

## Fall classes begin August 31.

### Registration & Payment Information for Fall 2009

If you attended UC during the past year or have requested a fall 2009 credit schedule, you should have received the schedule in early April.

**MAIL and FAX** registration is available to all UC students and is ongoing through the August 21 postmark and fax deadline.

**Payment-option paperwork must accompany your mail or fax registration. Any necessary payment must accompany mail registration. Faxed registrations will not be processed until payment is posted to your bursar account.**

**IN-PERSON** registration for all UC students is ongoing through September 8. New and returning students should use in-person registration after the postmark and fax deadline listed above. **Payment-option paperwork must accompany registration and any necessary payment made at the time of registration.** Beginning August 31, a late registration fee of \$50 is required from any student who has not yet registered for the fall 2009 term. That fee is due at the time of registration.

**WEB** registration is available to returning students only, and is ongoing through September 8. Payment option paperwork must be received in the UC Bursar/Registration Office and any necessary payment **must be made within 7 business days of registering.**

Beginning August 31, a late registration fee of \$50 is required from any student who has not yet registered for the fall 2009 term. That fee is due with your payment-option paperwork within 7 business days.

**FALL CLASSES begin on August 31, 2009.** The add/drop deadlines for the term are available in the fall 2009 credit schedule, online at <http://uc.syr.edu> and by phone at 315-443-4135. Classes with irregular start or end dates have unique deadlines that can be explained by your Student Services Coordinator.

**KNOW YOUR DEADLINES!** Drops are effective as of the day they are received in the UC Bursar/Registration Office. Consult the deadlines and submit your form *before* the deadline!

### ORANGE ALERT Campus Crisis Alert System

Students, faculty, and staff are included in a crisis alert notification system as part of Syracuse University's ongoing efforts to improve safety and security on campus.

The ORANGE ALERT system—which will include text message, phone, and e-mail alerts—provides rapid notification and instructions to members of the University community only in the event of a critical incident in progress. For example, this could include an individual who is considered armed and dangerous, a widespread hazardous materials incident, an explosion, or any other event in which there is an immediate threat of physical harm or death to campus community members.

To ensure that you will receive crisis alert notification messages, log onto MySlice, click on the "ORANGE ALERT" link and follow the steps to verify/add your phone numbers and e-mail address, select the priority order in which you want to be contacted (for instance, #1 cell phone text message, #2 cell phone voice message, #3 e-mail message, etc.), and click "Save." All information provided will remain confidential and only will be used for the purpose of critical incident notification and instruction and other critical University-related matters.

### Did You Know?

- Your **student planner** contains valuable information that every student may need in his/her student career. Please review the planner for important student information.
- Undergraduate students who achieve superior cumulative grade point averages are eligible to receive their degrees with **University honors.** (Transfer students, note that a minimum of 60 credits taken at SU are required for University honors. Arts and Sciences University honors are based on a minimum of 60 credits of letter-graded courses at SU.)



Dean Bea González, Vice Chancellor Eric Spina, and Chancellor Nancy Cantor congratulate student Melissa Cavaiola at UC's Commencement in May.

- If you are a **non-matriculated graduate student** and have already earned 12 graduate credits, you must have written permission from the department to which you are seeking admission to register for additional courses.
- The **Employer Tuition Reimbursement Program** enables students to postpone tuition payment until the end of the term. Contact your employer to see if tuition benefits may be available. Students currently in the program will receive the forms in the credit schedule. New students should call 315-443-4135 for information.

### Academic Support Services

The following resources are open and free to all UC students:

**Writing consultants** are available for one-to-one tutoring with part-time students at The Writing Center, 101 H.B. Crouse, from May 18 to August 13. Consultations are available by appointment Monday-Thursday throughout the summer. Hours vary.

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To make an appointment, go to <http://wc.syr.edu/appointments> and follow the on-screen directions. If you do not have access to the web, call 315-443-1091, Monday through Friday before 4:30 p.m., for an appointment. Brief concerns or questions may also be e-mailed to consultants. Visit <http://wc.syr.edu/ewc> for more information. This resource is open to all part-time students, at any writing skill level, who are enrolled in any Syracuse University summer course.

