


UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN'S INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 7, 2020

NEW STUDENTS: PICK UP YOUR "CONTINUED ATTENDANCE" I-20

All new F-1 students must pick up their new "Continued Attendance" I-20 from the ISO office. This I-20 is updated to show that you have been registered and are not longer an "Initial" student. Please come to the ISO as soon as possible with your student ID to pick up your I-20. DO NOT THROW AWAY I-20s. Keep all previous I-20s that have been issues to you. When traveling or showing your I-20 for administrative purposes, you only need to take your current I-20.



CPT INFO SESSION

FEBRUARY 12TH
2:00-3:00 PM
ALUMNI ANNEX
BARTELS HALL



SPRING 2020 POST-COMPLETION OPT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Students graduating in May are eligible to apply for OPT beginning on March 2, 2020. Any student planning to apply for OPT must attend one of the following OPT Info Sessions or complete all modules and quizzes in the "OPT Online Preparation Course" on Blackboard prior to submitting the OPT Request Form.

- **Monday, February 24th**
 - 11:00 AM-12:00 PM in Alumni Lounge
- **Friday, February 28th**
 - 1:00-2:00 PM in Moulton Lounge
- **Wednesday, March 11th**
 - 2:00-3:00 PM in Moulton Lounge
- **Thursday, April 9th**
 - 3:00-4:00 PM in Moulton Lounge



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F-1 students graduating in May that are planning to stay in the U.S. after graduation to work must apply for Post-Completion OPT. Please note the following OPT Information Sessions that will be offered in the Spring semester. Students applying for OPT become eligible to apply on March 2, 2020 and we recommend students apply early. **ALL students applying for OPT must attend an information session or complete all modules and quizzes for the OPT Online Preparation Course PRIOR to submitting the OPT Request Forms.** If you have not completed this requirement, your form will not be processed.



IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

As an international student in the US, it's important to be aware that you have a tax filing obligation with the IRS.

If you did not work or receive any income in the US, you are legally obliged to file a Form 8843. If you worked or received a stipend, grant, or allowance in the U.S. you may also need to file a Form 1040NR. We recommend you review the information about [taxes for international students](#) on the ISO's MyCharger page.

University of New Haven has arranged discounted access to a reputable online service called [Sprintax](#) for you. Sprintax will guide you through the tax preparation process, help you to prepare all of the necessary documents, and will check if you are due a refund.

Sprintax was used by over 162,000 international students and scholars last year, and the average Federal refund an eligible student received was over \$1,000.

TO USE SPRINTAX, ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS:

1. [Register](#) and follow the simple instructions
2. Complete the online questionnaire
3. Enter the discount code [SpTx2019UONH51F5](#) on the 'Review your order' page
4. Sprintax will prepare your tax forms. (As a reminder, you have to print, sign, and mail your documents once you complete the preparation process in Sprintax.)

This information and links are available on the ISO's MyCharger page and will be sent to all international students by email in February.

If you have any questions, please use 24/7 Live Chat, FAQ's and virtual assistant Stacy function in Sprintax. Please be advised that the Office of International Services does not specialize in international tax law and cannot answer questions regarding your individual tax filing requirement.

DID YOU KNOW?

The University of New Haven has a **Competency Learning Experience (CLE)** program that enables students to optimize their experience as students while building skills that are essential for the future. The CLE is designed to instill in all students attributes that employers have identified as essential skills for prospective job seekers. **How do you use and develop these skills in your daily life as a University of New Haven student?**



UPCOMING EVENTS

GAME NIGHT
Hosted by the Global Student Leaders. Play games like badminton, basketball and more while you meet new people!
Friday, February 7
7:00-10:00 PM
Beckerman Rec Center

CPT INFO SESSION
Wednesday, February 12
2:00-3:00 PM
Alumni Annex

LOCKHEED MARTIN DAY
Hosted by the CDC
Wednesday, February 19

STEM CAREER FAIR
Hosted by the CDC
Thursday, February 20
12:00-4:00 PM
Beckerman Recreation Center

INTERNATIONAL FASHION NIGHT
Hosted by the Global Student Leaders. Wear your favorite cultural clothing and bring snacks from your culture to share!
Saturday, February 22
6:00-10:00 PM
Alumni Lounge



www.newhaven.edu/cle



Follow the ISO!





