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TAX FILING SEASON 2021 (FOR TAX YEAR 2020) | **DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2021**



If you 1st arrived in the U.S. in 2020, **RELAX** – nothing to file this year.

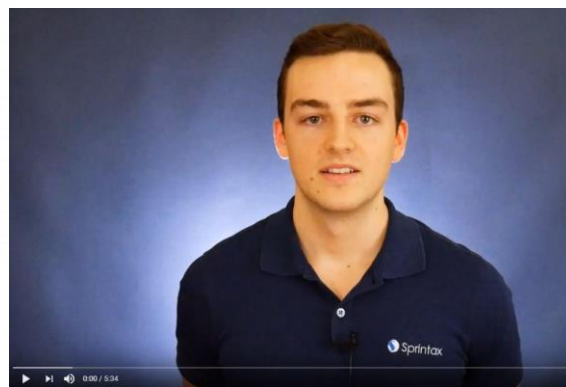
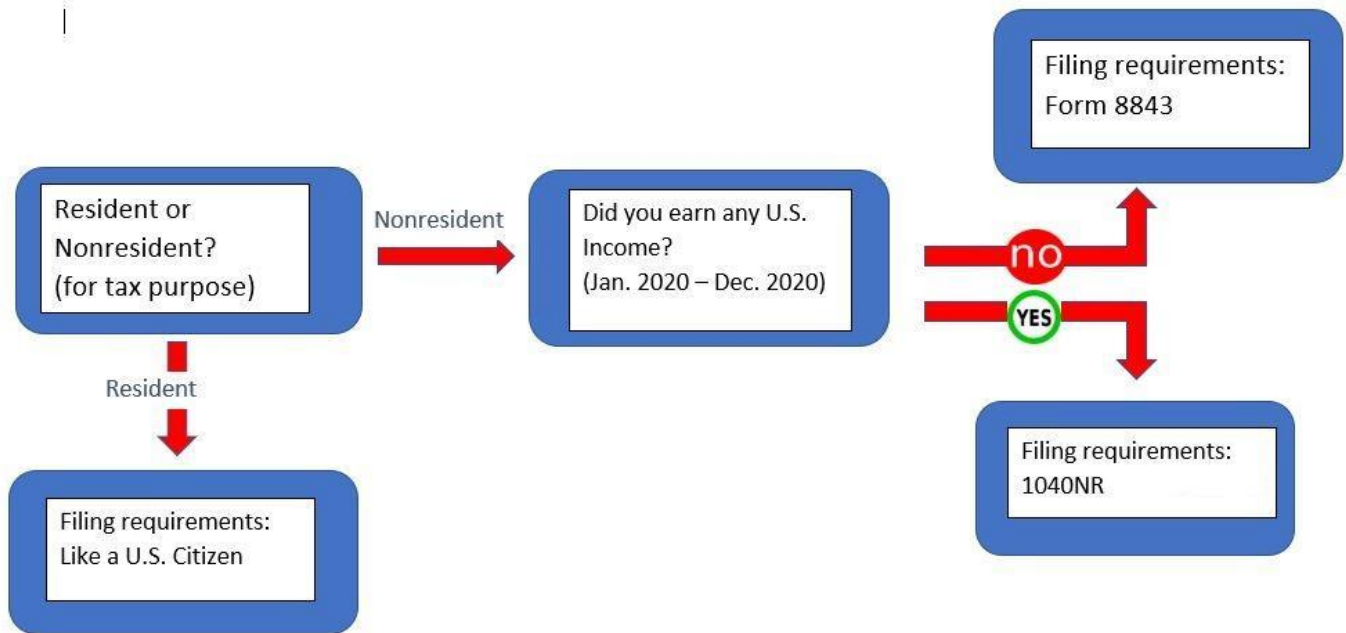
Everybody Else: *Do you want a refund?*

You need to understand your tax filing requirements and the chart below.

The #1 Question About Taxes in the U.S.

Q: *I’m not a U.S. citizen, so why do I need to do this?*

A: The US government might owe you a refund. If you don't ask for it, you won't get it. If you ever apply for a future visa, status or a Green Card, all tax records will be required for every year. Filing a tax form each year is the law for everyone in the U.S., regardless of income or employment.



- 1. Watch:** this short video intro above, from Sprintax.
- 2. Sign up and Attend:** "Let's Taco Bout Taxes" info session with w free food.
- 3. If you miss the info section:** Follow the easy steps provided on our revised [ISAP tax information page](#). ISAP cannot assist you in preparing them or repeating the information session on an individual basis.