Part-time students are encouraged to use the **UC computer cluster** in Room 215, Monday-Thursday, 1-5 p.m. There are 15 lab PCs set up with Microsoft XP and Office installed, including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. All the computers have access to the Internet. Classrooms and student lounges allow wireless connections to the network for registered students. A valid SU NetID is required to use the lab.

**UC HEOP students:** For summer tutoring services, please contact Joey Tse at 443-3261 or [jttse@uc.syr.edu](mailto:jttse@uc.syr.edu).

### E-mail Policy Statement

Syracuse University has established e-mail as a primary vehicle for official communication with students, faculty, and staff. All official University e-mail communications will be sent to the assigned [syr.edu](http://syr.edu) address, including, but not limited to, communications from faculty to students registered in their classes and from administrative units to students. The University expects that students will receive and read e-mail in a timely manner. Failure to receive and read University communications delivered to an official e-mail address in a timely manner does not absolve recipients from knowing and complying with the content of such communications.

Students, faculty, and staff may redirect their official [syr.edu](http://syr.edu) e-mail address to another address. Having e-mail redirected does not absolve recipients from knowing and complying with the content of the communication sent to their official University e-mail address.

Improper use of computing systems, including e-mail, as described in the Responsible Use of Information Technology Systems and Resources policy is prohibited and may result in disciplinary action.

If you have never activated your account, go to <http://its.syr.edu/netid/> and click on "activate your NetID." You will need your SU I.D. to activate your NetID. If you have activated your account but can't remember your password, click on "Forgot your password."

# UCTiMES FinancialAidUpdate

The University College Financial Aid Office administers financial aid for the following Syracuse University student groups:

- 1.) Part-time Undergraduates admitted (matriculated) to Syracuse Course Programs, i.e., part-time commuter or non-matriculated students
- 2.) Part-time Graduates admitted (matriculated) in one of these programs
  - Distance Degree Programs (also called ISDP)
  - Master's Certificate
  - Non-matriculated
- 3.) Noncredit Programs (alternative/private loans only)

### New Financial Aid Staff Member

Kevin Sapio joined the Financial Aid staff in mid-June as a Financial Aid Advisor. His five years experience in UC's Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program office, his education, prior work experience, and personal skills made him the best candidate for our office. Please join us in welcoming him to the Financial Aid Office.

Kevin and Margaret (Peg) Stearns will provide financial aid advising to all SU students whose aid is administered by the UC Financial Aid Office. Kevin will be advising students whose last names begin with A-K. Peg Stearns will be advising students whose last names begin with L-Z. Margaret (Peg) DeGuire is the office coordinator in financial aid and will reply to general inquiries.

### Borrowing Information— Stafford Loan Limits and Total Borrowing Considerations

University College closely monitors and limits borrowing to protect a student's ability to borrow for the duration of degree completion and to assist students with overall debt management. Your financial aid advisor may contact you if your requested amount appears that it may impact your ability to complete your degree. You may review your borrowing online at [www.nsls.ed.gov](http://www.nsls.ed.gov) using your federal PIN (the same PIN you use when completing the FAFSA).

Aggregate limits are the "grand total" which you may borrow for your degree program. Remember, you must attend at least half-time each semester (except summers) to borrow new loans and to remain in deferment status for existing loans. At Syracuse University, half-time is six (6) credits. The aggregate limit for dependent students is \$31,000, of which up to \$23,000 may be subsidized. For independent students the aggregate limit is \$57,000 (also with a maximum of \$23,000 in subsidized). Graduate student aggregate is \$138,000 (\$65,500 in subsidized, including undergraduate subsidized loans).

Annual limits are listed here:

Academic Level	Base Student Loan (subsidized and/or unsubsidized)	Additional Unsubsidized (independent or dependent students' parents denied PLUS)
First Year (0-23 Cr)	\$3,500	\$6,000
Second Year (24-53 Cr)	\$4,500	\$6,000
Third Year and beyond (54+ Cr)	\$5,500	\$7,000
Graduate Students	\$8,500	\$12,000

### Graduate PLUS loans

Graduate and professional students may borrow under the Federal PLUS loan in amounts up to their full cost of attendance. Review the credit options tab of your financial aid portfolio at <https://MySlice.syr.edu> for details.

