

# INTERNATIONALINK

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Thanksgiving!

## Thanksgiving Lunch

Enjoy a traditional American Thanksgiving meal with faculty and staff at our annual Thanksgiving lunch.

Tuesday, November 23rd, 2010.  
11:30 am- 1:30 pm  
WTS Auditorium

FREE for Students

Sign up in Int'l Admissions Office



# Immigration Highlight

## Can I drop my class if I'm failing it?

There are many different reasons why a student may start failing a class. Those reasons could be legitimate reasons due to uncontrollable circumstances in your personal life. Those reasons could also simply be due to not showing up for class, not doing the work and putting the time and effort you need into a class. No matter the reason, students may wonder if they can drop a class if they are failing it. The answer is "it depends". If you drop the class will you be less than full time? If it puts you under full time then as an F1 student you are not able to drop the class without going out of status. This is why it's important to stay on top of your work and discuss any difficulties you may be having with your professor. Being proactive will keep you from getting in a tough spot to begin with.

**Time Change!** Remember on November 7th you will need to turn your clock backwards one hour for Daylight Savings Time. It is best to turn your clock back one hour Saturday night November 6 when you go to bed.



## Get to Know Us: Carmen Smith

*Each month we'll highlight a different staff person in the office of International Admissions and Services*

**Title:** Administrative Assistant/Immigration  
**Year Started at UF:** 2002

**What do you do in the office of International Admissions?** I work with the Assistant Director of Immigration in helping the students maintain their legal status in the United States. I assist with student employment issues, CPT, and OPT. I help to coordinate ITIN's (Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers) as well as Social Security applications for student scholarships and employment needs. I help with student assistant interviews, scheduling and general daily office duties. I also assist as needed with any admission procedures required by the Coordinator of Admissions/Immigration.

**What do you enjoy about working in International Admissions?** It is a privilege to meet these young people from all over the world and to see a glimpse into what life is like in another culture. I have learned so much and have made friends from all over the world!

**What are some of your hobbies and interests outside of work?** I participate in several singing groups at my church. I love to travel, read and spend time with my family.

**Tell us a "fun fact" about you.** Something interesting about me would be a recent trip to Egypt where I visited the pyramids and the Sphinx, saw the golden mask of King Tut up close and I even rode a camel!!!

**What words of wisdom or advice would you have for international students?** To enjoy this new adventure in their life. It will go by so quickly. But while you are here, you have an opportunity to make friends from all over the world, that can last a lifetime. I know I have!



# Pumpkin Carving

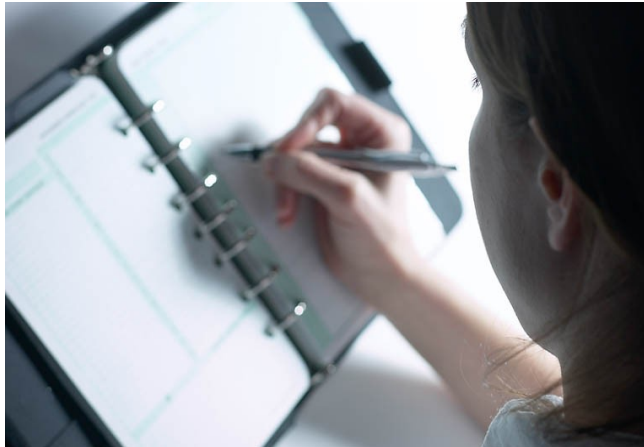


# OPT Application Session

OPT Application Sessions are held in the Endly Room of the AMU promptly at 9:30 a.m. Please download and complete the OPT Application Packet from our web site before you attend the session. The application can be found at:

<http://www.findlay.edu/admissions/info/international/immigrationinformation/f1student/default.htm>

OPT APPLICATION DATES	
<b>2010</b>	<b>Sessions are limited to 40 students.</b>  <b>Sign up in our office to reserve your seat!</b>
January 7 (TH)	
February 4 (TH)	
March 4 (TH)	
April 6	
May 4	
June 8	
July 6	
August 3	
September 7	
October 5	
November 2	
December 7	



Mark Your Calendar!

## Free Shuttle Service!



No transportation? No problem! You can catch our shuttle service every Thursday and Saturday at the AMU!

The shuttle runs:

- Every Tuesday to Asian Grocery store (first stop only) and Meijers from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Every Thursday to the Findlay Village Mall from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Every Saturday to Walmart from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



The University of Findlay, in Findlay, Ohio, has a longstanding tradition of welcoming international students to its campus. Each year, we welcome over 200 new international students from over 40 different countries and territories.

Learn more about International Admissions and Services on the web!

<http://www.findlay.edu/admissions/info/international/default.htm>

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