August

August is the eighth month of the year in the Gregorian Calendar and one of seven Gregorian months with the length of 31 days. August begins (astrologically) with the sun in the sign of Leo and ends in the sign of Virgo. Astronomically speaking, the sun begins in the constellation of Cancer and ends in the constellation of Leo.

In 1945 the end of the Second World War was brought about following the August 6 bombing of Hiroshima and August 9 bombing of Nagasaki in the first and only use of nuclear weapons against civilian targets. Emperor Hirohito declared Japan's unconditional surrender on August 15. August was named in honor of Augustus. The month reputedly has 31 days because Augustus wanted as many days as Julius Caesar's July. Augustus placed the month where it is because that is when Cleopatra died. Before Augustus renamed August, it was called Sextilis in Latin, since it was the sixth month in the Roman calendar which started in March.

In the pagan wheel of the year August begins at or near Lughnasadh in the northern hemisphere and Imbolc in the southern hemisphere. In Ireland, (in the Irish language) August is known as Lúnasa, a modern rendition of Lughnasadh, named after the god Lugh and August 1, (Lá Lúnasa) in the Irish Calendar is still regarded as the first day of Autumn. The first Monday in August is one of the public holidays in the Republic of Ireland. Some of Ireland's most famous battles have being fought in this month. They include: the Second Battle of Athenry (1316); the battle of Knockdooe (1504); the Battle of the Yellow Ford (1596); the First Battle of Curlew Pass (1599); the Battle of Dungans Hill (1647); the Battle of Castlebar (1798), and the Battle of the Boyside (1869).

In Brazil, folk superstition associates bad luck to August, with the proverb "Agosto, o mês do desgosto" ("August, the month of misfortune") being often heard. This may come from the sinister memories of the St. Bartholomew's day (August 24), which is particularly dreaded in the Northeast of the country. August 24 is also, in the tradition of Candomblé, the day of Eshu, one of the most malevolent deities. Coincidentally, some unfortunate political events took place in August, like the suicide of the then President Getúlio Vargas.

**TRIVIA**

- August is the month that the most people are born in. This is due to the "cuddle factor" of the winter months.
- August in the Northern Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent to February in the Southern Hemisphere and vice versa.
- August contains no United States holiday.
- August's birthstone is the peridot & August's flower is the poppy.
- August begins on the same day of the week as February in a leap year.
Looking for an appointment? Please be advised that same-day appointments cannot be accommodated. Walk-in hours (that is, times when no formal appointment is necessary) however, are on Wednesdays from 9am until 12pm (noon). To schedule an appointment please call 248-370-3358.

Looking for an apartment...a roommate...a car? The ISSO has a Student’s Resource Book on-hand to help you out. Whether you’re looking to notify others about a new place or move into a new place, the Student’s Resource Book is a great place to start.

Looking for a Letter verifying enrollment, your I-20 re-endorse or something similar? Please stop by the ISSO and let our receptionist Debbie know what you need and be prepared to furnish the necessary proof of registration and/or proof of insurance in order to obtain this. The turn-around time for both I-20’s and other various form letters is 2 days.

~ WHAT THEY NEED FOR OPT AND CPT ~

**CPT (Curricular Practical Training)**

1. Certification letter from your Academic Advisor indicating that the employment is an integral part of the curriculum.
2. Offer letter from the employer indicating the location, time frame, and duties entailed in the employment.
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4. Proof of registration to engage in CPT.
5. Completed I-538 Form.
6. Please bring your current SEVIS I-20 with you to your appointment.

**OPT (Optional Practical Training)**

2. 2 Photos.
3. I-765 Form (attached in OPT packet).
4. Optional Practical Training Recommendation F-1 Student Form (attached in OPT packet).
5. Copy of I-20 (and any previously issued I-20s).
6. Copy of I-538 (attached in OPT packet).
7. Copy of I-94 (front and back).
8. Copy of prior Employment Authorization (CPT or OPT).
9. Copy of Passport and Copy of Visa
10. Copy of state driver’s license or state I.D.
11. Copy of Oakland University Grizzly Card & Copy of Social Security Card (if possible)
MAINTENANCE OF STATUS
General requirements demanded of each student

Have a passport that is kept valid at all times, unless exempt from the passport requirement.
Attend the school you are authorized to attend or follow certain procedures to transfer to a school other than the one originally authorized.
Follow certain procedures if you must remain in the U.S. longer than the length of time estimated for completion of your educational program, as stated on the initial SEVIS I-20 or DS 2019 (the appropriate forms can be picked up from the ISSO in 157 North Foundation Hall).
Follow certain procedures to continue from one educational level to another; even at the same school (e.g. from undergraduate to graduate studies). Limit employment, both on and off campus, to a total of 20 hours per week while school is in session (J-1 students must receive permission for on-campus employment.) Refrain from off-campus employment without authorization (Please make an appointment with a foreign student advisor for more information on how to properly go about this).
Report a change of residence to the USCIS and the ISSO, IMMEDIATELY, within 10 days of the change (The necessary forms for both the university and the USCIS are available at the ISSO.)