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WRITING CORNER: WRITING RESOURCES

A warm welcome to all new and returning students! I am back with more on-the-fly writing related tips for you this semester but before we begin, let's do a small resource check. With the start of the semester and assignments starting to flood in, getting everything done can get quite overwhelming. To have what you need at your disposal, here's some easily accessible writing and research resources available at the university, for your disposal:

1. DATABASES

This is your to-go page to access databases for that preliminary research on that assignment you have been putting off for a while. Click on the link to find a list of all databases, segregated based on different majors.
<http://libguides.newhaven.edu/home>

2. ASK A LIBRARIAN

This tool puts you in touch with an available librarian who will address your concerns and help with your research, in real-time, through the medium of your preference. <https://mycharger.newhaven.edu/web/mycharger/ask-a-librarian>

3. E-BOOK COLLECTIONS

The following webpage links you to a myriad range of e-books and e-book collections that all students and staff members can access. <https://mycharger.newhaven.edu/web/mycharger/e-books>

4. PURDUE OWL CITATION GUIDE

This online writing guide from the Purdue University's website is your answer to all things citations. It will also give you sample papers to compare and contrast different citation styles and distinguish the nuances within each.
https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue_owl.html

5. WRITING CENTER APPOINTMENT

If all else fails, the Writing Center staff is always here to help answer your questions and address all concerns writing-related. Use the following link to create an account and book an appointment with our amazing tutors who are available for you. <https://newhaven.mywconline.com/>



HOW TO AVOID SCAMS

There are a variety of scams that target University students and international students. It is important to protect yourself and be aware of resources to help you avoid common scams and keep your personal information safe.

Be aware that occasionally scammers try to impersonate government officials to intimidate students into giving them personal information or money. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), which includes U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), will never ask you to transfer money to an individual. In addition, you will never be asked to pay fees via phone or by email.

If you receive a threatening call or message from someone claiming to be a government or law enforcement official, you should:

- **Not give the person any personal or financial information.**
- **Collect the caller's contact information.**
- **End the conversation immediately if threats and intimidation persist.**
- **Contact the ISO at iso@newhaven.edu to report the incident.**

We encourage students to review the following resources:

- **DHS Stop. Think. Connect at www.dhs.gov/stophinkconnect**
- **University of New Haven's Students Guide to Fraud Scams found on myCharger- Public Safety- Additional Resources- "Fraud and Scam Guide"**



GLOBAL STUDENT LEADERS UPCOMING EVENTS!

Global Student Leaders are planning a variety of events for international students and friends to enjoy! We encourage you to join in the fun!

Join the Global Student Leaders for a

GAME NIGHT

Play games like badminton, basketball, and more!

Friday, February 7th
Beckerman Recreation Center- Basketball Court
7:00-10:00 PM

GLOBAL STUDENT LEADERS
 INVITE YOU TO ATTEND

INTERNATIONAL FASHION NIGHT

FEBRUARY 22, 2020
7:00-10:00 PM
ALUMNI LOUNGE

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE CULTURAL CLOTHING AND BRING YUMMY SNACKS FROM YOUR COUNTRY TO SHARE



REPORT HERE: NEWHAVEN.EDU/REPORTIT

The University of New Haven is committed to maintaining a healthy, safe, and secure campus environment, free of intimidation and harm. The University Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) serves as a centralized point for referrals of students or community members of concern.

The University of New Haven has online forms for:

Behavioral Intervention Reports

If you notice behaviors or activities that you feel may pose a risk to the health/safety of our community, REPORT IT!

Crime Reports

If you have witnessed a crime, or if you know of a crime that was or will be committed, REPORT IT!

Bias Related Incident Reports

If you have witnessed or been the target of a bias motivated incident, REPORT IT!