### Making Financial Aid Easier with Fewer Steps for Students Who Apply in Consecutive Years

Continuing-returning students—that is, students who received aid in the current year—may have a complete financial aid application after filing the next year's FAFSA only! Based on only FAFSA data, we will award continuing-returning students for enrollment in 6 credits per term. All forms of aid for which the student qualifies, including loans consistent with prior borrowing history, will be awarded.

If you are a continuing-returning student and this applies to you, file the FAFSA at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) beginning in January each year. Check the task list in your Financial Aid Portfolio regularly beginning in April each year—<https://MySlice.syr.edu> to see if your Financial Aid advisor is requesting other documents. If no other documents are needed, the process is complete. If other documents are required, submit them promptly so your award processing can proceed.

Students who plan to enroll for a course load **other than 6 credits** need to complete a Continuing-Returning Student Online Aid Application to let us know enrollment plans. The online form is available beginning mid-February at <http://uc.syr.edu/aidforms>. The continuing-returning online aid application can be used also to **request work study, notify us of an outside award, or request loans in amounts different than your prior borrowing history.**

## Galaxy Grants for Undergrads Help Matriculated Students Reach for Their Stars!

Galaxy Grants recognize academic achievement as well as academic level, and range from \$200 to \$500. These grants are awarded once per level change, at the first term of enrollment when the student moves up an academic level. The Galaxy Grant program represents a mutual commitment between serious part-time students and University College. A full description of the program is at [www.uc.syr.edu/galaxygrants](http://www.uc.syr.edu/galaxygrants).

## Application

Financial Aid Application Priority Deadlines are set to determine deadline dates for completing your aid application. University College aid is limited. Early application is strongly recommended. Eligible students may be denied a grant if money has been depleted. **NOTE: Spring 2010 only applicants who wish to be notified of their aid when spring registration starts in November 2009 must complete their aid application by October 23, 2009. Spring only applications received after this date will be reviewed and awarded through the start of spring classes in January.**

Deadlines are available in the Student Planner or on our web site: <http://uc.syr.edu/finaid>.

**Academic Year 2009-10** Financial Aid applications are available online at <http://uc.syr.edu/aidforms>. First-time aid applicants and students returning after stopping out for a year or more must submit an '09-10 UC Aid Application. Admission applicants are mailed

financial aid applications with the admissions application. All new aid recipients—new admits, first-time aid applicants, and students returning after stopping out for a year or more—must submit a **signed 2008 Federal tax return, W-2** (earnings) statements, 1099 forms, and/or non-taxable income documentation *with* the UC Aid Application. Income documents from continuing-returning students are requested on an as-needed basis; review your Financial Aid Portfolio at <https://MySlice.syr.edu> regularly for updates. See the “Making Financial Aid Easier with Fewer Steps” paragraph in this newsletter.

All FAFSA applications must be completed online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) (SU College code 002882). UC aid applications are available online at <http://uc.syr.edu/aidforms>, in-person at University College, or may be requested at 315-443-9378 and by e-mail at [parttime@uc.syr.edu](mailto:parttime@uc.syr.edu).

## Child Care Support Available

Undergraduate students who demonstrate financial need may qualify for funds to support child care while they attend classes. If you are interested, the application is available online at <http://uc.syr.edu/aidforms>, or contact your Financial Aid Advisor.

## Tuition Deferment

Students using financial aid as a form of payment when registering must first have all required forms on file with the UC Financial Aid Office. Once all required forms are on file, your financial aid advisor will review your records and establish your financial aid awards. The awards will be entered into Syracuse University's “enterprise student administration system,” and available for the Bursar & Registration staff to see as “Anticipated Aid.” Students may see their posted awards at <https://MySlice.syr.edu> in their Financial Aid Portfolio. The Initial Financial Award Notice will be sent to your permanent address. Revision notification, if needed, will be made via e-mail, to the student's Syracuse University account ([syr.edu](mailto:syr.edu)).

