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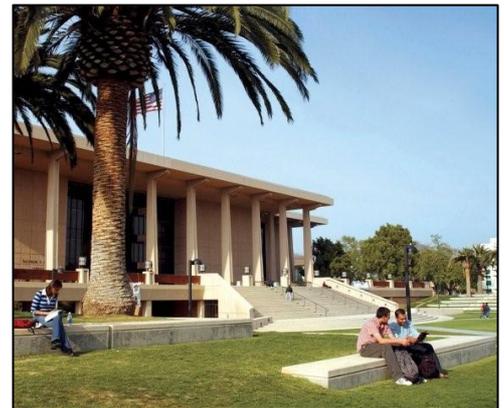
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- Time to Register: "CollegeWeekLive" - Coming Wednesday, March 25th and Thursday, March 26th!

I. Scholarships and Fellowships

The Tseng College's Intensive English Program at California State University, Northridge

The Tseng College's Intensive English Program at California State University, Northridge in Los Angeles provides short-term English as a second language classes for international students that also serve as a gateway to regular university classes. The Conditional Admission program is for undergraduate and graduate students who want to enter one of 64 bachelor degree programs or one of 52 master degree programs.

The Semester at CSUN Program allows students with sufficient English skills to take university classes for one or two semesters. The Tseng College offers many programs that appeal to international students, such as a pre-MBA, a public administration master's degree, a distance-learning master's degree in knowledge management, and bachelor's degree-completion programs. Graduate credit certificate programs include behavior analysis, nonprofit sector management, and urban studies and planning.



For more information, see the Web site <http://tsengcollege.csun.edu/iep> or e-mail iep@csun.edu.

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The New York Film Academy provides matching grants with Fulbright, AMIDEAST, and Ford Foundation

The New York Film Academy is a two-year arts conservatory offering Associate of Fine Arts and Master of Fine Arts degree programs, academic and gap-year programs, and short-term workshops for credit transfer to universities around the world.

We stress the uniqueness and advantages of a concentrated, hands-on, arts education - both as a means to acquire career skills immediately applicable to the marketplace, and/or as a pathway to Associate of Fine Arts, Bachelor's or Master's degree completion.

Funding: The New York Film Academy is an education partner with Fulbright, AMIDEAST, Ford Foundation, and the Organization of American States, providing matching grants for study in the Academy's academic-year programs, and its Associate of Fine Arts and Master of Fine Arts degree programs. Our Financial Aid Director, Tom Cardamone,

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will assist you in assessing your needs and refer you to the best funding source. You can reach him at financialaid@nyfa.edu.

We are exploring the many opportunities to introduce the New York Film Academy to potential students for study here in the U.S. (New York City or Universal Studios, Los Angeles, CA) or at our Abu Dhabi U.A.E. campus.

Visit www.NYFA.edu or contact us for more information about the Academy's global operations.

Best regards,
Jack Newman, Director of Outreach and Development. New York Film Academy, www.NYFA.edu

Undergraduate: Finlandia University, Michigan

Since its founding in 1896, Finlandia University has remained committed to the mission of its forefathers: A Learning Community Dedicated to Academic Excellence, Spiritual Growth and Service.

Finlandia's campus setting is on the rugged finger of land known to the locals as the "Keweenaw Peninsula" in the small city of Hancock in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Visitors to campus have told us what they like best: 'the friendly people', 'the feeling of safety' and one-of-a-kind area that can only be found on the "Keweenaw".

Finlandia offers nine academic programs of study, leading to baccalaureate degrees in Art and Design (BFA), Business Administration (BBA), Elementary Education (BA), Liberal Studies (BA), Liberal Studies-ACE! (BA), Nursing (BSN), Rural Human Services (BA), and associate degrees in Criminal Justice and Physical Therapist Assistant.

- Finlandia serves a student body of 553 this fall 2007.
- Finlandia's student-to-faculty ratio is 13:1, most classes have enrollments of 25 or less.
- Funding: Approximately 92% of Finlandia's students receive some sort of financial aid (\$2,500 scholarships, for example).
- Thirteen NCAA Division III athletic opportunities await the serious student-athlete.

