



International Student Services

Madison Hall, Lower Level
Amy Burrell 614-287-2671

Spring 2009 F-1 Updates

Daylight Saving Time

Don't forget to set your clocks an hour ahead...Sunday at 2 a.m. daylight saving time goes into effect. For more information:

<http://geography.about.com/cs/daylightsavings/a/dst.htm>

Reduced Course Load

Last day to drop from Winter Quarter 2009 full quarter classes is Monday, March 9, 2009.

However, do not drop below full-time without authorization from International Student Services. Make an appointment with Amy Burrell by calling 287-2074 if you have any questions regarding reduced course load. [Click here for form for requesting reduced course load.](#)

Dates campus is closed

- April 12, 2009 – Easter Sunday Observed
- April 24, 2009 – In-Service Day
- Offices closed and no day classes
- May 25, 2009 – Memorial Day observed

Complete Calendar: 2008 – 2009

<http://www.csc.edu/Schedules/PDF/08-09calendar.pdf>

Spring Quarter Registration

Registration began on Monday, February 2, 2009.

All F-1 students not eligible for a vacation quarter should be registered full-time (12 credit hours or more) by now. You are eligible to take vacation quarter after completing three consecutive quarters of full-time study. See "Vacation" for more information.

For more information on how to maintain your F1 status, click on "[Immigration resources](#)": or <http://www.csc.edu/Students/intl/f1.htm>

Spring Quarter 2009 Fee Payment Deadline is **Wednesday, March 25, 2009**

Cougar Web and CATS (telephone touchtone, 614-287-CATS [614-287-2287])

Spring Quarter 2009 courses will be dropped for non-payment of fees on the following dates:

First drop for non-payment of fees:

March 26 at 12:01 a.m.

Pay your fees by 11:00 p.m. on March 25 to avoid the drop

Second drop for non-payment of fees:

April 14 at 12:01 a.m.

Pay your fees by 11:00 p.m. on April 13 to avoid the drop

Petition to Graduate for Spring Quarter 2009

is due in the Records and Registration Department at the Registration windows in Madison Hall on Friday, April 10, 2009 by 4:30 p.m. Students with pending transfer credit, proficiency credit, prior learning credit, course waivers and/or course substitutions may submit the Petition to Graduate Form. You may hand carry the completed approved Petition to Graduate Form before to the deadline date so that it will be received in time. For more information, please log into: <http://csc.edu/Students/FormsPDF/petitiontograduate.pdf>

Donate to Intl Scholarship Funds

Support our international students. Your support provides current international students experiencing economic difficulties help and opportunities to continue their studies.

Contact Information

[Columbus State Foundation](#)

Or

aburrell@csc.edu

[Free Income Tax Return Preparation Seminar](#)

You are invited to attend a Free Income Tax Return Preparation Seminar (see attached information) at Columbus State Community College

All students who are nonresident in the U.S. need to file a federal tax return. Those with a U.S. source of income must file either 1040NR or 1040NR-EZ; whichever is applicable, along with form 8843. Those with no U.S. source of income must file form 8843 only. Students who have worked in the U.S. during the past year will be receiving tax-withholding statements from employers listing the amount of money, which has been withheld from the employee's wages for payment of state and federal income taxes. (These rules apply to those in F-1, F-2, J1 and J2 status.)

**When: Friday, March 20, 2009
12:30 - 3:30 pm**

**Where: Columbus State Community College
Madison Hall Room 103
550 East Spring Street
Columbus OH 43215**

Space is limited. Call Amy Burrell at 614-287-2671 or email at aburrell@csc.edu

If you need a parking pass, please RSVP via email so I can email you back your parking pass for that day.

[Mandatory Health Insurance for All CSCC International Students beginning Spring Quarter 2009](#)

(Expect to receive more information in the mail soon.)

According to the author, Judith A. Green, of [Medical Insurance](#) (available in International Student Services) for International students, scholars and their families published by NAFSA (Copyright 2002):

*The average cost of a visit to an urgent care clinic is less than \$200, whereas a hospital emergency room visit usually costs at least \$500, often much more.

