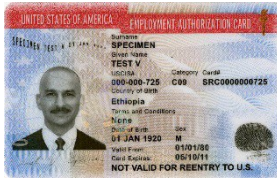
Thursday, March 23: OPT Workshop
4:00-5:00 pm PDT
Zoom

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Tuesday, April 4: OPT Workshop
12:30-1:30 pm OR 4:00-5:00 pm PDT
Zoom

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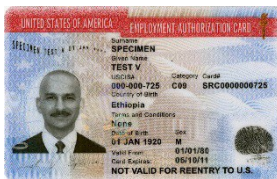
7th Wednesday, April 12: OPT Workshop
4:00-5:00 pm PDT
SV 230 OR Zoom

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7th Thursday, April 13: Lunch and Conversation
Becoming a Leader
12:30-1:30 pm PST
SV 230 OR Zoom

The best way to grow professionally and personally (and make yourself extra attractive on transfer applications!) is to step into leadership roles – and its easier than you think! This workshop will feature GCC student leaders who can talk to us about the benefits of getting involved on campus! **All international students in attendance also have the opportunity to enter a drawing to win a \$25 gift card to the GCC Bookstore!** You may join this session in-person or via Zoom. **If you will be joining in-person, you must [RSVP here](#) at least 48 hours before the event.**



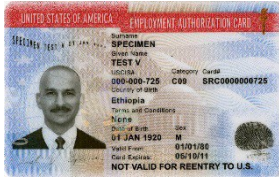
7th Wednesday, May 3: OPT Workshop
4:00-5:00 pm PDT
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gcciso@glendale.edu



Tuesday, May 9: OPT Workshop - FINAL ONES
12:30-1:30 pm OR 4:00-5:00 pm PDT
SV 230 OR Zoom

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Thursday, May 11: Lunch and Conversation
Dating in the US
12:30-1:30 pm PDT
SV 230 OR Zoom

Dating can be a wonderful thing - but it can also be stressful and confusing at times, especially when navigating cultural differences! In this workshop we'll cover important things you need to know about dating in the U.S., healthy relationships, and awareness of issues related to sexual misconduct. All international students in attendance also have the opportunity to enter a drawing to win a \$25 gift card to the GCC Bookstore! You may join this session in-person or via Zoom. If you will be joining in-person, you must RSVP here at least 48 hours before the event.