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Spring Events 2025

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION
GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER • 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Welcome to WCU! Learn about Campus resources, academic, cultural, and social life at WCU, and learn how to maintain your legal F-1 and J-1 visa status. Orientation is mandated by U.S. Homeland Security.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

WELCOME (BACK) NIGHT
GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER • 5:00 - 8:00 PM

A welcome (back) night with games, food, and an opportunity to connect with your international peers, scholars, and the GEO Staff.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

COFFEE BREAK
GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER • 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Join your peers in understanding one's experiences as an International Student over a cup of coffee/tea and refreshments.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (OPT) WORKSHOP
GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER • 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Learn about Optional Practical Training (OPT) application process and discuss eligibility requirements. All F-1 students interested in working in the U.S. after graduation are required to attend this workshop during the semester they would be graduating.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

MOVIE & GAME NIGHT
GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER • 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Spend a relaxing evening watching a fan favorite movie, playing games, while enjoying pizza and popcorn.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

CURRICULAR PRACTICAL TRAINING (CPT) WORKSHOP
GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER • 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Learn about Curricular Practical Training (CPT) application process and discuss eligibility requirements. All F-1 students interested in engaging in temporary employment and internships off-campus while still in school are required to attend this workshop.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

SHARE AND CARE
GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER • 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Join your peers in sharing your experiences and perspectives as an International Student. Reflect on the strategies and skills that helped you navigate life in the U.S.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

WASHINGTON, DC
WASHINGTON, DC • 6:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Enjoy a day in Washington, D.C. with a guided tour of the Capitol Building, enjoying the annual Cherry Blossom Festival, and exploring the Nation's capital on your own.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

END OF SEMESTER CELEBRATION & STOLE CEREMONY
SYKES BALLROOM C • 12:00-2:00 PM

Join us in celebrating the end of the semester and in recognizing the graduating International Students as they receive their flag stoles to wear with their academic regalia at the commencement ceremony.

TUE/WED/THU, MAY 6-8

FINALS WEEK STRESS BUSTER
GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER • 12:00-2:00 PM

This is an opportunity for studying, socializing with friends, playing games, relaxing, and unwinding while you enjoy some delicious food during the finals week.