Contact the Office of Financial Aid to determine individual eligibility +1 906-487-7261 or +1 906 487-7240.

www.finlandia.edu

Masters of Laws (LL.M.) program in Law of the United States, University of Baltimore School of Law

The University of Baltimore School of Law offers a **Masters of Laws (LL.M.) program in Law of the United States (LOTUS)** for non-U.S. lawyers. The LL.M. LOTUS program was developed about five years ago at UB's **Center for International and Comparative Law**. The webpages contain information on curriculum, application instructions and the International Services Office which assists students from abroad. There is also a link to profiles of current students in the LL.M. LOTUS program.



The University of Baltimore faculty are excellent teachers with international experience and warmly welcome students and faculty from abroad. Baltimore, a port city, is as you know located near Washington, D.C., and is a great place to network with lawyers engaged in international legal work. University of Baltimore has limited partial funding for some LL.M. students. You may wish to check sources from your country as well as international organizations for scholarship information.

Please bring this program to the attention of law students and recent law graduates who earned their first degree in law outside the U.S. and who are interested in pursuing an LL.M. in the United States. Prospective applicants who have additional questions about the LL.M. LOTUS program can contact me at the Admissions Office at UB: LLMAdmissions@ubalt.edu. Program updates online: <http://law.ubalt.edu/template.cfm?page=351>.

Thank you in advance for your help in spreading the word about this program.

Sincerely,
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II. News you can use

Time Management Tips for Secondary School Students From The College Board

Does it seem like there's never enough time in the day to get everything done? Feel like you're always running late? Here are some tips for taking control of your time and organizing your life. Explore your interests and take the time to find the college that's right for you.

1. Make a "To Do" List Every Day.

Put things that are most important at the top and do them first. If it's easier, use a planner to track all of your tasks. And don't forget to reward yourself for your accomplishments.

2. Use Spare Minutes Wisely.

Get some reading done on the bus ride home from school, for example, and you'll kill two birds with one stone.

3. It's Okay to Say "No."

If your boss asks you to work on a Thursday night and you have a final exam the next morning, realize that it's okay to say no. Keep your short- and long-term priorities in mind.

4. Find the Right Time.

You'll work more efficiently if you figure out when you do your best work. For example, if your brain handles math better in the afternoon, don't wait to do it until late at night.

5. Review Your Notes Every Day.

You'll reinforce what you've learned, so you need less time to study. You'll also be ready if your teacher calls on you or gives a pop quiz.

6. Get a Good Night's Sleep.

Running on empty makes the day seem longer and your tasks seem more difficult.

7. Communicate Your Schedule to Others.

If phone calls are proving to be a distraction, tell your friends that you take social calls from 7-8 p.m. It may sound silly, but it helps.

8. Become a Taskmaster.

Figure out how much free time you have each week. Give yourself a time budget and plan your activities accordingly.

9. Don't Waste Time Agonizing.

Have you ever wasted an entire evening by worrying about something that you're supposed to be doing? Was it worth it? Instead of agonizing and procrastinating, just do it.

10. Keep Things in Perspective.

Setting goals that are unrealistic sets you up for failure. While it's good to set high goals for yourself, be sure not to overdo it. Set goals that are difficult yet reachable.

Consider these tips, but personalize your habits so that they suit you. If you set priorities that fit your lifestyle, you'll have a better chance of achieving your goals.

www.collegeboard.com/student/plan/college-success/116.html

MIT's Management School Shares Teaching Materials Online (January 26, 2009)

Though some business schools charge for the "case studies" they develop as teaching aids, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology announced today that it is making a set of teaching materials available free online.

MIT's Sloan School of Management has unveiled a set of case studies, videos, interactive teaching tools, and teacher's notes on a new Web site called MIT Sloan Teaching Innovation Resources - <https://mitsloan.mit.edu/MSTIR>.

The announcement comes eight years after MIT created its OpenCourseWare project, which makes instructional materials for courses available online for free.

What distinguishes the new site, according to JoAnne Yates, deputy dean for programs, is that whereas OpenCourseWare allows visitors to browse a linear series of resources and notes for a specific course, the management-school's site allows them to search for specific "teaching artifacts"—e.g., case studies or simulation models—that might be applied to any number of courses. Those artifacts will be searchable by concept or business problem, like sustainability. —Steve Kolowich