Welcome to Spring Quarter!

We’d like to extend a warm welcome to all our new students who have joined our program this quarter, and welcome back to our returning students! We hope you are ready for an excellent Spring Quarter at UW! You will receive the Essential News by email every other week. (It will also be posted on our website.) Please take time to read it carefully for important news about the program, information about meetings and happenings on campus, IELP & FIUTS activities, and fun things to do in Seattle.

A Message from the International Student Advisors

Thank you to all of our many new students for their patience during our busy registration week! We are here to help you. We are happy to answer your questions about visas, I-20s, school transfers, or life in Seattle. If you have any questions that were not answered during registration, please send an email to us at aid@pce.uw.edu or make an appointment with Marissa or Suzy at the UW Tower on the 13th floor by calling 206-543-6242. Have a great quarter!

REMINDER: NO CLASSES ON 4/20 and 5/25

Please make sure to take note of these days. These dates are also listed in your Weekly Planner.

ATTENTION TRANSFER STUDENTS

If you are transferring to our program from another school in the U.S. and you do NOT have your UW I-20 yet, please let Marissa or Suzy know as soon as possible by sending an email to aid@pce.uw.edu. It is YOUR responsibility to make sure that your previous school has transferred your SEVIS record to UW Educational Outreach so that we can complete your transfer.

NON-ACADEMIC COURSES

The UW Women’s Center offers non-academic courses, often in the evening to women and men in the community. This Winter, courses include: Basic Math Refresher, GRE Preparation, and Self Defense. If you are interested, please check out this link: http://depts.washington.edu/womenctr/ and click on “Events” and then “Classes.” You can also call 206.685.1090 or visit the Women’s Center in Cunningham Hall (between Parrington and Odegaard Library).
A Message from the Academic Advisor

Welcome! Here is a list of the upcoming student information meetings for Spring Quarter. Please check each edition of the “Essential News” to see what meetings are scheduled. If you have questions or would like to make an appointment, please contact Nicole Minkoff at nminkoff@pce.uw.edu or call (206) 616-0881.

Information Meetings

| University Track & How to Apply to Universities | Tuesday, April 7 | 11:30-12:20 and 12:30-1:20pm | UW Tower, Floor 13 |
| Preparing for TOEFL | Monday, April 13 | 11:30-12:20pm | UW Tower, Floor 13 |
| Preparing for IELTS | Friday, April 17 | 12:30-1:20pm | UW Tower, Floor 13 |
| Trip to UW Bothell | Monday, April 20 | Depart UW Campus at 11:30 | For more info and to sign up, email uwbintl@uw.edu |

Attendance Reminder

Do you have good attendance? CONGRATulations! You will do better in your classes! Here are the attendance rules for CIEP:

Courses meeting five hours a week (such as LS 1-5, IELTS, TFLP, and ACVN)

- 5 hours of absence: Student is sent an email warning
- 7 hours of absence: Student must come to the Tower to sign an attendance contract
- 11 hours of absence: Student can be dismissed

Courses meeting ten hours a week (such as GRWR 1-3, ARW 4-5)

- 10 hours of absence: Student is sent an email warning
- 14 hours of absence: Student is sent an email notice of a required attendance contract meeting
- 22 hours of absence: Student can be dismissed

We try to send the email warnings. However, you are responsible for keeping a record and knowing your own attendance in each class. Remember that being late can add up to absences.

Go to class! Be on time! Succeed with your goals!

Need help? Contact Nicole Minkoff (nminkoff@pce.uw.edu) or Elisabeth Mitchell (emitch@pce.uw.edu).

CONVERSATION CLUB

Practice your speaking skills with UW students at the new conversation club!

- Date: Wednesdays April 4/8 and 4/15
- Time: 11:30-1:30 (Come when you can!)
- Location: North Cafeteria in the UW Tower, Floor M

CAREER CENTER EVENT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Career Center is excited to bring to campus American executive, Mark Wen to talk about his path from international student to Healthcare Executive with Seattle Children’s Hospital.

- Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2015
- Time: 5:30-7:00
- Location: The Career Center, 134 Mary Gates Hall

Questions – ask Nicole Minkoff nminkoff@pce.uw.edu
Greetings from the IELP Student Activities Assistant

Hello! My name is Trina Buiquy and I am the Student Immigration & Activities Assistant for UW International & English Language Programs. I am a senior at the University of Washington majoring in Health Informatics and Health Information Management. Over the next quarter I will be offering you opportunities to explore Seattle and meet some new friends. I hope you will take advantage of our IELP activities. I look forward to meeting everyone and learning a bit more about all of you! If you ever have questions or comments about the IELP activities, please feel free to email me!

A Message About IELP Activities

We would like all of you to have the chance to participate in our IELP Activities. Before each activity, we will send emails to you at the email address you provided us when you registered for classes. Please make sure that you check that email account regularly so you don’t miss out on important information from us. In order to make sure that the information gets to you, please add the following email address to your “safe” contacts list: eslactiv@pce.uw.edu. If you have not been receiving emails about our IELP Activities, please send an email to Trina. Note that the dates listed in the planner are subject to change, so make sure to check your emails. Additionally, if you would like to invite a friend, teacher, or relative to attend, they are more than welcome as long as space is available. Just let Trina know in advance.

Thank you!

Upcoming IELP Activities

Woodland Park Zoo: Saturday, April 11th

Lions, tigers, and bears, oh my! Woodland Park Zoo has been a cherished spot in Seattle for over 110 years. It prides itself on being the largest animal collection in the entire Washington State with over 65 acres of exhibits. Experience exotic and exciting animals from all over the world without even having to leave Seattle!

Since it is not always easy to see these things without a car, FIUTS plans close to 10 trips and tours per quarter to help you enjoy the great Northwest! The schedule is published at the beginning of each quarter. Please stop by the FIUTS Office (HUB 206) to pick up a schedule of dates and locations or see the calendar online at www.fiuts.org. Trips and tours are designed for UW graduate and undergraduate students, as well as visiting faculty, scholars and IELP students.
A lot of events are happening around the city all the time! There are concerts, plays, sporting events, art exhibitions, and much more to see every weekend. Just make sure you have enough time to do your homework too. Here are some websites that can help you find fun things to do in Seattle:

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