Students who have applied for an H1-B visa must be enrolled for the fall term if the new H visa doesn’t start until October 1st and you plan on working through September. You MUST be enrolled FULL-time and have approved CPT in September or you will be out of status and reported to the USCIS as such.

Health Insurance

ATTENTION!!! Students are required to purchase and maintain health insurance which meets Oakland University requirements throughout the duration of studies while in the United States.

If you have not already purchased insurance, please come to the office as soon as possible for purchasing information or to obtain a waiver (along with proof of current coverage with dates listed as follows: August 25, 2006 – August 24, 2007.). If you are a Canadian student, please bring in your Canadian social insurance card and be prepared to pick up the repatriation and medical evacuation rider.

2006 – 2007 APPROXIMATE RATES

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Please see Debbie in the ISSO from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday for any further questions or concerns.
OU Academic Calendar for 2006

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If you are a student who will complete their program this Fall Semester or have completed your program over the Summer Semester 2006 it is time to apply for your degree. In order to be eligible to graduate, you **must** complete an **Application for Degree** with the Academic Records Office. Applications for degree are available in the Academic Records Service Window 5, located down stairs of O’Dowd Hall. There is a $30 non-refundable fee that will be billed to your student account. The application deadline is **September 9, 2006**.
ISSO would like to thank our international students for participating at this program:
Li Xin from China, Mani Murugesan, Kanika Arora and Esther Karunakar from India,
Vitjola Meroli, Gloria from Albania.
We are looking for volunteers to help us open children’s minds up to the world. The International Students & Scholars office wants to give you the opportunity to help children and pre-teens learn and understand about people who are from other cultures and countries. The ISSO has created a new program that allows you, the student, to educate children of all ages about your country and culture. You may use your own materials to bring your culture to life for others to experience. We will supply the transportation to the various locations, food, and other materials if needed. Please contact our Assistant Director Petra Knoche at (248) 370-3358 or ppankova@oakland.edu if you are interested in this opportunity.

ISSO would like to thank the following volunteers who represented their country at King-Chavez-Parks Extended College Day Program here at Oakland University on July 12th, 19th, 26th, and the 28th and August 2nd. Xin Li & Qihong Fu (from China), Anupama Gavirneni, Kanika Arora, Esther Karunakar, Nadeya Shafee, Jitesh Singh & Arun Vaidyanathan (from India) & Magdalena Molina (Mexico).

All of you have done a fabulous job!
**DAVID’S SEMINARS**  
*Fall Semester – 2006*

*These are FREE helpful seminars to answer any of your questions regarding to each topic. Please take advantage of it!*

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**Oakland Center* | **OPT/CPT SEMINAR**  
Everything you need to know about working off campus during your academic career and after graduation. |
| **Thrs., Oct. 19** | 2:00-3:00pm   | **Lake Michigan Room** *(Lower Level)*  
**Oakland Center* | **OPT/CPT SEMINAR**  
Everything you need to know about working off campus during your academic career and after graduation. |
| **Thrs., Oct. 26** | 2:00-3:00pm   | **Lake Michigan Room** *(Lower Level)*  
**Oakland Center* | **H-1 B SEMINAR**  
Noted immigration attorney, Scott Cooper, answers your questions about how to switch from an F-1 student visa to an H-1B work visa. |
| **Tues., Nov. 16** | 10:00-11:00am | **Lake Michigan Room** *(Lower Level)*  
**Oakland Center* | **OPT/CPT SEMINAR**  
Everything you need to know about working off campus during your academic career and after graduation. |

Light refreshments will be served at each seminar. These are extremely helpful events and tend to fill up fast so please call or email Debbie Kupiec *(kupiec@oakland.edu/x. 3358)* if you plan on attending one of these sessions so that we can prepare enough materials for everyone.
Another month is about to begin and you want an excuse to party before school starts again. Well, the fact that it's summer should be reason enough to put on your party shoes, but if you need something else to celebrate then check out these quirky August holidays!

- **Sister's Day - August 7th**
  Take this opportunity to show your sis just how much you care. This August holiday is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month and isn't just for blood relatives. It's a chance to let all the girls in your life (stepsisters, best friends, etc.), know how important they are to you. Sorry boys, you're going to have to wait 'til next May to celebrate Brother's Day.

- **Middle Child's Day - August 12th**
  Middle Children always seem to feel left out or there other siblings get all the attention from the 'rents? Feel like you're stuck in an episode of Malcome in the Middle? Well, today is your day to shine, middle kid. Be sure to write it on the calendar in the kitchen so they don't forget your special day - like they did with your birthday last year.