Be aware: the Sprintax code provided by ISAP is only for use by UWG international students who are enrolled or on OPT. Sharing the code with anyone else is a basis for termination of your status.

ALERT VIDEO | TAX SEASON IS ALSO FRAUD SEASON



- ISAP has received reports of unknown individuals pretending to be IRS agents who try to collect payments via high pressure calls or emails. Ignore such contact!! Ask ISAP first. Please watch this short [VIDEO](#) about tax fraud. Spread the word!

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL MARCH 2ND & 3RD, 2021!

All details and links at >>>> [UWG International Festival Homepage](#)

THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA PRESENTS

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

UWG OLYMPICS 2021

MARCH 2ND - 3RD, 2021

FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES UWG Chamber singers Tribute to Ms. Sylvia Shortt International Student Panel FREE T-shirt & food Spanish Poetry	WORKSHOPS/ACTIVITIES French Film screening International folklore African Head Wrap Culture Through Cuisine at Z6 Spanish Embassy Presents - REYKO
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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

“Spring forward, Fall backwards”. This means on March 14th, the time moves 1 hour forward during the night. It also means you “lose” an hour of sleep. Most devices set themselves these days, but be aware.

NEED TAX INFORMATION? Let's Taco Bout it!



To sign up, email:
rashikaw@westga.edu

HAPPY SPRING BEAK, MARCH 15 – 19, 2021.



Have a great spring break everyone!

TRAVEL SIGNATURE REMINDER | FORM I-20 OR DS-2019

If you plan to travel abroad over Spring Break and return, consider issues related to Corona virus first, or ask ISAP. You could be stuck in quarantine as conditions spread.



In any case, don't forget to request an updated travel signature by requesting it via email, if your last one is more than 6 months old.

Please review our [travel information](#) page also before booking any international travel

EVENTS

Be sure to check out [WolfConnect](#) for more!

THE VILLAGE

The tour will cover a House of choice, the Community Center, Pavillion, and Basketball & Volleyball Courts.

Wednesday, Mar. 3rd

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Free Chick-fil-A biscuits will be given to the first 20 tour attendees.

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Free pizza for the first 50 tour attendees.

Thursday, Mar. 4th

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Free Starbucks cake pops and coffee available while supplies last.

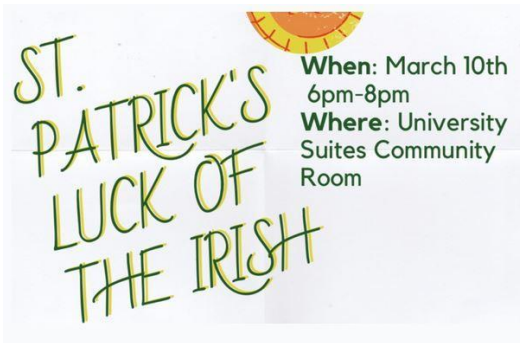
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Swag bags will be given to the first 20 tour attendees.

[Greek Village Open House](#) – March 3rd and 4th. Go take a tour of the Village and the Village Houses!



[Donut Stress](#) – March 8th @ Center Point Suites Lobby to have some sweet treats as you prepare for midterms and get some tips!



[St. Patrick's Luck of the Irish](#) – March 19th @ University Suites Community Room. Wear something green and participate in several different stations!

SUMMER/FALL 2021 COURSE REGISTRATION

Current student registration begins March 29, 2021

Be sure to check your MyUWG for any holds on your account and take care of them!

How Do I Register for Classes?

Go to the Banweb tab in your MyUWG portal at <https://myuwg.westga.edu/>

Here also is a PowerPoint with steps on [How To Register](#)

EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

**TAKE
THE
NEXT
STEP...**



Before you can work off campus for any reason, you need authorization. Come learn about it at our free employment workshop: 4 this semester. Sign-up required. Details are here at [International Student Employment](#)

So, what is Curricular Practical Training (CPT) or Optional Practical Training (OPT)?

- CPT – Authorization for paid off-campus internships
- OPT – Authorization for employment in the U.S. after graduation

All Employment Workshops for Spring 2021 are held virtually using Zoom at 1:30 - 2:30pm

Upcoming Workshop Dates:

- March 11th, 2021 – Curricular Practical Training (CPT)

- March 18th, 2021 – Optional Practical Training (OPT)

To sign up for more details see [International Student Employment](#)

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Include your 917 and full name
- **NO Walk-in Advising**
Monday – Friday (except Tuesday mornings)
9:30am – 11:30am | 1:30pm – 4:30pm