

Message from ISO: Spring (2/26/2007)

OPT/CAREER ADVISING

1. Spring Schedule: ISO-Career Services Career Advising

Jump-start your career planning and job search!

ISO highly recommends that all international students who are planning to complete an internship or find employment in the United States, meet with Career Services to get assistance and discuss special requirements and aspects of the job search to be aware of.

In an effort to provide better service to international students in the areas of career advisement and job search, the International Student Office is partnering with ASU Career Services and will offer Career Advisement with Linda Nassen, Career Services Specialist Senior. Linda will be available for appointments at the ISO. During her sessions you will have the opportunity to

- Get handouts regarding choosing majors, job search, resume writing and workshops
- Briefly address non-personal career/job search questions in a non-private environment
- Recommend additional courses of action and refer you to Career Services personnel for follow-up and discussion of personal career/job search questions.
- Provide information about additional career advisement/ job search workshops and events hosted by Career Services.

Appointments to meet with a career advisor are available on Monday afternoons between 1pm and 3pm. To schedule an appointment, call the ISO: 480-965-7451.

2. Optional Practical Training OPT information for F-1 students only

- The ISO is currently offering several OPT/CPT Basics sessions this Spring 2007 semester. If you are interested in attending one of the sessions, please call the ISO for dates and reservation, 480-965-7451.
- USCIS processing may take more than 3 months. You may not be granted the full months of OPT you are applying for if you delay your application.
- ISO will adjudicate complete documents within 7-10 working days.

Additional information for graduating students:

- To get the maximum benefit of your OPT time, apply 90 days before your completion date. If you want to start later than the completion date, call the ISO and make an appointment to meet an adviser.
- SEVIS regulations only allow submission of the OPT application BEFORE completion date – there is absolutely NO grace period. You may not apply after completion date.
- OPT application deadline for ISO processing is 3 weeks before completion date.
- Once your OPT application has been processed by the ISO, the OPT application must be RECEIVED by the appropriate immigration Service Center BEFORE your completion date. Postmark date is not acceptable.

Questions? send an email to ISOadvisor@asu.edu

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