- **Left Hander's Day - August 13th**
  Way back in 1976, the organization Lefthanders International was declaring August 13th, International Left Hander's Day. Although close to 15 percent of the world's population is left-handed, they're often treated like weirdos! But would you believe that the likes of Bill Clinton, Queen Elizabeth and Prince William are all left-handers? And don't forget to celebrate your fave left-handed actors like Tom Cruise, Angelina Jolie and Julia Roberts!

- **Women's Equality Day - August 26th**
  Women's Equality Day is celebrated on August 26th to remember the day women were finally allowed to vote in the United States. In 1920, the United States Congress added the 19th amendment to the Constitution thanks to the efforts of feminist Susan B. Anthony. It wasn't until 1971 though, that Women's Equality Day was designated an official holiday.

- **La Tomatina Festival - August 30th - September 1st**
  The world's biggest food fight takes place in the small town of Bunol, in eastern Spain, on the last Wednesday in August. More than 30,000 people flock to Spain each year to take part in this messy tradition. I didn't know you needed a special day to throw food at people. Sounds like a blast!
OU Night at Comerica Park on Wednesday, August 23, 2006 7:05 p.m.

Detroit Tigers vs. Chicago White Sox

Enjoy a special event exclusively for OU alumni and friends, students, faculty and staff!

- Private pre-game reception at 5:30 p.m. in the Upper Deck Lounge (behind section 331). Free OU shirt to fans who stop by the reception, sponsored by the Oakland University Bookstore.

- Special welcome for OU on Tigers scoreboard at Comerica Park.

- Wear your black and gold Grizzly gear to show your spirit as the Tigers take on the 2005 World Series Champion White Sox!

- Get your picture taken with PAWS, the Tiger's mascot, as well as our favorite mascot, the Grizz.

Special event offer, act now!
Upper Box seats in the OU section only $15! Visit www.oualumni.com to print an order form, then complete and fax it to the OU Alumni Association at (248) 364-6141 or mail it with payment to OU Night at Comerica Park c/o OU Alumni Association, John Dodge House, Rochester, MI 48309-4401. Make checks payable to "Oakland University." (Checks or credit cards only.) Questions? Call (248) 364-6140.

This offer is not available at the Comerica Park Box Office or through any Ticketmaster outlets. Mail or fax only. OU participants must use the order form on www.oualumni.com to receive the special discount on the August 23, 2006, game.

*If you need special seating accommodations, please indicate on your order form and we will do our best to meet your needs.
*Seat location is best available.

Note: Tickets will be mailed to those who register on or before August 7. Tickets will be kept at will call at Comerica Park for orders received after August 7. The deadline for all orders is August 14.

Benefit OU students and scholarships
To raise funds for the OUAA scholarship program, a raffle drawing will be held at the pre-game reception for prizes, including:

- 1st prize: $2,000 toward a travel package through Go Next Travel
- 2nd prize: $1,000 VISA gift card from Liberty Mutual
- 3rd prize: $500 SuperCertificate® gift card from Stevens Worldwide Van Lines

Raffle tickets are $25 each or two for $40 and you need not be present to win. All proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the OUAA Scholarship Fund. Raffle tickets are on sale now at the OUAA office, so call (248) 364-6140 or visit the OUAA Web site at www.oualumni.com for more information. Only 1,000 raffle tickets will be sold and tickets must be purchased in advance – call now!

This event is sponsored by the Oakland University Alumni Association and Bookstore~!
Piotr Pawlak and his wife Krystyna for a new born baby girl name GABRIELA ANNA PAWLAK who was born on April 13th, 2006 in Warren.

Andriani Hutabarat-Chaudhry and her husband Vishal Chaudhry for a new born baby girl on May 26, 2006 at 3.02pm. Her name is Elena Prisha Chaudhry. She was 21 inch and 8lbs 5oz at birth.

Samantha Keneddy (from Australia) and Kelly Lindberg who married on July 15th, 2006 at Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church.
Enjoy the rest of Summer Vacation! We are looking forward to seeing all of you in the Coming Semester!!

The ISSO office includes:

David Archbold, Director
Petra Knoche, Assistant Director
Bonnie Koch, Administrative Assistant ***
Deborah Kupiec, Receptionist

*** Bonnie is currently on a medical leave starting 7/31 for at least 4 weeks. We wish her all the best!

*If you have any suggestions, ideas, announcements or photos that you would like us to include in our newsletters please e-mail the information to Petra at ppankova@oakland.edu.

Please know that we are in a process of updating our website and it will be finished before a fall semester starts. Make sure you get familiar with it because we have included several new forms on our website which you can print and fill out yourself and then bring it to the ISSO.

www.oakland.edu/iss