*Having a baby in the United States is expensive. Charges for routine delivery (including doctor's fees) are about \$6,000, often more. For cesarean delivery (no complications), expect to pay about twice that, or

\$12,000. Complications for the mother or the baby can add thousands more to the bill.

*Most students could not afford to stay in the hospital if they did not have insurance. The daily hospital charge for room, board, and doctor's fees can be \$2,500 (even more at some hospitals!), so an average stay of only three days costs \$7,500. That amount does not include charges for medicine, surgery, laboratory costs, and other similar expenses. If you are seriously ill and you need to stay in the intensive care unit (ICU), expect to pay at least twice as much. Depending on your illness, a stay in the ICU can cost \$30,000 per day.

If you do not have general medical insurance coverage at this time, please contact the international student services office immediately or log in at [HTH Worldwide Insurance Company webpage](#).

HTH Worldwide provides coverage for many other schools. Enrolling may be done online by going to www.hthstudents.com, where payment may be made using a credit card. The form may also be downloaded and the fee paid by check. To enroll enter the access code **EKY-8067** in the box on the left side of the home page.

Brochures are available in the International Admissions office, or you can view information about the plan on HTH's website. The company can also answer your questions by phone or email.

We hope that this makes enrolling in a health insurance plan easier for you. No one is required to select this company for coverage if you have already selected a plan. This is being offered only as a service to our students.



Welcome New F-1 Students

Community Programs and Events:

Phi Theta Kappa International

International Honor Society of the Two Year College



"Phi Theta Kappa, the world's oldest, largest and most prestigious association of community college honor students, recognizes and promotes academic excellence on 1,200 community college campuses around the world."

A few of the benefits are meeting other students who are as motivated as you are, more than \$36 million is available in university-awarded transfer scholarships, access to an online Career Resource Center, you can request recommendation letters for admission counselors/ scholarship officers and potential employers, receive your membership pin with certificate and ID card, etc. To learn more about member benefits please read www.ptk.org/members/benefits.htm.

Here at Columbus State students who are earning grades with a GPA of 3.5 or higher, after completing 12 credit hours here at CSCC, receive a letter or email of invitation. Our local chapter contact is phitheta@csc.edu.



Columbus State Community College

International Student Association

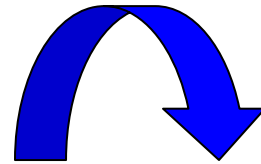
To join:

isa@csc.edu

Columbus Council on World Affairs



www.columbusworldaffairs.org



See what else is going on in Columbusvisit Experience Columbus at

<http://www.experiencecolumbus.com/>

Asian Festival

www.asian-festival.org

<http://asian-festival.org/index.do>



Volunteers are needed for Asian Festival 2008. The deadline for submission of volunteer application forms has been extended to May 20. The success of Asian Festival relies on the numerous hours our volunteers put in. Please join us today. Download and fill out the [application form](#) and send it to sardoviamsi@sbcglobal.net or drop off the application to Amy Burrell's office in Madison Hall 111.

*Asian Festival is currently accepting applications for **Korean performers.***

For more information, please contact Dr. Marlinda Iyer at sardoviamsi@sbcglobal.net

IVO (International Voluntary Organizations), Columbus, Ohio

- a consortium of volunteer organizations with global scope seeking to improve the quality of life in local communities.



Annual Beautification of

“The International Peace Garden” and Picnic @ Franklin Park Conservatory

This program is co-sponsored by IVO and CSCC International Student Association

The Peace with Justice Garden is meant as a place where people can contemplate, experience, and feels peace – within themselves, with the people around them, and with the world at large.

We are requesting your participation to help with the annual beautification of the garden.

When: Saturday, May 9, 2009
10:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Where: Franklin Park Conservatory
1777 East Broad Street
Columbus OH 43203-2040
<http://www.fpconservatory.org/>

This is a working picnic. Please bring food, drinks to share.

To volunteer, please send an email to Aburrell@cscs.edu with the following information: Name, email address and phone number.

