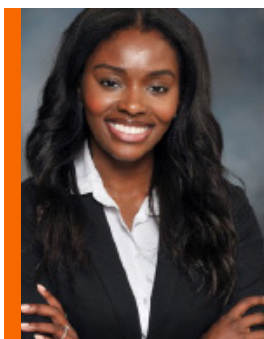


Tips for International Students

From an International Student

ABOUT ME



My name is Tia Thevenin '18, L'23, G'23. I am from Toronto, Canada, and I am a devoted Syracuse Orange fan! I know moving across the country, across the continent, or across the world can be overwhelming so I hope this guide can serve as a resource for international students matriculating to the College of Law. While you will have access to incredible resources during your time at SUCOL, please never hesitate to contact

me via [LinkedIn](#) or [email](#). Enjoy your time at the College of Law, and believe me—it goes by so quickly.

HOUSING

- > **On-campus housing** doesn't require a U.S. based guarantor **and** the housing duration aligns with the school year.
 - > **Options:** [South Campus](#), [727 S. Crouse Ave.](#), [Apartments](#)
- > **Off-campus housing** may require a U.S.-based guarantor or prepaid rent in lieu of a guarantor.
 - > **Options:** [Campus West](#), [University Village](#), [Aspen Syracuse](#), and [many more](#)

SCHOOL RELATED TIPS

- > **Financial Aid**
International students are not eligible for Federal financial assistance, however university-based or outside scholarships can help with financing education. The Financial Aid office is the best resource!

International students may be eligible for loans through agencies, however they may require a U.S.-based guarantor
 - > **Options:** [MPower](#), [Prodigy](#)
- > **On-campus Employment**
As a F-1 or J-1 student, you can work on-campus up to 20 hours per week during school sessions. On-campus employment may begin up to 30 days prior to the first day of classes. Available jobs can be found [here](#).
- > **Externship/Internship**
After your second semester at the College of Law, you are eligible to pursue unpaid/paid externships/internships using CPT or OPT. General OPT information can be found [here](#).

GENERAL TIPS

- > **Integrating to U.S. life**
 - > **Cellphone** contract plans can only be obtained with a SSN and established U.S. credit. Prepaid, monthly, non-contract commitments options can be found [here](#).
 - > **Bank accounts** are available to international students on-campus at Chase Bank, and near campus at Keybank. Canadian students can create an account at TD Bank in Albany or New York City to obtain preferential rates when transferring money to the U.S. from Canada
 - > **Transportation** around campus is offered through buses to class, night safety escorts home, shuttles to the grocery stores, and [much more](#).
- > **Working after graduation**
Post-graduation work may be authorized in the form of CPT, OPT, TN, or employer sponsored visas (ex. H1-B). More information on work authorization categories can be found [here](#).
- > **Immigration Inquiries**
All immigration inquiries should be directed to the [Center of International Services](#).
- > **Sitting for the Bar Exam**
To be eligible to sit for the Bar exam in the U.S., most states require candidates to have a J.D. (Juris Doctor) degree. Several states, including New York, allow graduates of an LL.M. program to sit for the bar exam provided they fulfill additional criteria, both in their previous degree and the LL.M. program, to satisfy eligibility. Additionally, a few states permit foreign trained lawyers to sit for the bar exam provided that their credentials, once assessed, satisfy the state bar requirements.

For additional information, visit the Board of Law Examiners website for the state in which you plan to sit for the Bar exam. You may also contact the College of Law Bar Support team at barsupport@syr.edu