## New York State Resident Undergraduates

### Aid for Part-time Study applications

The Aid for Part-time Study program is a grant program financed by New York State in conjunction with participating educational institutions throughout the state. The program allows a student up to \$2,000 per year. The actual grant awarded through University College will vary, depending on annual state allocation and number of applicants. In recent

years, UC has been funded so that awards of \$250 per term are made. Eligibility and income limit information, as well as the application, are located on University College's Financial Aid web site, [www.uc.syr.edu/aidforms](http://www.uc.syr.edu/aidforms). HEOP students **must** apply for APTS. **A copy of the 2008 NYS tax return must accompany application.**

## Part-Time TAP (Tuition Assistance Program)

Part-Time TAP became available beginning in the fall '07 semester. To qualify, students who were first-time freshmen in 2006-07 or later, carrying 12 or more credits in each of the first two consecutive terms of study, may be eligible for Part-Time TAP when studying part time later in their undergraduate study. If you meet this criteria, bring your TAP notice to the UC Financial Aid Office so your Part-Time TAP can be calculated.

## Satisfactory Academic Progress

Federal regulations require that SU monitors the academic progress of students who have received any type of federal financial aid, including Federal Work Study, Federal Stafford Loans, Federal SEOG, Federal Pell Grant, and Federal Perkins Loans. Academic progress is defined as earning a minimum number of academic credits of those attempted and maintaining a minimum grade point average (GPA). Students may obtain a complete copy of the satisfactory academic progress policy and chart in the Student Planner, on UC's web site, <http://uc.syr.edu/aidforms>, or from the UC Financial Aid Office.

## Note About Looking at Your FA Portfolio

When viewing awards in your Financial Aid Portfolio, you will see the *full academic year's* awards. They are not displayed by semester. If you wish to see semester amounts, look in your student account, either in “term summary” or “anticipated aid.”

## Reminder

Before you drop a course from your schedule you should notify your financial aid advisor. Dropping the course may affect your aid. Stafford loan borrowers must be enrolled for a minimum of six (6) credits per semester to remain eligible for loans and/or to continue in-school deferment status.

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## UC Office Hours through August 28

### Academic Advising

Room 126, 315-443-3261

Mon.-Thurs.: 8 a.m.-7 p.m.;

Fri.: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

### Bursar & Registration Offices

Room 103, 315-443-4135

Mon.-Thurs.: 8 a.m.-7 p.m.;

Fri.: 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

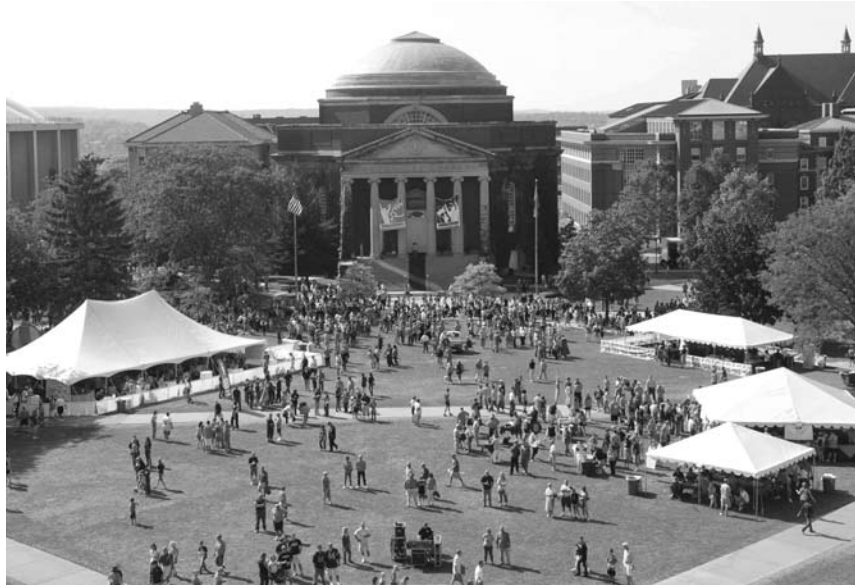
### Financial Aid Office

Room 107, 315-443-3261

Tues., Thurs. & Fri.: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Mon. & Wed.: 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

**Offices closed:** Sept. 7



## Homecoming+Reunion: October 1-4, 2009

Orange Central is an exciting four-day weekend that combines the rich tradition of Homecoming+Reunion with new events. You will enjoy educational, cultural, and athletic events—with plenty of time to socialize and experience campus when it is alive with current students. Visit <http://homecoming.syr.edu/weekataglance.aspx> for scheduled activities.

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