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As we continuously work on improving our services to international students and scholars, we would like to share the various ways you can receive [assistance from OIS!](#)

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### Timely Tips From your OIS Advisor: Dacia Gauer

- In order to maintain your student visa status **you must register and be present for full-time, in-person courses each term** with the exception of recognized school breaks. If approved for a final semester [Reduced Course Load](#), you are also required to comply with this requirement. Of your remaining courses required for program completion, you may only take one online (including hybrid) course. If you only have one course remaining in your program, you must take that course in-person.
- **Making Spring Break travel plans?** Be sure you have requested a travel signature on your immigration document if you do not have a valid one already – this is reviewed at the Port of Entry as you re-enter the US. Review all travel reminders, required documents, and regulations before your departure [here](#).

# Spring 2024 Immigration Reminders

- **Curricular Practical Training** is a benefit of F-1 status that permits off-campus training that is closely and integrally related to, and takes place during, a student's program of study. To learn more about this benefit and how to apply, visit our CPT webpage and consider [registering](#) for our upcoming [CPT info session](#) on February 28th.
- Another benefit of the F-1 status, **Optional Practical Training**, allows for graduating students to apply for work authorization upon graduation. If you are graduating this spring, or wanting to plan ahead, be sure you attend one of our [OPT information sessions](#) we are offering this Spring!



## It's Tax Season! Remember to File by April 15, 2024!

### New State Tax Filing Option Available.

Exciting news! JHU has partnered with Sprintax to offer the University's international nonresident students, scholars, faculty, staff, and researchers free access to Sprintax's 2023 federal tax preparation software. Brand new this year: Sprintax will also offer assistance with state income tax preparation for a small fee, a widely-requested feature from YOU!

Access the [Sprintax Information Page](#) on the JHU Tax Office website for more information about Sprintax. This includes how to create a Sprintax account, how to access Sprintax resources including educational tax videos and a blog, and how to attend one of the MANY Sprintax free educational webinars. Take some time to explore the Sprintax site and learn about all the features it offers.

Additionally, if you have questions for the Tax Office regarding residency status, income tax treaties, withholding taxes, and payments, please visit the Tax Office [website](#) or submit your questions to us via the Tax Office [Customer Service Portal](#).

General information may also be found on the newly-revised [OIS Taxes webpage](#).

## U.S. Taxation of International Students and Scholars Webinar

In partnership with the JHU Tax Office, OIS is pleased to sponsor a webinar on U.S. Taxation covering topics including:

1. An overview of U.S. tax principles as they apply to international students and scholars;
2. An outline U.S. tax return filing basics and forms;
3. State tax return filing topics and forms; and
4. A discussion of common special scenarios and other frequently asked questions.

Presenter:

Meg E. Manchester, Principal, Miles & Stockbridge, P.C.

Meg has a diverse tax practice counseling clients on both personal and business-related tax matters.

Two session options are available:

Monday, February 26, 2024 from 4:00-5:00 pm - [RSVP HERE](#)

Thursday, March 14, 2024, from 4:00-5:00 pm - [RSVP HERE](#)

**JHU representatives from OIS and the Tax Office will participate in the call.**

Disclaimer: JHU does not endorse or recommend the law firm providing this presentation.

# Did You Know?

- OIS issues ALL immigration documentation electronically! Your document will be available for download through iHopkins immediately after the advisor completes your eForm requests. You will receive an email notifying you once the form is ready for download.
- We work on snow days and snow delays! As a fully virtual service office, OIS remains open and is available to serve you even when the weather outside is bad.
- Contact us here: [ois.jhu.edu/contact-ois](https://ois.jhu.edu/contact-ois)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Advanced Registration Required!

<b>16</b> February	<b>OPT SESSION FOR F-1 PHD STUDENTS</b> 12-1 PM EST. <a href="#">Register Here!</a>
<b>16</b> February	<b>INT'L CAREER COLLECTIVE EMPLOYER EXPO (ADVANCED DEGREE)</b> 2-5 PM EST. <a href="#">Register Here!</a>
<b>20</b> February	<b>IMMIGRATION EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS SEMINAR</b> 4-5PM EST. <a href="#">Join Seminar!</a>
<b>21</b> February	<b>OPT SESSION FOR ALL F-1 STUDENTS</b> 4-5 PM EST. <a href="#">Register Here!</a>
<b>26</b> February	<b>U.S. TAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS WEBINAR</b> 4-5 PM EST. <a href="#">Register Here!</a>
<b>28</b> February	<b>CPT SESSION FOR ALL F-1 STUDENTS</b> 12-1 PM EST. <a href="#">Register Here!</a>
<b>06</b> March	<b>STEM OPT SESSION F-1 STUDENTS ON OPT, ALL F-1 STUDENTS</b> 4-5 PM EST. <a href="#">Register Here!</a>

Looking for additional on campus events? Check out [The Hub](#) and [Hopkins Groups!](#)

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