

International Student Programming (2019-2020)



Fall Semester

Sophomore & Junior Meeting - plan your year!

Tuesday, October 29, 2019 | 4:30 - 6:00 p.m (stop by any time) | Norway Room, Buntrock Commons

- Topics Covered: CPT, Networking, Career and Job exploration, looking ahead at St. Olaf and after graduation; students can ask any question
- Audience: sophomore and junior international students

Nuts and Bolts of Networking with Introduction to Curricular Practical Training (CPT)

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 | 6:00-7:30 p.m. | Tomson 308 & East Lantern

- Topics Covered:
 - ◆ Perfect for any international student who is interested in developing their networking skills. In this casual workshop we will learn the basics of networking, observe some mock networking scenarios, and do a bit a practice.
 - ◆ Our practice of networking as a critical skill will also be connected to landing internships; the process to obtain Curricular Practical Training (CPT) work authorization for US internships will be introduced
- Audience: All class-years

Interim

First-Year Meeting: International Student Panel and Dinner with Piper Center Staff (mandatory)

Thursday, January 9, 2020 | 4-6:30 p.m. | Gold & Sun Ballrooms - Buntrock

- Topics Covered: Upper-class international students will share how they have navigated the academic and career planning process; provide tips, resources, and lessons learned. The students will also cover how they've leveraged a range of campus advising and coaching relationships, connected with experiential learning opportunities, garnered funding for experiences, along with how to overcome obstacles. Following the panel, Piper Center coaches will break students into tentative academic areas and potential career paths during dinner and provide tailored information and resources within their respective coaching areas.
- Audience: First-Years (mandatory)

Spring Semester

***Optional Practical Training (OPT) Workshop* (mandatory for students interested in OPT)**

Wednesday, February 25, 2020 | 4:00-5:30 p.m. | Tomson 210

- Topics Covered: For international students interested in post-graduate employment in the US. A Piper Center representative will review job search techniques and resources followed by information on the application process, application materials and costs, deadlines, and responsibilities while working on OPT.
- Audience: Seniors and interested juniors. (mandatory for seniors applying for OPT)

***Curricular Practical Training (CPT) Workshop* (mandatory for students interested in CPT)**

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 | 4:30-6:00 p.m. | Viking - Buntrock

- Topics Covered: An overview of Piper Center resources, strategies and best practices to streamline international students' time and efforts in the search process. The CPT authorization process will be covered in detail.
- Audience: First-years, sophomores and juniors.

Beyond the Hill: International Oles Return to Campus

Tuesday, April 14, 2020 | 6:30-8:00 p.m. | Location TBD

- Join us as international Oles return to the hill for a fun and casual night to connect with current students and share stories to foster a strong and vibrant Ole community.
- Audience: All students!

Important Resources



Resource for information, advice, job and internships OUTSIDE the United States



Resource relevant for information, advice, job and internships INSIDE the United States