



International Student Orientation

What You Should Know About . . .

The Career Center

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Basic Information

- Location: University Hall, Suite 105
- Hours:
 - Monday - Thursday, 9 am – 5 pm
 - Friday, 9 am – 4 pm
- Office Phone: 818-677-2878
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Agenda

- Handout: Your Biggest Concern
- Audience Discussion
- Career Center Programs and Services
- What the Career Center Will NOT Do
- What Types of Employment Do You Qualify For?
 - Where to Find Campus Jobs
- When Should You Start Looking for a Job?
- An Effective Job Search Strategy
- Tips for International Students
- Questions and Answers



Audience Discussion

- How many of you would like to work in the U.S.?
- What have you heard about the job market in the U.S.?
- What gives you a competitive edge in the U.S. job market?



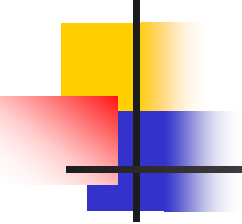
Career Center Programs & Services

- Career Planning:
 - Counseling
 - Career Assessments
 - Job Fairs
 - Information Sessions
 - Online Resources
 - Career Library
 - First Year Experience
- Job Search:
 - Online Workshops:
 - Resume
 - Interview
 - Internship Orientation
 - Job Fair Success
 - Job Listings
 - On-Campus Interviews
 - Job Fairs
 - Internship Program



What the Career Center Will NOT Do

- The Career Center Will NOT get you a job!
 - We are a valuable resource that will help YOU get a job!
- The Career Center does NOT do academic advisement
 - Academic Advisement Centers
 - Department or Faculty Advisor



What Types of Employment Do You Qualify For

- Campus Jobs
- Curricular Practical Training – CPT
- Optional Practical Training – OPT
 - Handout: “Guide to Employment for F-1 Students in the United States”



Where to Find Campus Jobs

- All Students
 - Academic Departments
 - Sierra Center (food service)
 - University Student Union
 - Oviatt Library
 - Book Store (seasonal)
 - Campus Newspaper: Daily Sundial
 - Career Center (+ campus listings)
- Students with special skills, knowledge and/or experience
 - Information Technology Department
 - Health Center
 - International & Exchange Student Center



When Should You Start Looking for A Job?

- Why Not Now!
 - As Freshman or Sophomore
 - As a Junior
 - As a Senior / After Graduation



A Job Search Strategy for Challenging Times

- The goal of all of the activities listed below is to get interviews:
- Focus your career goals
 - Define your job objective and relate it to your F1 Options
- Your attitude is important:
 - Believe in Yourself!
 - Keep a positive/enthusiastic attitude!
 - Handle Rejection . . . Be Patient
 - Persist! Persist! Persist! Persist! Persist! Persist!



A Job Search Strategy for Challenging Times

- Develop a support system.
- Develop realistic expectations about finding a job.
 - How long will your job search take?
 - What do employers look for when they hire?
- Make a plan, get organized and stay on schedule.
- Write resume(s) and cover letter(s).
- Improve interviewing skills.



A Job Search Strategy for Challenging Times

- Look for jobs!
 - Respond to advertised jobs from various sources
 - Identify and research potential employers
 - Initiate contact with potential employers
 - Follow through on all contacts
 - Network with family, friends, professors, professionals, join student and professional organizations, volunteer



Tips for International Students

- Take advantage of work opportunities as soon as possible! Start Now!
 - Campus jobs, CPT, OPT
 - Understand complex deadlines & timing issues
- Use available resources like . . .
 - International and Exchange Student Center
 - Academic Advisement Centers
 - Career Center
 - Counseling Center



Tips for International Students

- Learn about the job search process
 - Prepare resume
 - Improve interviewing skills
 - Learn how to “sell” yourself
- Start networking
- What gives you a competitive edge in the U.S. job market?
 - Work experience, especially related to your field



Questions and Answers