Central Ohio Colleges and Universities

This article is developed to ease your transfer process to Central Ohio Colleges and Universities. Read what contact advisors suggest you do to expedite your transfer process.

The Ohio State University



Contact information:

Undergraduate Admissions and First Year Experience
Enarson Hall
154 West 12th Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43210-1390

Phone: (614) 292-3980

Fax: (614) 292-9474

E-mail: int.undergrad@osu.edu

Plan on visiting campus: Please see <http://www.osu.edu/visitors/> to schedule an admissions visit and tour of campus

General information for international transfer students: Please see <http://undergrad.osu.edu/internationaltransfer.html> for the admissions application and admissions requirements

Housing:

To apply for university housing mark your interest in receiving a residence hall application on the application for admission. If you are admitted, you will receive a housing contract around the same time that you receive your notice of admission. To apply for a residence hall, return the completed housing contract as soon as possible. Rooms in residence halls fill quickly. Housing information can be obtained by visiting the University Housing web site <http://housing.osu.edu/> or by e-mail at housing@osu.edu

Contact the office of Off-Campus Student Services <http://offcampus.osu.edu/exists> for information regarding living off campus

Costs for F1 & J1 students: 2008-2009 Tuition Costs and Estimated Living Expenses for most majors.

Single Student Expenses (nine months)	
Tuition & Fees	- \$21,918
Books & Supplies	- \$1,383
Health Insurance	- \$1,437
Room & Board	- \$8,037
Living Expenses	- \$2,871
Total Estimated Expenses	- \$35,682

Fax: (614) 253-0843

Polaris

8800 Lyra Dr.
Columbus, OH 43240
Phone: (614) 252-8850
Fax: (614) 846-5780

*Tuition and fees vary by major, college, and area of study. The university reserves the right to assess fees for special services and programs applicable to students.

**Health insurance is mandatory for international students and each family member living in the United States.

Scholarships: The Office of Undergraduate Admissions & First Year Experience does not offer merit scholarships to transfer students



www.owu.edu

Admission policy for transfer students are similar to freshman application with the exceptions that do not need to submit SAT.

Admission requirements:

- Proof of English proficiency
- Three letters of Recommendation
- Official school record from transferring institution and high school

Scholarships are not available to transfer international students.



Contact Information:

Campus

1350 Alum Creek Dr.
Columbus, OH 43209
Phone: (614) 253-1525

Plan on visiting campus: Please see <http://www.devry.edu> to schedule an admissions visit.

General information for international transfer students: Please see <http://www.devry.edu/admissions/international.jsp> for information on international student admissions.

Housing: The DeVry University Columbus Campus works with Collegiate Housing Services (CHS) to provide information to students who may have housing needs. For shared apartment housing, CHS utilizes apartment communities in pre-screened areas. These apartments are furnished and utilities (except phone, cable, and internet) are included in the housing fee. They offer two bedroom and four person arrangements with a drug, alcohol, and violence-free policy.

For more information contact:
Collegiate Housing Services
614-253-7291 ext. 1293

Bachelor's Degree Programs*

- Business Administration with concentrations in:
 - Accounting
 - Business Information Systems
 - Finance
 - Health Services Management
 - Human Resource Management
 - Hospitality Management
 - Human Resource Management
 - Operations Management
 - Project Management
 - Sales and Marketing
 - Small Business Management & Entrepreneurship
 - Security Management
 - Technical Communication
- Computer Information Systems
- Technical Management
- Network and Communications Management
- Computer Engineering Technology
- Electronics Engineering Technology
- Biomedical Engineering Technology

*Program availability varies by location

Scholarships: More than 85% of DeVry students who qualify receive some form of financial aid. In addition, DeVry awards more than \$25 million in scholarships annually. These scholarships, available to current and prospective DeVry students, go a long way toward making college affordable. Still, many scholarships go unclaimed. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to help fund your education. Please visit <http://www.devry.edu/tuition/scholarships-detail.jsp> for more detailed information on scholarships.